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## **Australian Venue Manager Elected Vice President of World Industry Body**

Senior Ogden IFC executive, Geoff Donaghy, has been elected Vice President of the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC) at its recent annual conference in Graz, Austria.

AIPC is Brussels based with membership comprising 154 of the world's leading convention and exhibition centres across 53 countries. Founded in 1958, AIPC undertakes a wide ranging programme of research, education and lobbying activities.

Mr Donaghy, who has been an AIPC director for two years, has CEO responsibility for the Ogden IFC managed Cairns and Darwin Convention Centres and Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane. He is also Chairman of the Business Events Council of Australia, the country's peak convention and exhibition industry representative body.

Mr Edgar Hirt of the Munich International Congress Centre was elected AIPC president replacing Ms Barbara Maple from Vancouver who stepped down after six years in the role.

Other elected AIPC directors represent major venues in France, Spain, United Kingdom, Finland and Canada.

Ogden IFC is Asia Pacific's leading venue management company. Among the venues it manages are Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, Telstra Stadium and Acer Arena in Sydney, the Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin and Kuala Lumpur Convention Centres, the Brisbane and Newcastle Entertainment Centres and the four State Theatres in Perth.

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