

Electronic Passport Forum (Paris, June 8th & 9th): final agenda announced

High-profile agenda, exhibition sold-out, strong government endorsements: preparations are complete for the world summit on electronic travel documents

Milan, May 8th, 2006 - Wise Media S.p.A. announces the agenda of the 2006 Electronic Passport Forum, the annual international summit dedicated to the introduction of electronic travel documents and the revolution this represents.

Following the success of last year's event in Berlin (311 delegates from 36 countries), more than 40 internationally renowned experts, government representatives and key players from the security industry will address the most relevant issues on the electronic travel document spectrum and provide a snapshot of the status of deployments across the globe. The Electronic Passport Forum will take place in Paris on June 8th and 9th, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Paris – Charles de Gaulle.

High-Profile Agenda

The comprehensive agenda comprises a series of high-profile government speakers from around the world, including Philippe Melchior - French Ministry of the Interior, Martin Schallbruch – German Ministry of the Interior, Robert A. Mocny – US Department of Homeland Security, Dr. Frank Paul – European Commission, Katherine Courtney – UK Home Office, Gary K. McDonald – Passport Office Canada, Axel Munde – German Federal Information Security Agency (BSI), Josiane Couratier – French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, William C. Barker – US NIST, Magnar Aukrust – Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Police, Pasi Nokelainen – Finnish Ministry of the Interior, Thorsteinn Helgi Steinarsson – Icelandic Ministry of Justice, Ali M. Al-Khouri – Emirates Identity Authority, United Arab Emirates, and Brig. Saleem Ahmed Moeen – Pakistani National Database and Registration Authority.

The complete agenda can be downloaded from the Electronic Passport Forum website (www.electronic-passport.com).

Exhibition Sold-Out

In parallel to the conference, the Electronic Passport Forum will showcase digital travel document technology in action with live demonstrations from leading players from all segments of the electronic passport industry. Even with a 62% increase in exhibition area for this year's event, all available space sold out in just two weeks. Exhibitors include 3M, ACG Identification Technologies, ASK, Atlantic Zeiser, Atmel, Axalto, Baltech, Gemplus, HJP Consulting, IAI, IBM, Infineon Technologies, Mühlbauer, Multipolaris, Nadra,

Oberthur Card Systems, Philips Semiconductors, Raisonance, Rochford Thompson, Sagem Défense Sécurité, Smartware, Sokymat, STMicroelectronics, Thales Security Systems and Trüb AG.

Strong Government Endorsements

The Electronic Passport Forum is endorsed by the European Commission, the French Minister of the Interior, Nicolas Sarkozy, and the German Ministry of the Interior.

Platinum sponsors of the event are ACG Identification Technologies, Axalto, Sokymat, Thales Security Systems. Gold sponsor is FEIG Electronic. Silver sponsors are IBM, Nadra, Oberthur Card Systems and Philips Semiconductors.

The Electronic Passport Forum is the global summit focusing on the revolution represented by the introduction of electronic travel documents: ePassports, National IDs and Visa.

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