AIPC Academy 2022 Program: April 24-29



Sunday 24 Ap	ril 2022
13:00 - 14:00	Registration
14:00 - 14:30	Welcome to the AIPC 2022 Academy ! Presenter: Sven Bossu AIPC CEO
14:30 - 15:30	Market outlook report A "scene setter" for Academy discussions, this opening session will provide a global market outlook, based on recent research by AIPC partners. Presenter: Sven Bossu AIPC CEO
15:30 - 18:00	Addressing your challenges & introducing team challenges In an engaging workshop format, attendees will shares the challenges they are facing in their centres and their learning expectations for the Academy Presenter: Participants
18:30 - 20:00	Welcome reception: Badian Lounge Bar, and Buffet Dinner: Argan Restaurant
Monday 25 Ap	oril 2022
09:00 - 10:30	Sales & Marketing Regaining the heart and confidence of delegates and exhibtors to participate to organised events will require a different type of sales & marketing plan. This session will provide you with 3 different and interconnected perspectives: organizor, destination and venue. Presenters: Melissa Jane Thompson Area Director Western Europe (Brussels) Singapore Tourism Board Oliver Wykes Chief Operating Officer WindEurope





10:30 - 11:00	Networking break
11:00 - 12:30	Convention Center Design: elevate to the next level
	Convention centre design has to adapt to changing market expectations and event formats while also addressing owner and community demands for attractive and functional structures compatible with the host community. This session will explore the future of convention center design and how to create facilities that will remain relevant and functional through this ongoing evolution.
	Presenter: Adam Paulitsch Architect & Associate principal Populous
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break: Argan Restaurant
14:00 – 15:00	Event Design
	Good event design is key for delivering successful events and goes beyond the creative elements: it should include a clear strategy, excellent production and analytics allowing for actionable insights. This session will focus on the role convention centers can play when it comes to event design, covering all these elements.
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15:00 - 15:30	Networking Break
15:30 - 17:00	Leadership
	The pandemic definitely impacted convention center leadership. Three CEO's will share their experience and lessons learned when it comes to leading in times of crisis and uncertainty.
	Presenter: Maurits van der Sluis COO RAI AMSTERDAM Marc Rodriguez Managing Director CCIB Julianne Jammers Managing Director SwissTech Convention Center - EPFL
17:00 – 18:00	Team Challenge Preparation

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18:00 - 18:30	
18:30 - 21:00	Cooking with your colleagues: Learn, Taste, Enjoy

Tuesday 26 April 2022	
09:00 - 12:30	Business Model - adaptation & execution
	In this highly interactive workshop, you will - together with your colleagues - first focus on how to adapt to a continuously changing market landscape and evolving customer requirements, using a set of tools which you can take back to your teams. The second part of the workshop will focus on execution and delivering excellence
	Presenter: Oscar Cerezales Chief Strategy Officer MCI
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break: Argan Restaurant
14:00 - 15:00	Technology: market landscape & latest trends
	Technology has never been as important for convention centres as it is today, whether it concerns the implementation of health & safety protocols, enabling digital events or delivering actionable insights via data mining. This session will give an overview of the market landscape and the latest trends when it comes to technology for convention centers.
	Presenter: Steve McKenzie Executive Vice-President Ungerboeck
15:00 - 15:30	Networking break
15:30 - 17:00	Deep Dive on Hybrid Events
	In December, IAPCO and AIPC released a joint research paper on hybrid events, covering everything from rationale to building blocks. In this session, you will hear how to make hybrid events work, based on real case studies and lessons learned from the last two years.
	Presenters: Wee Min Ong Vice President of Conventions & Exhibitions Marina Bay Sands



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	Marco Noordegraaf Manager Operations ACS Audiovisual Solutions
17:00 – 18:00	Team Challenge Preparation
18:30 – 20:00	A Belgian Dining Experience featuring regional specialities: Argan Restaurant section IV
Wednesday 27	7 April 2022
09:00 - 10:30	Sustainability: status 3 months after COP26
	At COP26, the events industry pledged to become Carbon Zero by 2050 and also articulated how this will be achieved. What does this pledge exactly entail and where are we 3 months later? And what are global players already doing to become carbon zero? This session will provide a clear view on what carbon zero exactly means, the process to be put in place and actions already taken by global stakeholders. Presenter: Katja Mader Consultant
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14:00 – 15:00	Operational Excellence: lessons from COP26
	COP26 was the biggest COP so far, with over 40,000 participants from across the globe. In order to accommodate COP26, the Scottish Event Campus has to double in size, ensure operational excellence and make





	sure the event could take place in a safe and secure way. This session will give insight in the challenges addressed and key lessons learned. Presenters: Simon Dunnell Head of Major Events Identity Charlie Hepburn Director Client Strategy Identity
15:00 - 15:30	Networking break
15:30 - 17:00	Finance & performance tracking Like any business operator, centre managers need to be able to measure and demonstrate performance and a return on owner investment; however, centres have some unique requirements based on their broader roles in their communities. This session will deal with a series of topics related to convention centre financial management and performance measurement. Presenter: TBC
17:00 – 18:00	Team Challenge Preparation
18:30 – 20:00	Buffet Dinner at Argan Restaurant

Thursday 28 April 2022	
09:00 - 12:30	Risk Management & Crisis Communications
	This interactive session aims to provide the participants with a toolkit to deal effectively and efficiently with crisis and the related communication and is composed of the following elements:
	 A knowledge-transfer component bringing lessons learned, latest insights, and basics on what to prepare for, including in the area of crisis communications. An interactive crisis mini-game to run your crisis team (or separate individuals) through a number of risk-based assignments under increasing pressure; and
	A debriefing session to help you capture mini-game learnings, capped off with a Top 10 'To Do' list. Presenter: Glenn Schoen CEO Boardroom@crisis





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14:00 – 18:00	Team Challenge Presentations Teams will present their Challenge responses to Academy colleagues and faculty with Academy faculty providing feedback and reaction in response. Presenter: Participants
18:30 – 20:00	Special Academy Final Dinner - Brasserie 135

Friday 29 Apri	I 2022
09:00 – 10:00	Closing Roundtable While centres around the world have many challenges in common, these manifests themselves in very different ways in various parts of the world and a healthy exchange of perspectives brings different experiences to bear on key issues. This session will provide a dedicated opportunity to focus on a series of areas selected by participants for special attention in a facilitated workshop format as well as a final opportunity to raise any outstanding areas of interest.
10:00 -10:30	Formal Closure: The Week in Summary and AIPC Academy Certificate Presentation This final session will summarize both the learnings and the outcomes of the week. At the conclusion, participants will be awarded their Certificates of Participation as recognition of their efforts throughout the week. Presenter: Sven Bossu