

ECA Security & Safety Workshop to be held during Global Table Games & Game Protection Conference

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The [European Casino Association \(ECA\)](#) will conduct its 2024 *Security & Safety Working Group* meeting in conjunction with the [Global Table Games & Game Protection Conference](#) at the [Hippodrome Casino](#) in London from **November 18th to 20th**.

This collaboration marks a significant expansion of the ECA's annual *Security & Safety Working Group* meeting, now encompassing a broader range of crucial industry topics.

The GTGC/GGPC will address an array of subjects vital to the European casino industry, including Security & Safety, Safer Gambling Practices, Customer Experience Enhancement, Game Protection Strategies and Technological Advancements in Casino Operations.

Guido Berghmans, ECA Board Member, Working Group Leader and Director of Casino 2000 Luxembourg, says: "We are pleased to integrate our ECA Security & Safety Workshop with this conference.

"The GTGC/GGPC Euro provides members with a valuable opportunity to engage with security experts and gain insights into the latest developments in game protection and secure casino operations."

The GTGC/GGPC, organised by game protection expert **Richard Marcus**, is making its European debut following three successful years in Las Vegas. The event will feature a distinguished line-up of speakers, including **Simon Thomas**, ECA Board Member and Executive Chairman of the Hippodrome Casino; **Ted Whiting**, Corporate VP of Surveillance & Asset Protection for MGM Resorts International; **Mike Matranga**, former Secret Service agent and founder of M6 Global Defense Group, **Richard Noble**, COO at Crown UK; **Michael Boettcher**, industry veteran and President of Storm International; and last but not least, conference organiser **Richard Marcus**.

Marcus is considered to have been the most significant professional casino cheat of all time. He turned the tables to become a casino game protection consultant and trainer with clients worldwide.

Beginning his career as a blackjack dealer in Las Vegas, he later became infamous for his ingenious cheating methods. He then dedicated this expertise to helping casinos worldwide improve their security measures and game protection strategies.

Richard Marcus speaks French and German, enhancing his ability to communicate with a diverse European audience.

The conference will address current security risks in casinos and the methods to detect and prevent fraud and manipulation. Key topics include AI in surveillance, facial recognition technology and cybersecurity.

Additionally, the conference will cover other relevant subjects, making it appealing not only to Security Managers but also to all executives in European casino companies.

Guido Berghmans adds: "This collaboration between the ECA and GTGC/GGPC underscores our commitment to advancing security and safety standards in the European casino industry.

"We encourage all members to attend and recommend that European land-based casino operations consider sending their key employees to participate in this conference."

As part of this collaborative effort, on **November 20th**, Managers of ECA member casinos responsible for security and safety will convene with experts and relevant consultants at their annual *Security & Safety Working Group* meeting to exchange experiences from the past year and discuss improved casino security practices.

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