

Employee fraud conference opens this week

The 2009 Southern African Fraud Prevention Service (SAFPS) conference runs at Radisson Hotel, Sandton from 22-23 October 2009. The theme of "Trust Betrayed - The Cancer Within" has drawn international and local speakers.



The conference seeks to explore reasons behind employee dishonesty, while also looking at directors and managers' corporate responsibility regarding internal fraud. Some of the more important employee frauds will be under discussion, while procedures to reduce the risk in the organization of employment application and employee fraud will be raised.

Speakers' line-up

- Mark Jones: EMB UK - Bobbing for (bad) apples or internal fraud in a UK recession
- Nikki Grieve-Top: investigative psychologist; head of fraud, Saga Services Ltd - Investigative psychology, data mining and other tools to identify internal fraud
- Mervyn E King SC: chairperson of the King Committee on corporate governance in South Africa - King III and the new Companies Bill and the duty of fraud prevention
- Martin Welz: editor, *Noseweek* - What you don't read in the mainstream media about employee fraud
- Lindie Engelbrecht: CEO, Institute of Directors Southern Africa - Time for directors to understand more about preventing employee fraud and implementing high-level programmes
- Michael Broughton (conference programme director): Consumer Goods Council of South Africa - Processes and procedures in the FMCG industry to prevent employee fraud
- Hugo van Zyl: head of operations, South African Insurance Bureau - Employee fraud in the short term insurance industry: Are we winning?
- Warwick Benton: head of forensics, FNB - Internal fraud: the banking industry and the need to share reliable fraud data
- Leon Smith: Kroll Background Screening - Background screening: A fraud prevention process that really works
- Peter Goss: director risk advisory services, PriceWaterhouseCoopers - Employee Fraud: Statistical Perspectives
- David Cohen: Memex - Tools for analyzing employee fraud
- Terry Booysen: CEO, CGF Research Institute - Are companies really committed to governance and employee fraud prevention or is it just words
- Jaco de Jager: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners - Benefits of data sharing across the whole fraud spectrum

"Along with identity crime, the problems of employment application fraud and employee fraud are becoming endemic worldwide. South Africa is far from immune from this scourge," says SAFPS executive director Patrick Cunningham.

SAFPS, which aims to be "front-runners in the fight against fraud", is a South African service, which is committed to combating fraud in society and to offering the South African public a means whereby they can protect themselves against impersonation and identity theft. SAFPS provides shared fraud data services to all South Africa's major banks, many retailers, asset finance organisations and micro lenders.

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