



## AIPC Media Release

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### AIPC Elections Set 2003-2005 Board

Board elections held at the AIPC Annual Conference in Mannheim have returned a number of key Board members as well as adding a new face to the Board membership.

AIPC President Barbara Maple was re-elected by acclamation to a second two year term of office. First elected at the 2001 Annual Conference in Melbourne, Australia, Maple is the General Manager of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre in Canada.

Also re-elected to a second term were Vice President Juan Garaiurrebaso of the Feria Internacional de Bilbao; Treasurer Edgar Hirt of the Internationales Congress Centre München and Board members Warren Buckley of Suntec Singapore and Pierre Gilliot of the Centre International de Conférences Genève.

Board member Antti Vihinen of Sibelius Hall Congress and Concert Centre Lahti is completing the second year of a two-year term as Board member.

Retiring Board member Christina Nicholson of the International Convention Centre Birmingham was replaced by newcomer Steve Piper of the Brighton Centre in the UK, who was also elected by acclamation.

"The last couple of years have been strong ones for the association during a very turbulent period, and it's good to see the return of a number of Board members who helped make that possible", said President Barbara Maple. "I'm sure I speak for the entire Board when I say that we look forward to working together as a team on behalf of the AIPC membership and continuing the work of building the association and it's influence within the industry".

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Board member Christina Nicholson for her valued contributions during her term, particularly in the areas of education and membership requirements. She has left an important legacy behind and we appreciate what she has done".

Among other General Assembly business was the presentation of a summary report on AIPC activities over the past year as well as an updated Strategic Business Plan for the period 2003 – 2005. In addition, there was a special presentation the 2004 Annual Conference host

Edinburgh International Conference Centre and the decision was made to accept an invitation from the Centre des Congrès de Québec in Canada to host the 2005 AIPC Annual Conference and 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

For more information please contact the AIPC Secretariat.



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