

## **Registered Traveler Forum (Paris February 2007): Increasing security while facilitating travel**

*The first global summit on Registered Traveler programs receives European Commission backing and goes live with a two-day event on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Marriott Paris Rive Gauche*

*Milan, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Wise Media S.p.A. is proud to announce the creation of the Registered Traveler Forum, the first global platform to focus on the most relevant opportunities and issues relating to the introduction of Registered Traveler (RT) programs worldwide. The Registered Traveler Forum is endorsed by the European Commission and opens its doors in Paris for a two-day global summit on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.*

“The European Commission has only recently launched a preliminary study to assess the impact and feasibility of setting up such a program from a legal, social and economic perspective”, comments Dr Frank Paul, Head of Large-scale IT Systems Unit, EC Directorate-General Justice, Security and Freedom. “Only if the results of the study are positive will the decision of whether or not to launch a Registered Traveler program at EU level need to be taken. Should such a program be implemented, one of the aims would certainly be to achieve interoperability across EU airports - not only with chip cards but, if a decentralized solution should be implemented, in terms of processes as well. A first step towards ensuring this would be to develop a common agreement and support for such a program, involving all Member States, ensuring that common standards and procedures are implemented across the Union. In the future, we may envision working together with other nations where Registered Traveler programs are up and running.”

“The Registered Traveler Forum welcomes key players from all countries involved in the creation and operation of RT programs”, says Sophie B. de la Giroday, President of Wise Media. “It will be attended by government representatives, border security and immigration officials, law enforcement and asylum authorities, airport authorities, frequent flyer program operators, embassy and consulate personnel, supporting organizations, as well as technology vendors and experts.”

RT programs increase security, while facilitating travel for passengers who have voluntarily submitted their biometric data and successfully completed a thorough

background check and security threat assessment. The Registered Traveler Forum, organized by Wise Media, is the first global initiative designed to showcase, thanks to a comprehensive conference program and live demonstrations, the technologies and solutions available to provide expedited security screening at airports to passengers.

The Registered Traveler Forum will go live with a two-day conference and exhibition in Paris at the Marriott Paris Rive Gauche on February 28<sup>th</sup>. For further information visit [www.registered-traveler-forum.com](http://www.registered-traveler-forum.com)

The Registered Traveler Forum will premiere at ID WORLD 2006 in Milan on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, with a dedicated session held during the Global Security Forum conference. See the ID WORLD 2006 conference program at [www.idworldonline.com](http://www.idworldonline.com)

#### **About the Registered Traveler Forum**

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#### **About ID WORLD Events**

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