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Dear Member,

It is my pleasure to bring to your attention the latest developments in your organisation.

### 2010 IAGA/IAGR CONFERENCE

An exciting and innovative program is being developed for this conference, to be held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC, from October 9 to 13. Agenda items are being developed by the IAGR Program Development Sub-Committee and in consultation with the IAGA. Suggestions for topics are most welcome and can be sent to me at [peter.cohen@vcgr.vic.gov.au](mailto:peter.cohen@vcgr.vic.gov.au).

Please check the IAGR website regularly for more information about the conference.

### NEW VICE CHAIR

Our congratulations go to Serobi Maja, of Limpopo, South Africa, CEO of the Limpopo Gambling Board, on his appointment as our new Vice Chair. Under IAGR by-laws he automatically assumes the position of chair after the Washington conference, thus becoming the first person from Africa to gain this position. For a full list of past chairs please see our website, [www.iagr.org](http://www.iagr.org).

### NEW GROUP IN PUSH FOR GREATER RELEVANCE

As part of a drive to increase the relevance and worth of the IAGR two new sub-committees have been established and a third revamped. These moves are part of a corporate governance initiative which aims to make the IAGR more productive. Members are encouraged to submit to the new Program Development Sub-Committee ideas for programs that could usefully be developed.

A Strategic Review Sub-Committee will consider the future of the IAGR as a whole. As well as looking at forthcoming directions, this group will consider a wide raft of topics, such as our structure, roles and responsibilities.

The work of our By-Laws Sub-Committee is being expanded so that our by-laws will be refreshed and made relevant to today's world. It's become apparent that this important work will be central to the success of much of the IAGR's work as we examine the by-laws to make them up-to-date and appropriate.

As a result of the cancellation of the 2009 IAGA/IAGR Conference, there was no Business Meeting of members. Our by-laws currently do not provide guidance on how to proceed in some areas when there is no Business Meeting. I have asked the By-laws Sub-Committee to address these deficiencies.

All these groups will report to members at the Business Meeting at the Washington Conference in October.

**Peter Cohen**

*IAGR Chair*

### Licensing Deals Warning

Claims of licensing deals by the IAGR should be treated as suspicious, warns IAGR Chairman Peter Cohen. He suggests that any IAGR member confronting similar claims could consider responding in a similar way.

This follows correspondence between a New Zealander and an English firm claiming to be licensed by the IAGR. The New Zealander sent the email exchange to Mr Cohen.

The Lancashire-based firm of Platinum Securities and Special Deliveries wrote to the New Zealander saying he had won money in an "email online category" by a computer ballot of more than 100,000 names. The letter said: "The Grand Promotion Online is approved by the British Gaming Board and also licensed by the International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR)".

But Mr Cohen told the New Zealander the IAGR does not licence or approve any organisation. He added: "I suggest that you exercise extreme caution in any communication or dealing with any such claimant, as they may be acting illegally. To clarify the role of the IAGR, it consists of representatives from gaming regulatory organisations throughout the world and its mission is to advance the effectiveness and efficiency of gaming regulation by providing a forum in which gaming regulators from around the world can meet, exchange views and information and discuss policy issues." The New Zealander was also given the address of the IAGR website.

## SEND YOUR THOUGHTS TO THIS FORUM

A members' only forum has been developed by the IAGR to encourage communication among members. This portal is a great tool for members to keep in touch between conferences.

The site contains useful tools, including a live chat feature, document sharing, a members' forum and a news link.

To get into the site, users need a password, which can be obtained by completing a simple form, which you can get by sending a request to Susan Hensel at [shenseljar@state.pa.us](mailto:shenseljar@state.pa.us).

To make the site as useful as possible, we need your input and ideas for content. Please send any ideas information or links you would like to see posted to [shenseljar@state.pa.us](mailto:shenseljar@state.pa.us).



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