



## Hospitality, Entertainment and Tourism Council

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### Name change approved!!!

The Hospitality Council is excited to announce the approval of their name change request. The council is now the Hospitality, Entertainment and Tourism Council (HEaT). The new council name "Hospitality, Entertainment, and Tourism Council" was selected as it better reflects the diverse industries represented by the council.

### Council News

In 2008 ASIS Council Vice President Joe McDonald issued a directive requiring all councils under his jurisdiction to evaluate their operations. Joe named Al Zajic as Chairman of the Lodging Security Council in the summer of 2008. Al initiated several changes including renaming the council, revising the council mission statement, and developing several subcommittees. Al has further directed the council to begin researching standards and best practices for hospitality related industries.

### HEaT Subcommittees

The **European Subcommittee** Chair was created to expand our mission globally. Paul Moxness with the Rezidor Hotel Group was selected as Subcommittee Chairman. Paul's focus is on security issues in the European Union. Paul is seeking and recruiting members and developing resources active in the EU.

Vice Chair Mitch Fenton, CPP also chairs the **Soft Targets Subcommittee** and is in the process of collecting data for development of best practices for hospitality, entertainment, and tourism soft targets. Currently this subcommittee is developing practices to help deter incidents like the recent attacks in Mumbai.

Long term Council member and past Chair Jimmy Chin is chairing the **Lodging Subcommittee** and will be working on development of lodging standards and best practices. The Lodging Subcommittee has developed council related sessions for both the International Seminar in Anaheim and a one day program to be released later this year.

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Dr. Elinor Garley has been named to the position of chairing the **Tourism Subcommittee**.

Newsletter Editor and Special Projects member, Steven T. Baker CPP, PSP, PSI is producing this edition, our second, of the new HEaT newsletter and is working on mechanisms to facilitate delivery and archiving of materials produced by the council.

## **Hospitality and Tourism Associations**

Are you aware of any local, regional or national groups or associations that have security committees with interests in Hospitality, Entertainment or Tourism? The HEaT Council is developing a database of such groups for future networking and benchmarking. If you are aware of any such organizations please forward their contact information to Steve Baker at Steve@VTIassociates.com.

## **Around the Globe**

A HOTREC ([www.hotrec.org](http://www.hotrec.org)) working group continues its progress toward a voluntary hotel fire safety charter for European National Hotel Associations to sign up to and a methodology or "toolkit" that member association hotels can acquire to assist them to ensure compliance with local and national regulations and maintain safe operations.

The working group is comprised of experts from two hotel companies (Accor and Rezidor), an independent fire safety specialist, the head of the European Fire Chiefs association and representatives from 4 national hotel associations (Malta, Italy, Austria and Switzerland).

**Interested in becoming a council member? Interested in working with a subcommittee on a topic of interest? Have an item of interest to the council? Contact Al Zajic at [AlanWZajic@aol.com](mailto:AlanWZajic@aol.com) or Mitch Fenton at [m3fenton@aol.com](mailto:m3fenton@aol.com).**



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