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## **IPRA SUMMIT 2008 REGISTRATION OPENS**

### **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM DRAWS SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONALS**

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**London, 19 March 2008** - Registration has opened for the IPRA Summit 2008, the annual global forum for senior public relations directors. Hot topics this year include “green” communications, public relations’ global talent war, crisis communications and responding to pressure group campaigns.

The IPRA Summit is a public relations conference designed specifically for senior communications professionals who work in the international arena. It is an opportunity to share best practice, exchange ideas, network and engage in debates on some of the hottest topics within the communication industry.

Venue: The Honourable Artillery Company, Armoury House,  
City Road, London EC1Y 2BQ

Dates: Monday 9 June – Tuesday 10 June 2008

Details and booking: [www.iprasummit.org](http://www.iprasummit.org)

Early booking rates are available for all registrations made before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Top speakers are being added weekly. The current program includes:

- **Impact of pressure groups and activism on communications campaigns:** Dr *Francesca Polini*, Global Communications Director Greenpeace; *Boyd Neil*, COO Hill and Knowlton Canada; and *Guy Cote*, VP Media Relations JT International S.A.
- **The greening of public relations:** *Paul Charles*, Director of Communications Virgin Atlantic
- **The global war for public relations talent:** *Stephen Welch*, Associate Director and Head of Communications and Media Consulting, Hay Group; *Chris Bones*, Principal Henley Business School and *Mike Davies*, Global Director of Communications PricewaterhouseCoopers
- **Best practice: global campaigns:** *Lucian Hudson*, Director of Communications Foreign and Commonwealth Office; *Andy Muncer*, Global Head of Corporate Communications ING Wholesale Banking
- **Future global trends:** *Sir Robert Worcester* KBE DL, Founder MORI; *Harjiv Singh*, Co Founder and CEO International Operations Gutenberg Communications



Robert Grupp, IPRA President and President of Grupp Global Partners LLC, commented: "This is the fourth year of the IPRA Summit and the 2008 programme looks to be more engaging than ever. Delegates come from organisations around the world as diverse as governments, corporations, NGOs and public relations agencies, and they tell us that the international scope of program content distinguishes the IPRA Summit as a must-attend event in the annual schedule of public relations conferences."

The Summit is followed by IPRA's annual Golden World Awards for Excellence Ceremony on 10<sup>th</sup> June, which aims to highlight the very best from the global public relations industry.

The 2008 IPRA Summit is sponsored by PR Newswire and Rolls-Royce.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **About the Summit**

The IPRA Summit, [www.iprasummit.org](http://www.iprasummit.org), is an annual international forum where senior communications directors share best practice, exchange ideas and engage in debates on a number of high-level topics. Last year, 160 people attended from 50 countries on six continents, with a good mix of corporate, agency, NGO, government and other international organisations.

At the 2007 IPRA Summit, speakers included Ambassador Karen Hughes, US Undersecretary Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Keith Rockwell, Director Information and Media Relations World Trade Organisation, Rainer von Mielecki, Director of Communications EMEA Dell Inc., H. Joachim Richter, Director of Corporate Communications Nestle Espresso, Richard Hedges, Director of Corporate Communications American Airlines, and James Blitz, Diplomatic Editor Financial Times.

##### **About IPRA**

The [International Public Relations Association](http://www.ipra.org) (IPRA) is the premier association for senior international public relations professionals. With members in more than 100 countries, IPRA's activities include the global public relations online magazine IPRA FrontLine; seminars and conferences; the IPRA Campaign for Media Transparency, and the annual IPRA Golden World Awards for Excellence, which recognise the best PR programmes from around the globe. IPRA is headquartered in the UK. More information on IPRA can be found on: [www.ipra.org](http://www.ipra.org).