

Citizen ID Forum 2009: Dates of the Global eID Summit Announced

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Wise Media, organizer of the ID WORLD International Congress, announces today that the Citizen ID Forum, the global summit on the digitalization of citizen identification documents, will again open its doors under the patronage of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of Interior, H. H. Sheik Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The event is endorsed by the European Commission and the Emirates Identity Authority and supported by Abu Dhabi Police. It takes place in Abu Dhabi on February 15 and 16, 2009 at the Beach Rotana Hotel.

The Citizen ID Forum (www.citizen-id.com) is the world's premier and most comprehensive summit on the digitalization of citizen ID documents, focusing on the most relevant issues related to the introduction of secure and biometrics-enabled identification documents.

Building on the outstanding success of 2008, this two-day event will see the participation of key players behind the advancements in citizen ID programs and secure ID projects – including high-level government representatives, border control and law enforcement authorities – at its two cornerstone initiatives:

- The **Conference**, supplemented by interactive networking activities, will gather together a panel of top-level government representatives and leading figures in the secure ID document arena and act as the perfect backdrop for an open dialogue and analysis of crucial issues. Topics will include the progressive digitalization of passports, national IDs, driver's licenses, health cards and visas, as well as the future of smart tickets and payment systems.
- The **Exhibition**, organized as a Technology Village with live demonstrations, illustrates the entire lifecycle of secure ID documents: from the integrated circuits and electronic inlays, to the durability tests, to enrollment, personalization and identity verification processes. Leading global suppliers will showcase stable and proven technologies for the creation of durable contactless and/or biometrics-enabled documents, cutting edge data collection systems as well as identity management solutions.

About Citizen ID Forum

The Citizen ID Forum is a vertical event of the ID WORLD International Congress, focusing on the evolution of government-driven citizen identification programs. After successful events under the patronage of the Ministers of Interior from France, Germany, Italy and Turkey in Berlin, Rome, Paris, Istanbul and Milan, the Citizen ID Forum took place for the first time in Abu Dhabi in February 2008 under the patronage of the Minister of Interior of the UAE, H. H. Sheik Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Building on the achievements of 2008 in Abu Dhabi and Milan, the 2009 Citizen ID Forum will be held again in Abu Dhabi on February 15 and 16, under the patronage of the Minister of Interior of the UAE, with the endorsement of the European Commission and Emirates Identity Authority and supported by Abu Dhabi Police.
For further information visit: www.citizen-id.com

About ID WORLD International Congress

The ID WORLD International Congress, organized by Wise Media, is the annual world summit on automatic identification. It is the most comprehensive showcase of RFID, biometrics and smart card technologies, and is the only international forum that looks at the auto ID industry as a whole, rather than focusing on a specific technology or vertical sector.
The eighth ID WORLD International Congress will take place in Milan at the Milanofiori Congress Center on November 3-5, 2009, and explore the fundamental issues associated with automatic identification in a variety of market segments via three cornerstone initiatives: the Conference, the Exhibition and the Exchange.
For further information visit: www.idworldonline.com

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