

The Electronic Passport Forum: Berlin, May 18th and 19th

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Discover the world of e-passports at the most complete conference and exhibition on machine-readable travel documents.

Milan, March 1, 2005 - Wise Media, the organizers of the ID WORLD International Congress, announces today the dates and venue of its new highly focused vertical event on the world of Machine Readable Travel Documents: the *Electronic Passport Forum*, to be held in Berlin on May 18th and 19th.

The decision to move forward with the global shift “from passports to electronic passports” in order to implement enhanced security capabilities in travel documents requires dramatic changes in the traditional passport manufacturing and personalization environment, as well as in a new globe-spanning border control infrastructure.

The Electronic Passport Forum focuses on the most relevant issues related to the introduction of the new biometrics-enabled machine-readable travel documents. It is the only global event that showcases, with live demonstrations, the entire lifecycle of our future electronic passports: from the integrated circuits and the electronic inlays, to durability tests, passport personalization and new border control processes.

The Electronic Passport Forum is the ideal venue to pose your questions and seek answers in an open forum involving global experts in the areas of manufacturing, deployment and use of state-of-the-art machine-readable travel documents.

4 hot e-passport topics

The following hot topics will be at the heart of the discussion at the Electronic Passport Forum:

- 1) Durability** - The embedding of electronic units into our future machine-readable travel documents implies significant durability challenges, the expected lifecycle of electronic passports being a minimum of 10 years.
- 2) Interoperability** - The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and industry associations are rapidly progressing in the harmonization that is at the basis of the creation of a global interoperable border security infrastructure.
- 3) Privacy** - Laying the foundations for our future personal data collection and management infrastructure, governments face the challenge of creating the appropriate legislative environment to protect the fundamental rights of citizens.
- 4) Sustainability** - The economics behind the technology shift from passports to electronic passports are by far more complex than analogous business models involving the implementation of advanced auto ID.

The Electronic Passport Forum will provide a venue for discussion of special concerns for vendors across the entire electronic passport supply chain.

A complete e-passport experience

A **two-day conference**, comprising parallel round table sessions and augmented by interactive networking activities, will involve a select group of key players in the electronic travel document industry. These include experts in e-passport technology, standards and privacy issues, document printers as well as pioneering end-users of these emerging solutions.

The **e-Passport Village** will illustrate the entire lifecycle of e-passports, showcasing the offerings of some of today's leading global suppliers with stable and proven technology for the creation of durable and interoperable biometrics-

enabled travel documents. Attendees will observe how key components and processes such as integrated circuits, inlays, covers, software, data capture processes and read / write devices come together in the overall solution.

Live demonstrations of testing, data capture and border control procedures will complete the experience.

The Electronic Passport Forum will facilitate **networking opportunities** in an intense, interactive format that will maximize the potential for achieving your business goals. Technology panel sessions will be supplemented by opportunities for one-to-one meetings and discussions in an informal environment.

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