

# Winning for Customers

Providing excellent service is more important today than it ever was, and as we know the process needs to start in every company's top management. Which is why we are very pleased to announce that this week Mia Touzin Leffler visited Oslo for three long days working on Linda Ramberg and Kari-Anne Røisland's respective certifications.

Within a month's time both will be certified to coach future customers through the programme on HSMAI's behalf, with more coaches to come.

The updated programme that our certified coaches are to present to our customers has been made available here:

## Prepare to win (PowerPoint presentation)

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The Service Pledge.

If you are interested in learning what this means, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The certification process will be made available to others in London in the end of July. Please see this page:

[hsmi-europe.com/2017/04/27/get-certified-as-an-executive-coach-to-facilitate-service-pledge-workshops/](https://hsmi-europe.com/2017/04/27/get-certified-as-an-executive-coach-to-facilitate-service-pledge-workshops/)

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Have a great day!



Warm regards,  
Ingunn Hofseth  
President & CEO  
HSMIAI Region Europe

*Photo: Workshop situation. Stock photo from PhotoAlto, digitally enhanced by HSMIAI newsdesk.*

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## [Coming to a city near you](#)

**We would like to invite you to join us for an afternoon and evening of education and networking followed by drinks and snacks.**

Its FREE to attend for both HSMIAI members and non members if you are working in the hotel and travel industry.

**See all the invitations in this letter and sign up today!**

**Barcelona:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-in-barcelona-wednesday-may-31st/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-in-barcelona-wednesday-may-31st/)

**Madrid:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-roadshow-in-madrid-thursday-june-1st/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-roadshow-in-madrid-thursday-june-1st/)

**Helsinki:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-in-helsinki-tuesday-june-6th/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-in-helsinki-tuesday-june-6th/)

**Copenhagen:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-in-copenhagen-wednesday-june-7th/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/hsmia-region-europe-in-copenhagen-wednesday-june-7th/)

**Stockholm:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/dont-miss-goran-adlen-in-stockholm-june-8th/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/18/dont-miss-goran-adlen-in-stockholm-june-8th/)

**London:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/09/dont-miss-steven-van-belleghem-in-london/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/09/dont-miss-steven-van-belleghem-in-london/)

**Dublin:** [hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/09/hsmia-region-europe-roadshow-in-dublin/](https://hsmia-europe.com/2017/05/09/hsmia-region-europe-roadshow-in-dublin/)

Have a wonderful evening!

**Ingunn Hofseth**  
**President & CEO**

**HSMIAI Region Europe**

## **About HSMIAI Region Europe**

*HSMIAI – Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International – is a global organisation founded in the US in 1927. The Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIAI) Region Europe is the European arm of the organisation based in London.*

## **Mission**

*The Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIAI) Region Europe is committed to growing business for the*

*hotel, event and travel industry and their partners, and is the industry's leading advocate for intelligent, sustainable revenue growth on a local, national and European level. The association provides practical tools, insights, and cutting edge expertise to enable knowledge sharing and enhance professional development as well as fuel sales, inspire marketing, transform businesses digitally and optimise revenue.*

## **HSMAI Region Europe Service Pledge**

*We pledge to provide transparent and neutral environments*

*We pledge to drive personal and professional growth*

*We pledge to be your industry point of reference*

*We pledge to provide you with cutting edge tools to grow your business*

*We pledge to go above and beyond to engage you*

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## **[Ingunn Weekly: The Service Pledge](#)**

**At our european leadership day in France in September we decided to move on with the development of our important initiative – The Service Pledge. The program consist of workshops, gamifications and Awards.**

This week we have been in Spain, hosting the first internal pilot workshop for the service pledge together with a few

potential trainers. Mia Touzin is HSMIAI Region Europe Education Adviser and she works part time for us. She is the Former Field Leader, Hospitality and Event Management degree programmes at the University of West London. She also has background from the industry as well as from Glion in Switzerland. She has been developing the program for us and also facilitating the workshop and we have gone through all the material and the well documented model to work out a company's service pledge. During the workshop we have also worked out a proposal for HSMIAI Region Europe Service Pledge. More about that later.

**Here is a little more information on why we are doing this:**

In business today it's all about the customer experience. Everything is getting more and more transparent and margins for errors are so small. Even if the customers are the most valued assets, there is not so common for companies to have their own service pledge. Most companies have a vision and a set of values. We believe it should be equally important to have a service pledge – what customers can expect from us – and also to communicate that to their customers.

We introduced the program during our leadership day in France and got very good feedback and among other that this will become amongst the best programs we have ever done. In our conference in Amsterdam, the ROC & DOC at the 29th and 30th we will introduce the program. Our role (Mia) will be to certify trainers that will act on our behalf in different countries and we are working on the business model as we speak

**Next step will be a meeting in Amsterdam March 30th. See here:**

Introduction to The Service Pledge, how to become a certified trainer and to learn about the benefits to your organisation  
Sign up here: <http://hsmairoc.eu/think-tanks/>

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The leading meeting place of the industry.

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## **Values**

Our values show in all we do – from the development of activities to communication with our members and partners.

Engaging

Enabling

Connecting

Have a great weekend!



Warm regards,

Ingunn Hofseth

President & CEO

HSMIAI Region Europe

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## Mike Leven

Yesterday some of us were lucky enough to spend more or less the entire day with Mike Leven. Few, if any, fascinate me more than him. He is one of the most prominent US hotel icons, but it is his warmth, wisdom, humility and commitment to leadership, customer service, which is quite unique, and the way he works to improve and empower those around him, that really makes him stand out.

Mike has been working internationally all his life, and is up-to-date in most areas, including politics. I have had the distinct pleasure to have him as my mentor for three years, and counting, but now it's time to take it to the next stage, coaching future mentors for the HSMAI Region Europe Mentor programme.

"Everybody" wants a piece of Mike Leven, who is more than happy to share his fortune with worthy benefactors. HSMAI in America received USD 1.5 million, and named their *Leadership Day* after him.

The University of Florida just recently received USD five million. Mike Hampton, Dean of Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida International University shared parts of the day with us yesterday, and today we're returning the visit.

We are really looking forward to that. If you're interested in becoming or to have a mentor, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please also see this presentation on The Service Pledge, which is another big HSMAI Region Europe project (click the icon):



We wish you a terrific weekend!



Warm regards,  
Ingunn Hofseth  
President & CEO  
HSMIAI Region Europe

*Top photograph: Young Ngyuen, Founder and CEO, d2o, Brigitte Gruber, Founder and Managing Director, Reburg & Partners; Per Griwel, VP Commercial, Thon Hotels; Mike Leven, Volunteer CEO, Georgia Aquarium; Ingunn Hofseth, President and CEO, HSMIAI Region Europe; Mike Hampton, Dean, Florida International University; Jarle Moen, Thief Executive Officer, THE THIEF; Roksel Miha, PA and Project Manager, HSMIAI Region Europe, in Florida, 17 January 2017.*

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**Ingunn Weekly: Corporate Culture**



**We at HSMAI Region Europe are very lucky to work with many not only knowledgeable but also supportive and positive people.**

As well as our team members, also many of our advisors and supporters bring such wonderful positive energy to each meeting and call, and we can count on their support in the good times and the bad. This is very important to us: we want to work with people with a positive attitude. This is not to wash away potential issues or disagreements as we are always open for feedback and work for the best for the industry. But the people we work closely with, like our own team, always stand behind HSMAI and lift each other up. Together we ensure that we keep growing and developing – and don't forget to have some fun too!

**With this I wish you all very happy holidays and a positive and successful New Year 2017!**



Warm regards,  
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President & CEO  
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## **Season's Greetings**

**HSMAI Region Europe wants to thank you for a wonderful year. 2016 has seen many great events, activities and ideas. We can't wait to continue our work with you in 2017!**

**Wishing you Happy Holidays and All the Best for the New Year 2017!**

**From HSMAI Region Europe team:**

Ingunn Hofseth, President & CEO

Roksela Miha, PA to President & CEO and Project Manager

Benedicte Gilroy Bøgh, Office Manager

Linda M. Ramberg, Project Manager

Kaisla Saastamoinen, Education Manager

Jarle Petterson, Communications Officer

Egil Kaland, Controller

Hans Poortvliet, Managing Director HSMAI Netherlands

## Full focus on Stockholm

*Photo: Edward Rogers, Account Manager, Avvio, Jan Lundberg, Vice President Revenue Management & Distribution, Scandic Hotels and a member of HSMIAI Region Europe Revenue Management Advisory Board; and Ingunn Hofseth, President & CEO, HSMIAI Region Europe, at the Distribution & Marketing Strategy Conference in Stockholm on 10 November 2016.*

**We were close to 80 people at HSMIAI Region Europe's very first full-day conference in Stockholm yesterday, with a lot of attendees from corporate offices and independent hotels.**

We are very happy with that and it's very promising for the future in Sweden. We will be listening to our growing number of members in Sweden, working directly in the hotel, travel and event industry, in order to plan our many future activities there.

We will be in Stockholm for two days at the end of this month to work out how HSMIAI Region Europe will best serve our growing number of members in Sweden. We will put a plan together with them for 2017-2018.

Since our membership consists of members on different levels, we need activities for both corporate and unit level members. We will have different types of events specifically for example for C-level personnel, Sales and Marketing Directors, Revenue Managers, General Managers and many more.

If you are interested in being involved with us and our activities in Sweden, please contact us on [postbox@hsmiai.eu](mailto:postbox@hsmiai.eu)

Have a nice weekend!



Warm regards,  
Ingunn Hofseth  
President & CEO  
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## **[Sign up now: Amsterdam 29th and 30th March 2017](#)**

In between our many events this autumn we at HSMIAI Region Europe have been working on our plans for Amsterdam at end of March 2017. As many of you have heard and can [read more about the partnership in our press release here](#), we are co-locating some of our annual key events with HITEC Amsterdam, taking

# **place at RAI Convention Centre in Amsterdam on 28th to 30th March 2017.**

By co-locating our events with HITEC Amsterdam we are looking forward to continuing the great partnership we have with HFTP who are the organisers of the world's largest Hospitality Industry Technology Exposition and Conference (HITEC) which brings together over 5,500 individuals from the hospitality technology community and is held each year in a different city in the United States. HITEC Amsterdam will be a smaller version of the same concept taking place in Europe. Frank Wolfe, the CEO of HFTP is so innovative and hard-working, and we look forward to working closely with his team on the events.

On Wednesday 29th March we will organise our 7th Annual HSMAI Region Europe Revenue Optimization Conference (ROC Europe) as well as our Digital and Distribution Conference (DOC Europe), the two events bringing together industry leaders and top professionals in Revenue Management, Digital Marketing and Distribution across Europe. The conferences are followed by our annual HSMAI Region Europe Awards in the same evening.

On Thursday 30th March we organise several by-invitation-only Think Tanks of about 15 people each on the following topics: Revenue Management, Distribution, Digital Marketing, Customer Loyalty and Relationship Management, Sales, Service Operation, and Event Marketing. The Think Tanks are for high-level professionals working directly in the hospitality industry and some of our sponsors. After the morning of individual Think Tanks, over a 2 hours long working lunch the groups come together to share and discuss the key takeaways.

We look forward to these events and look forward to seeing many of you there!

[Sign up already now for DOC here to secure Early Bird Rate](#)

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**Have a wonderful day!**



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**[See you soon in Stockholm!](#)**

**Soon, on Thursday 10th November we will have our first Distribution & Marketing Strategy Conference in Stockholm. [See the fantastic programme and sign up here](#)**

Distribution is one of the topics HSMIAI Region Europe has concentrated on during this year and we are happy to have our [Distribution Advisory Board](#) in action. Some of the Advisory Board members will join us for the conference as well, and besides local Swedish and Nordic attendees we will

also have other pan-European attendees joining us for the day. Besides holding our first Distribution & Marketing Strategy Conference, we are also excited as we have had other meetings in Sweden before but this is our first full-day conference that we will hold there. We look forward to many more.

See you in Stockholm on 10th November!

**Have a wonderful weekend!**



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## [Customer Loyalty](#)

**We have been contacted by a hotel chain that would like us to put together an advisory board focusing on customer loyalty and relationship management. These**

**topics have been on our internal agenda too for some time and we are happy to start forming a group focusing on loyalty and customer relationships.**

These themes do come up often in many of our events and activities, and we know they are interesting and important for many of you in the hospitality industry. Please contact us at [postbox@hsmi.eu](mailto:postbox@hsmi.eu) if you or someone in your company would like to join the advisory board and to be involved in working on these themes moving forward.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**



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