

Electronic Passport Forum: Next appointment on November 28th & 29th in Milan at ID WORLD 2006

Wise Media has disclosed the conference agenda for the next Electronic Passport Forum, taking place on November 28th and 29th at the heart of the fifth ID WORLD International Congress - the annual world summit on automatic identification.

The Electronic Passport Forum builds on the unprecedented success achieved in Paris this year. The June event was endorsed by the French and German Ministers of Interior and the European Commission, and was attended by 325 delegates from 42 nations.

The November 2006 Electronic Passport Forum, sponsored by 3M Security Systems and NXP, will highlight how the introduction of electronic travel documents worldwide paves the way towards the much broader market penetration of RFID and biometric technology in the areas of eGovernment projects. It will also report on the next wave of government-driven citizen ID programs.

The conference will highlight issues faced by local and central government bodies when managing citizens' security and access to public services. The sessions scheduled in the conference agenda are:

- Border Control and ePassports: open issues
- The second wave: National ID projects
- Toward complete security: eVisa, residence permit and green-card projects
- RFID and Biometrics for eGovernment
- Balancing security and privacy
- Leveraging on the lessons learned

Among the keynote speakers presenting at the Electronic Passport Forum are Frank Moss (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services - US Department of State), Andreas Reisen (Head of Department - Federal Ministry of the Interior Germany), Ali Al-Khouri (Assistant Director - General for Central Operations - Emirates Identity Authority), Dr Frank Paul (Head of Unit Large-scale IT systems - European Commission) and Stefano Petecchia (Ministry of the Interior Italy).

About 3M Security Systems

3M Security Systems, Identification & Authentication Security solutions from one of the world's most trusted and innovative companies. The 3M ePassport Reader is the eMRTD product of choice around the world for ergonomic usage, reliability and proven interoperability. Industry experience. Global reach. Ingenious technologies. Integrity. Credentials that have made 3M a leading provider of security solutions. Serving customers in over 200 nations, you not only get the personal attention of a local company, but also benefit from the strength of an experienced, reliable, global organization. 3M ePassport Readers, 3M Identity Document Issuance Systems, 3M Border Management Systems and 3M Confirm Laminates offer proven security. For further information visit: www.3m.com/security

About NXP

With over 1.5 billion RFID-based chips sold to date, NXP Semiconductors is the world's leader in the design and manufacturing of contactless chips used in smart cards, smart labels and tags as well as in car access and immobilizer systems, and the corresponding reader components.

Philips' most comprehensive IC portfolio covers all relevant RFID frequency bands including 125 KHz, 13.56 MHz, UHF and 2.45 GHz. Philips' RFID-based technology is used across a diverse set of applications – such as supply chain management and logistics functions, including pharmaceutical (ICODE and UCODE ICs) and livestock tracking (HITAG ICs), as well as in various transportation applications (MIFARE platform) – to provide consumers with greater convenience and safety.

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About the Electronic Passport Forum

The Electronic Passport Forum was created in 2005 to examine the issues surrounding the introduction of ePassports, National ID cards and eVisas. The Electronic Passport Forum - organized by Wise Media - received official endorsements from the French and German Ministers of Interior, and the European Commission, when the event was held in Paris in June of this year. In November the Electronic Passport Forum will examine how the move to electronic travel documents has opened the door to a broader use of RFID and biometric in the areas of eGovernment projects. It will also report on the next wave of government-driven citizen ID programs.

About ID WORLD Events

ID WORLD is the first global technology-agnostic initiative on automatic identification addressing all vertical markets. Organized by Wise Media, ID WORLD events focus on segments in which automatic identification expresses its revolutionary potential. Alongside the annual world summit ID WORLD International Congress, Wise Media organizes the following vertical forums: Electronic Passport Forum, Global Security Forum, Smart Supply Chain Forum and Registered Traveler Forum. For further information visit: www.idworldonline.com

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