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Enabling the Future With OpenTravel Monthly News

OpenTravel is pleased to invite you to its first European event, the **OpenTravel Advisory Forum** upcoming in Amsterdam on April 11-13, co-located with **HITEC Amsterdam**.



The program for the OpenTravel Advisory Forum highlights the benefits of OpenTravel Alliance which is focused on interconnecting verticals throughout the travel industry for you and your business in a setting where you can network, learn, and share with industry leaders and your peers.

Discuss with us and learn how to enable the *Future of the Connected Consumer Experience* with an agenda featuring technology and travel leaders sharing European and global success studies, panels on how to enable the consumer experience in travel and travel distribution with topics of **blockchain, identity, NDC, GDPR, and payment**, and join roundtables on innovation and standards.

Prepare for the OpenTravel Advisory Forum by participating with our **Virtual Hackathon** coming this month and celebrate the winners at the OpenTravel Challenge in Amsterdam.

Overall, benefit from learning the advantages of OpenTravel to enable the future of travel by driving the evolving digital experience for consumers and solving the problems inherent with connecting multiple systems within the complex travel distribution area.

Read on, registration information and details on these events and more are below.

See you in Amsterdam,

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15 Expert Speakers Confirmed for OpenTravel Advisory Forum Amsterdam

OpenTravel has been hard at work coordinating a comprehensive roster of expert speakers to present at the **OpenTravel Advisory Forum Amsterdam**, taking place April 11-12, 2018.

Confirmed forum speakers include:

- Alexander Aigner — *Aigner Art & Consulting GmbH*
- Joao Almeida — *Rail & MASAI*
- Sandy Angel, Director of Specifications — *OpenTravel*
- Paul Armitage, General Manager — *LeGolf National*
- Susanne Auinger, Chairperson — *OpenTravel*
- Emmanuel de Verdalle, Program Manager — *ITxPT Consortium*
- Alvaro Hidalgo, Managing Partner — *First Logic*
- Daniel Johnson — *VENZA*
- Christian Kameir — *International Blockchain and ICO Solutions*
- Brian Lewis, CTO — *OpenJaw*
- Evielien Marlier, Project Officer — *European Passengers' Federation*
- Gene Quinn — *Advisory Board, WayBlazer and OpenTravel*
- Vanni SanVicenti — *International Air Transport Association (IATA)*
- Kevin Thomas, Head of Architecture — *Travelport*
- Mike Tinkey, CEO — *OpenTravel*



OpenTravel invites you to learn more about the forum speakers. Please check back frequently for the latest news and updates, including additional features on these speakers.

Online registration and **housing** are now open.

OpenTravel Specifications on the Move!

The 2.0 Hotel Specification for Hotel Availability and Reservation was recently out for public review. It includes functionality for searching for hotels, checking availability, creating offers and booking reservations.

The member review comment period ended on March 1. The comments are currently being reviewed prior to publication.

For more information, email Sandy Angel at sandy.angel@opentravel.org.



Calling All Developers — Participate in a Virtual Hackathon

OpenTravel is hosting a virtual hackathon to take place this month. APIs will be provided for hotel, air, ground transportation and other travel verticals. Participate as team or solo and submit an innovative application that addresses the hackathon challenge. Winners will receive a cash prize as well as the opportunity to have their application presented at the OpenTravel Advisory Forum, Amsterdam in April.

Contact Sandy Angel at sandy.angel@opentravel.org for more information.



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