



Meetings of the future

VIRTUAL worlds, Instawalk, driverless cars, a digital interpreter and robot bartenders are some of the innovations set to become tools of the trade, according to a new report.

The "Future Meeting Space" network has released its latest innovation catalogue highlights, detailing innovations in the categories of Society, Didactics & Methodology, Technology, Mobility and Infrastructure predicted to impact the meetings industry in years to come.

For the full report, [CLICK HERE](#).

David Levin snags MBE

DAVID Levin, the owner and managing proprietor of the The Capital Hotel, Knightsbridge in the UK has made The Queen's New Year 2016 Honours List.

Levin has been elevated to the rank of Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to hospitality and youth training.



A FUNERAL company in South Korea has found a new way to bring in business by treating clients to a "death experience" well before their time.

Participants dress in white burial shrouds, write their wills, climb into caskets and wait for a man dressed as an "angel of death" to shut the lid of each casket.

Ten minutes later, they emerge.

The "death experience" program run by Hyowon Healing Centre, is meant to help stressed South Koreans appreciate their lives and plan for their deaths.

Guam targets MICE market

Guam has officially opened the largest meeting and banquet facility in Micronesia, Guam Convention Center in Dusit Thani Guam Resort.

With over 1,169m² of flexible event space and a total of 10 function spaces, The Convention Center can host up to 2,000 guests, with The Grand Ballroom able to accommodate up to 1,000 guests for a seated dinner.

Dusit Thani Guam Resort gm, Dean Huntsman said "we believe we can attract a new type of visitor to Guam and capture some of the MICE market in the region".

The Convention Center has access to Dusit Thani Guam Resort's six restaurants and lounges, including Aqua, an int'l all day dining restaurant with live

cooking stations, Alfredo's Tuscan Steakhouse and Soi, which serves up Thai street food.

The 419-room hotel is set to open six private villa suites in the coming weeks, each with its own private plunge pool, personal concierge service and gym.

Aus Day free events

THE Sydney Opera House will host two free concerts on Australia Day, both which will be broadcast on Channel 10.

The day will start with the Wiggles Australia Day Concert at 10am, followed by Australia Day 2016 - Live at Sydney Opera House at 7:30pm.

For more info on the events, see www.sydneyoperahouse.com.

Frasers' MICE incentive winner



KATH Rawson-Harris from Telstra will spend nine-nights across Frasers Hospitality properties after taking out the 'WIN a Trip to Dubai, Istanbul and Frankfurt' competition.

Rawson-Harris won the prize

by booking and holding a new residential conference at Fraser Suites Sydney.

Pictured are: Stephen Hiramatsu and Elly Wright from Capri by Fraser Brisbane with Kath Rawson-Harris (middle).

Ben on BEN



Each month Business Manager for inPlace Recruitment, Ben Carnegie, writes his observations from the recruiter's perspective to help job hunters find the perfect job. Ben has over 15 years working in five star hotels and the MICE industry and has worked on some of Australia's biggest events.

WORKING in recruitment; it's like having two clients for every piece of work you do, the employer and the candidate.



Both have expectations of each other.

So often recruitment is seen as a one sided affair where it's only up to the candidate to impress their prospective future employer. In a market where experienced candidates are in high demand and short supply, employers must promote their business as number one so when they make a job offer, the candidate chooses them over other companies.

So what do candidates really want? The top three things are: 1. A clearly defined job description 2. Opportunities for advancement/education 3. A competitive salary in line with current market conditions.

When considering hiring new staff and before you begin interviewing ask yourself: Why would someone want to work for 'this company'? It may make the difference to securing top candidates before your competitors do. Happy New Year!

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