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Major Announcements Arising from AIPC 2018

The 2018 AIPC (International Association of Convention Centres) Annual Conference in London UK and its component general assembly generated a series of key decisions and announcements arising from association business.

Amongst these were;

- The **Valencia Conference Centre** in Spain was declared **winner of the 2018 AIPC Apex Award**. The selection was made as a result of an analysis of client surveys from 17 finalist centres made by the international market research firm Ipsos under a rigorous set of evaluation criteria established for the Award.

The AIPC Board also recognized two runners-up in this year's award; the Kongresskultur Bregenz GmbH, Austria and the Palais des congrès de Montréal in Canada.

"The Apex Award is our highest honor and is therefore made on basis of the most in-depth independent analysis of facilities and services in the industry", said AIPC President Aloysius Arlando. "The Award decision is entirely in the hands of centre clients, who rate a wide range of facility qualities in order to enable Ipsos to arrive at a conclusion that is as meaningful as it is prestigious".

- The **Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) in Kuala Lumpur** was selected by members as the **site of the 2020 AIPC Annual Conference**. This prestigious KL centre will represent an Asian rotation and again demonstrate the global coverage of AIPC while offering insights into a rapidly growing area of the industry.

- A **new Board member** was elected as a part of the General Assembly: **Julianne Jammers, Managing Director of the Swiss Tech Convention Center in Lausanne, Switzerland**. Ms. Jammers will serve a two-year term as a Board Member at Large.

- **Ten new members were welcomed to the association in 2018**. They are; the Aotea Centre, Auckland; the United Nations Conference Centre - UNCC, Addis Ababa; the Bhiraj Convention Centre, Bangkok; the Hangzhou International Expo Center; the Jyväskylä Congress Centre; the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre, Kuala Lumpur; the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York; the Palau de Congressos de Palma (Mallorca); the ICS International Congresscenter Stuttgart and the Tel Aviv Convention Center.



We are proud to welcome these new members to the AIPC family, representing as they do a cross section of our very global industry and membership”, said AIPC President Aloysius Arlando. “Their involvement even further broadens our reach and status as a truly global body with world-wide representation and all the experiences and insights that implies – something that benefits every member of our organization”

The 2018 AIPC Annual Conference took place from July 1-4, 2018 at ExCel London. **AIPC 2019 will be held at the Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp, Belgium.** This will be the 61st full conference of the international organization which also convenes 5 additional specialist and regional events per year in various parts of the world.

AIPC 2018 Conference review: [Global Issues Meet Local Solutions at AIPC 2018.](#)

AIPC represents a global network of over 185 leading centres in 60 countries with the active involvement of more than 900 management-level professionals worldwide. It is committed to encouraging and recognizing excellence in convention centre management, based on the diverse experience and expertise of its international representation, and maintains a variety of educational, research, networking and standards programs to achieve this. AIPC also celebrates and promotes the essential role of the international meetings industry in supporting economic, academic and professional development and enhancing global relations amongst highly diverse business and cultural interests.

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