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The IMGL Continues Its Educational Mission With Stellar Conferences and IMGL Masterclasses Worldwide



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In April, the IMGL held its Annual Spring Conference in San Francisco which was well received. I would like to thank the co-chairs of the conference committee, John Maloney and John Roberts, for their timeless efforts in putting together a first-class program including an appearance by the former Mayor of San Francisco.

One of the highlights of each year is the IMGL reception at G2E and the presentation of the “Regulator of the Year Award” – North America. The award is given in recognition of the regulator’s overall contribution to gaming. IMGL is proud to announce this year’s Regulator of the Year, Allen Godfrey, Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. Allen has been the Executive Director since 2011 and has been instrumental in guiding the Mississippi gaming industry through continued growth, notwithstanding several natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina. This award is given annually based upon not only the recipient’s contributions to the gaming industry but his overall work as a regulator and a demonstration of service to the community. Congratulations Allen.

The IMGL fall conference will be held on October 23-25, 2016, in Dublin, Ireland. Co-Chairs of the conference, Joe Kelly and Sean McGuinness, have put together a very strong program which will include panels on Sports, AML in Europe, the United States and Asia, Daily Fantasy Sports in the United States and Europe and the Brexit and how it will impact the gambling industry.

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The IMGL Masterclasses continue to be a popular and sought after presence at gaming conferences throughout the world. Recently, the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) asked the IMGL to create a regulatory panel at its annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Thanks to Marc Ellinger and Bob Stocker for putting together an outstanding panel on short notice. As a result, the NCLGS wants the IMGL panel to be part of their conference next year. The following is a list of Masterclasses scheduled for the rest of this year:

DATE	EVENT 
September 8, 2016	KPMG – eGaming Summit, Isle of Man
September 14-15, 2016	European Association for the Studies of Gambling – Lisbon, Portugal
October 26-28, 2016	East Meets West Regulators Summit - Palawan, Philippines
October 30- November 3, 2016	International Association of Gaming Regulators – Sydney, Australia
November 7-8, 2016	Malta iGaming Seminar (MIGS) – Malta
November 15, 2016	MGS Macao Gaming Show
November 22-23, 2016	Eastern European Gaming Summit – Sofia, Bulgaria
November 29, 2016	OFXG TLV + GO Gaming International Summit - Tel Aviv

Finally, the IMGL has set the dates for its 2017 Spring Conference in Miami, Florida, for May 10-12 at the Turnberry Isle Resort. Our co-chairs for the conference are Marc Dunbar and Daniel Wallach. It promises to be another great conference in keeping with the IMGL’s educational mission.