

Innovation for World Banknote Summit

The World Banknote Summit, which takes place 27 February-1 March next year in Basel, Switzerland, continues to gain momentum, according to its Managing Director Beat Attinger, with several high profile speakers presenting a broad range of banknote-related topics, sharing hands-on experience and providing useful insights.

The World Banknote Summit has been designed with an innovative presentation and speaker selection, and a limit on the number of participants, to generate and foster efficient information exchange and interaction.

'We have taken the time to ensure that we have all the right ingredients for a really great conference. We're delighted with the result and the take-up so far. We have a strong set of speakers, dedicated supporting partners and the right team to maintain the positive momentum that we have in place, said Beat.

A preview of the programme is now available. From the central bank perspective, the Swiss National Bank will look back and share its experience of the first few months following the introduction of the new CHF 50 denomination, the Banco de México will talk in detail about its currency strategy and the Dutch National Bank will analyse currency through the prism of 'managing decline'.

To provide a different perspective on currency, several experts from outside the industry will present. For example, Coop – a CHF 26 billion supermarket chain in Switzerland – will speak from a retailer point of view on payments, Twint will present their digital wallet and Marsh Risk Consulting will talk about the realities of managing risk.

More speakers and presentation topics can be found on the event's website.

The programme also includes a series of optional interactive workshops, generating hands on experience and deeper understanding and discussions than can happen from presentations alone.

Beat has also confirmed that, based on the positive reaction to the 2017 summit, the second World Banknote Summit will take place from 5-7 March 2018 in Europe. The location will be announced during the 2017 event.

www.worldbanknotesummit.com

Plan Ahead for the 2017 Currency Conference

'In the blink of an eye, May 2017 will be upon us – as will the 17th Currency Conference, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 14–17 May.'



So says Currency Research, organisers of the conference, which is planning a full programme, including presentations and panel sessions from global central banks, critical industry suppliers and key industry experts, accompanied by social events 'that will foster a memorable experience for each delegate'.

According to Marci Chavez, President of Currency Research, the 'Experience' is the key to what makes the Currency Conference so special. 'We provide each delegate the opportunity to meet with industry peers, to gain the most pertinent information, in a beautiful setting, and to make the occasion unique on more than one level,' she said.

Building on previous editions, the Currency Conference roster promises again to deliver compelling information on the current state of cash, along with discussions pertaining to the most relevant policy related matters surrounding the currency function.

Presentations will be anchored by the following key areas: Strategies and Planning for the Future of Cash; Outsourcing & Re-circulation Trends; Currency Planning & Issuance; Currency Lifecycle & Forecasting; and Technology Trends, to support anti-counterfeiting and banknote resilience strategies.

They will be supplemented by panel discussions to generate thought and debate. Topics for discussion will include 'Big Data' and the benefits to currency planning.

The Exhibition Hall is dedicated to informing delegates about the latest industry innovations, where delegates will have a chance to explore products that complement their present and future currency plans.

Robynn Hyde, Sponsor Coordinator for the Currency Conference, said, 'our sponsors are the leaders in the industry and their expertise is invaluable in developing products that improve secure and efficient cash use. Our delegates have always appreciated the time and effort that the sponsors put forth to make the delegate experience interesting and beneficial.'

www.currencyconference.com.

Celebrations Follow MAP 2016

The song 'Congratulations' reverberated around the gala dinner marking the end of the Mint & Pint conference in Beirut this month, as the organisers from Banque du Liban celebrated the conclusion of a successful four days.

This is the third such conference, which is held every two years, and from relatively small beginnings, attracted around 240 delegates from around the world, with representative from 40 central banks among them, along with 25 sponsors.



Pictured here, in the centre, is Mazen Hamden, Director of the Bank's Cash Operations Department, together with colleagues, delegates and a large cake.