

AEG Ogden Convention Centre Leader Recognised for Excellence

Geoff Donaghy Receives IMEX Academy Award

AEG Ogden Group Director of Convention Centres, Geoff Donaghy, has been recognised for his outstanding service to the meetings industry with an IMEX Academy Award for the Asia Pacific region overnight at the 14th annual IMEX Gala Dinner in Frankfurt.

Donaghy was awarded with an IMEX Academy Award at the globally renowned event, with the prestigious accolade presented by IMEX Group Chairman, Ray Bloom, and Managing Director, Paul Flackett.

In addition to overseeing AEG Ogden's stable of high performing convention centres in Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Kuala Lumpur and the Sydney Exhibition Centre at Glebe Island, Donaghy has direct oversight of new development projects, including International Convention Centre Sydney, Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre and a new facility currently in design in Hyderabad, India.

Harvey Lister, Chairman of AEG Ogden, said Donaghy's extensive expertise and global reach underpins his strong leadership and drive to redefine the standard for business events worldwide.

"Geoff is one of the most experienced convention centre leaders in the world and we are immensely proud to see this recognition through the IMEX Academy Award. AEG Ogden is responsible for the management of the largest network of venues within the Asia Pacific region and Geoff has played a pivotal role in our success since joining us over 20 years ago.

"He has driven the launch and management of a number of AEG Ogden venues over the years, starting with the pre-opening and management of Cairns Convention Centre in 1994 through to assisting the global expansion of AEG's network in the United States, where he supported the local team to win the management right contracts for both the Los Angeles and Hawaii convention centres. Geoff is also responsible for ensuring each of these high performance assets benefit from our global marketing and professional development networks."

Donaghy is also President of the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC), and representative to the Joint Meetings Industry Council (JMIC). He is also a former Chairman of the Business Events Council of Australia and has previously been awarded the Australia Centenary Medal by the Federal Government, the Australian industry's Outstanding Contribution Award, and the JMIC's Global Power and Profile Award.

Aloysius Arlando, Vice President the International Association of Convention Centre (AIPC) said the award is a testament to Geoff's ongoing contribution to the business events industry and in the case of AIPC, providing strong leadership to an organization representing the interests of more than 175 major convention centres in 57 countries around the world.

"AIPC is committed to encouraging, supporting and recognising excellence in convention centre management, and given his achievements in this regard, Geoff is the ideal representative. On behalf of the entire membership, I want to add our collective congratulations to him on achieving this distinction and helping profile our organisation as a quality leader."

About AEG Ogden

AEG Ogden is an Australian controlled joint venture between Australian venue management interests and AEG Facilities of the United States.

AEG Ogden manages venues throughout the Asia Pacific region, including convention centres in Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Kuala Lumpur, Hyderabad (currently in design), the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre (opening August 2016), International Convention Centre Sydney (opening December 2016), and the Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island; Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane; and arenas including the Brisbane Entertainment Centre and adjacent Sports Centre, Sydney's Qudos Bank Arena, the Newcastle Entertainment Centre, and Perth Arena. aegogden.com

In addition, AEG Facilities operates both the Los Angeles Convention Centre, and Hawaii Convention Centre. aegworldwide.com

About AEG Facilities

Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Company, is the leading sports, entertainment and venue operator in the world. AEG Facilities, a stand-alone affiliate of AEG, owns, operates or consults with more than 100 of the industry's preeminent venues worldwide, across five continents, providing complete venue management, as well as specialized programs in operations, guest services, ticketing, booking, sales and marketing. AEG Facilities also provides resources and access to other AEG-affiliated entities, including live event producer, AEG Live, AEG Global Partnerships, AEG Development, AEG 1Earth, AEG Encore and AEG Creative to support the success of AEG venues across the globe. The Los Angeles-based organization owns, operates or provides services to elite venues including STAPLES Center (Los Angeles, Calif.), StubHub Center (Carson, Calif.), Microsoft Theatre L.A. LIVE (Los Angeles, Calif.), Sprint Center (Kansas City, Mo.), KFC Yum! Center (Louisville, Ky.), American Airlines Arena (Miami, Fla.), Prudential Center (Newark, N.J.), Target Center (Minneapolis, Minn.) and BBVA Compass Stadium (Houston, Texas). Among the roster of world class convention centers and facilities managed by the division are the Los Angeles Convention Center, Hawaii Convention Center (Honolulu, HI), Oman Convention and Exhibition Center (Muscat, Oman), International Convention Centre Sydney, Cairns Convention Center and Darwin Conventions Centre. Other venues include Oracle Arena and O.co Coliseum (Oakland, Calif.), CONSOL Energy Center (Pittsburgh, Penn.), Rabobank Arena (Bakersfield, Calif.), Mercedes-Benz Arena (Shanghai, China), MasterCard Center (Beijing, China), The O2 Arena (London, England), Mercedes-Benz Arena (Berlin, Germany), Barclaycard Arena (Hamburg, Germany), Ahoy Arena (Rotterdam, Netherlands), Itaipava Arena Pernambuco (Recife, Brazil), Allianz Parque (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Qudos Bank Arena (Sydney, Australia), Ülker Sports Arena (Istanbul, Turkey), and Ericsson Globe Arena (Stockholm, Sweden). For more information, please visit aegworldwide.com.

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