8th Eastern European Gaming Summit

CONFERENCE AGENDA - EEGS 2015

Venue: Inter Expo Center, Sofia
23-24 NOVEMBER 2015

Official language of the conference is English. The conference program is subject to change.

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PRECEDING EVENTS

EEGS MASTERCLASS  (requires fee for participation: 120 €)
Date: 22nd NOVEMBER 2015
Hours: 10:00 - 16:00
Location: Hall Panorama, BEST WESTERN HOTEL EXPO, Sofia

“CASINO MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS”
Speaker: ARJAN KORSTJENS, Strategy Director, Quince Amsterdam
This masterclass aims to present theoretical or practical understanding of communication, including international examples, best practices, different types of promotions, digital marketing, multi-media and how to brief an agency, all tailored to casinos.

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8:00 – 9:00  Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:20  OPENING REMARKS

9:20 – 9:30  KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:30 – 10:30  Morning Session I
REGULATORY UPDATE:
Regulatory developments across Europe
• Update on the German regulatory outlook and licensing policy
• The long expected iGaming regulation in the Dutch market. What are the perspectives for its adoption?
• What are the aspects of the finally approved Portugal’s new legislation? Will the strategy for online regulation work?
• Will Lithuania’s Gambling Law amendments give rise to the supervision of online gambling?
• What are the implications for the legislative outlook of Europe’s online gaming hub after the Italian case?
• Regulatory updates from UK & Isle of Man.

Speakers:
Germany: Dr. JOERG HOFMANN, President, IMGL & Senior Partner, MELCHERS Law Firm
The Netherlands: PIETER REMMERS, CEO, Assissa Consultancy & Secretary General, EASG
Portugal: ANTONIO ALEGRIA, Researcher at CEIA - Centre for Studies and Applied Research, Lisbon University
Lithuania: RENATA BERZANSKIENE, Partner, Law firm SORAINEN
Malta: JAMES SCICLUNA, Partner, WH Partners
UK: DUSAN MIHAJLOVIC, Scott Mihajlovic Associates Ltd
Isle of Man: PAUL DAVIS, Barrister & Solicitor, Group General Counsel
Moderator: ROBERT W. STOCKER, Chair, Gaming Practice Group of Dickinson Wright PLLC, ex-President of IMGL

ANGEL IRIBOZOV, Chairman, Bulgarian Trade Association of the Manufacturers and Operators in the Gaming Industry (BTAMOGI)
OGNEMIR MITEV, Chairman, Bulgarian State Commission on Gambling
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10:30 – 11:30 Morning Session II
REGULATORY UPDATE: Focus on Eastern Europe
• Romania moved to fully regulated online gambling and lower taxes. What are the effects of the new legislation so far?
• Developing the potential of the Bulgarian online gaming by periodically maintaining a well-regulated market.
• Is gambling going to be introduced back to Ukraine?
• The need of providing an attractive regulatory framework. Which are the steps that Hungary needs to take?
• Gambling law amendments in Czech Republic and Poland - overview of the current situation in these markets?
• Update for the gambling developments in Slovenia.

11:30 – 12:00 PRESS CONFERENCE
Refreshment Break - Grab a Coffee, Meet & Greet

12:00 – 12:45 Morning Session III
PROTECTION AGAINST FRAUD & MONEY LAUNDERING
• The 4th Anti-Money Laundering Directive (AMLD) and its implementation for gambling establishments.
• New European Data Protection Regulation.
• Regulatory enforcement in land-based operations: preventing illegal activities.
• Fraud prevention of e-payments.

12:45 – 13:30 Morning Session IV
IMGL MASTERCLASS
Point of Consumption transition in the UK and elsewhere - What is the fallout of the change from POS to POC regulation and taxation and what is the impact on the so called offshore jurisdictions?

13:30 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30 Afternoon Session I
THINKING EAST PANEL
Associations & experts from the region to outline top challenges industry is facing
• Which are the top challenges for the gaming industry in the region?
• Expansion of remote gaming companies into the emerging Eastern European market. Does the current regulatory framework attract companies to apply for licenses?
• Bridging the gap between Eastern & Western European gaming markets.

15:30 – 16:30 Afternoon Session IV
RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING
• How to effectively spend the funds collected from the contributions of operators for responsible gambling?
• Who should be responsible for the player protection?
• Examples of adopting responsible gambling into strategy.
• Relationship between online gambling and the newly-defined medical condition of “disordered gambling”. Does internet gambling cause more gambling problems?

Speakers:
DAN ILIOVICI, Executive Manager, ROMBET
ANGEL IRIBOZOV, Chairman, Bulgarian Trade Association of the Manufacturers and Operators in the Gaming Industry (BTAMOGI)
IRYNA SERGIENKO, CEO, All-Ukrainian Union on Bookmaking Development
LINA SENNEVALL, Journalist, GamblingCompliance
GABOR HALEMBAI, Senior Associate, Bird & Bird
JAN REHOLA, Independent Law Consultant, Czech Republic
GERGANA SEMERDZIEVA, Legal Analyst, GamblingCompliance
Moderator & Speaker: Dr. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA, Senior Legal Advisor, European Gaming & Betting Association

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ROBERT W. STOCKER, Chair, Gaming Practice Group of Dickinson Wright PLLC, ex-President of IMGL
Dr. CORINNE GATT, Head of International EU Affairs, Lotteries & Gaming Authority - Malta
Dr. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA, Senior Legal Advisor, EGBA
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VALENTINA DOBRE, Vice president of ROMSLOT & Managing Director at Merkur Entertainment Romania
NADYA HAMBACH, Head of Gaming and Entertainment Law Department, Velchev&Co. Law Firm
MARTIN LYCKA, Legal Department, Betfair
MIGLENA DIMITROVA, Partner, MDMI Legal
Moderator & Speaker: ZOLTAN TUNDIK, Editor in Chief, EEAGAMING.ORG

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16:45 – 17:30 Afternoon Session II
SYNERGY BETWEEN LAND-BASED AND ONLINE...
• Convergence between land-based & online – challenges & opportunities.
• Factors for consideration when starting up an online business.
• Myths about the impact on land-based casinos by online.
• Integration of online operations with land-based operations.

Speakers:
Dr. ANGELO DALLI, CEO, Bit8
LYDIA BARBARA, Head of Pegasus Gaming Solutions (Microgaming)
KONRAD GILL, Head of Interactive Division, Casino Technology Interactive
JAMES ILLINGWORTH, Director of European Business Development, GLI

Moderator: MORTEN RONDE, Director of Education & Association Development, IMGL / CEO of DOGA

17:30 – 18:30 Afternoon Session III
DISCUSSION PANEL
Customer experience transformation
A panel dedicated to the customer-centric approach in gaming and how to attract & build strong relationships with customers both land-based and online split on 2 groups and 5 roundtables.

LAND-BASED
• How to measure & improve the customer satisfaction at your venue?
• Recommendations for effective operations.
• Transforming your casino’s customer experience to attract more casual players?
• How will the changes in customer behavior affect your casino?
• How casinos can be appealing to younger generations?

ONLINE
• Measuring & managing Player Lifetime Value.
• Retention & acquisition incentives.
• How to understand the high value customers? VIP customer relationship management approaches.
• Tips for driving loyalty.

Speakers:
MINZE ZWERVER, Casino Consultant, Independent Gaming Solutions NL
ARJAN KORSTJENS, Strategy Director, Quince Amsterdam
SEBASTIAN SALAT, Member of the Board, Grup Peralada

Speakers:
DOBROMIR MITEV, CEO, Dench eGaming Solutions
JOE COUGHLIN, Co-Founder, London Gaming Company

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8:45 – 9:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast
GLOBAL GAMING WOMEN Networking Breakfast
Women on Boards: Beyond Gender to Leadership
In this session female leaders from some of the industry’s top companies will share their experience, career challenges and success stories.
• What is the key to moving from being a manager to being a leader?
• Are female entrepreneurs more optimistic?
• Who is the better decision-maker under stress?

Speakers:
VALENTINA DOBRE, Vice President, ROM SLOT
LYDIA BARBARA, Head of Pegasus Gaming Solutions
ELENA SHA TEROVA, International Sales Director, Casino Technology
ELITSA GILL, CEO, eCasino.bg

Moderator: ROSSI MCKEE, Vice President, Casino Technology

9:30 – 10:15 Morning Session I
GAMBLING TOURISM
• Overview of the gambling tourism in the region and strategies for its further development.
• Tourism and entertainment industry: relations and mutual influences.
• Lessons from Macao: junket business.
• Fundamentals of the gaming tourism – positives, approach, construction, development and trends.

Speakers:
CARLOS SIU LAM, Associate Professor & Researcher, Macao Polytechnic Institute
ROSSI MCKEE, Vice President, Casino Technology
Dr. MARIA KICHEVA, Vice-Rector, College of Tourism-Blagoevgrad
DIYAN KOSTADINOV, General Manager, Casino Hrisantema

Moderator: HRVOJE VINCETIC, Managing Director, Casino Adriatic Opatija
10:15 – 11:15 Morning Session II
GAMING STARTUP CHALLENGE 2015
Create your business horizon
The first-of-its-kind contest in Bulgaria offers an innovative opportunity for startup companies in the gaming and entertainment industry to present their fresh and original business concepts shaping the next technological trends.
Up to 5 companies will accept the challenge to attract the audience and the jury by presenting their bright ideas in 5 minutes per company.

What to expect:
* Out-of-the-box ideas setting new technology trends
* Inspiration for making the leap from employee to entrepreneur
* Innovative business approach
* Useful business contacts

Participants:
1. Content Ocean - Todor Todorov
2. Velbazd Software LLC - Todor Balabanov
3. CasinoAdvisor - Delyan Keremedchiev

Jury:
Rossi McKee - Vice President of Casino Technology
Dr. Angelo Dalli - CEO and Co-Founder, Bit8
Nusha Spirova - Project Manager at Dark IRadio
Svilen Rangelov - Co-Founder at DRONAMICS
Vladislav Vasilev – Start It Smart
Belizar Marinov – Manager Investment Projects at Eleven

11:15 – 11:45 Refreshment Break

11:45 – 12:30 Morning Session III
GAMING EVOLUTION IN A DIGITAL REVOLUTION
- EU Digital Policy & The social gaming perspective.
- Mobile gaming to acquire Gen Y players.
- Social casino gaming continues to thrive. What are the emerging opportunities in this product vertical?
- Factors of lotteries on remaining competitive in an increasingly digital market.
- Multi-channel gaming as a key factor for future success.

Speakers:
DAVID JOHNSON, Commercial Director, NYX
KONRAD GILL, Head of Interactive Division, Casino Technology Interactive
WOJCIECH SZPIL, CEO, Totalizator Sportowy Sp. z o.o.
BEATA GUZIK, Social Media and Project Coordinator, Altius
JONATHAN SWERDLOW, CEO, GamyTech
Moderator: PHILIPPE P. VLAEMMINCK, Chair EU, Lotteries, gambling & sport law, Altius

12:30 – 13:15 Morning Session IV
TREND SETTING IN SPORTS BETTING
- Integration of sports betting into online casino.
- Streamlining the multi-channel sports betting experience.
- Defining the potential of eSports for the development of sports betting businesses?
- Do virtual sports products hold big opportunities?
- What does the rise in popularity of these products mean for the future of sports betting?
- Sport integrity & the impact of match-fixing as a question of gambling?

Speakers:
ROMAN METODIEV, Project Manager for Sports Betting, Casino Technology Interactive
BORISлав BORISOV, Chief Operating Officer, UltraPlay
CARLOS SILVA, Sales Manager, Vermantia
KHALID ALLI, Secretary General, ESSA (Sports Betting Integrity)
PHILIPPE P. VLAEMMINCK, Chair EU, Lotteries, gambling & sport law, Altius
Moderator: MARK MCGUINESS, Director, eSportsbet.com

13:15 – 14:00 Morning Session V
THE POKER IN FUTURE
- Insight from mature markets in poker: how to create a sustainable ecosystem?
- Can shared liquidity save the market where poker is facing a considerable decline?
- Benefits of poker gamification.
- Core drives that compel a player and drive continued engagement.

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NICOLAS LEVI, coFounder, RankingHero
VINKO DOBROSEVIC, Founder, IGSoft & CEO, PokerKing
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14:00 Closing remarks
And the winner is .... Gift voucher
CONTINUING EVENTS

ROUND TABLE OF REGULATORS WITH BULGARIAN STATE COMMISSION ON GAMBLING
(With invitations only)
Topic: Online gambling and administrative cooperation between regulators
Date: MONDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 2015
Venue: INTER EXPO CENTER, Hall Rila
Hours: 16:30-18:30

BALKAN ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMING EXPO (BEGE Expo)
Date: 24 – 25 NOVEMBER 2015
Venue: INTER EXPO CENTER, SOFIA, BULGARIA
Hours: 24th November 11:00 – 18:00 / 25th November 10:00 – 18:00

ROUND TABLE FOR CASINO OPERATORS WITH BULGARIAN STATE COMMISSION ON GAMBLING
(On the floor of BEGE Expo, Meeting Zone)
Date: WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 2015
Hours: 15:00 - 16:30

BEGE Awards 2015 Ceremony
Date: WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 2015
Hours: 12:00 - 12:30
Venue: INTER EXPO CENTER, Expo hall 1, stage next to the entrance