

# BANK NOTE

THE DEFINITIVE FORUM ON EMERGING TRENDS AND LEADING TECHNOLOGIES IN THE BANKNOTE INDUSTRY

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## Banknote 2003 Records 300 Participants

Welcome to Banknote 2003 – the largest yet with a record attendance of over 300 people from the world of banknotes and banknote technologies.

The philosophy for the conference is the same now as when it first started back in 1998 – that is, to provide a working forum where the sole focus is the banknote industry and where information and views on emerging trends and leading technologies can be discussed and exchanged.

The banknote arena is a highly specialized one – sensitive, secure and technically-driven – and we need an open venue which will allow us collectively and without distraction to discuss and take the industry forward. Banknote 2003 provides this forum.

Since it started, we have seen a 50% increase in attendance conference on conference, showing that the demand and need for this type of event remains strong, and that the banknote industry is more buoyant and dynamic than ever before. We make the quality of our program and attendance a hallmark of the conference and, at a time of increased criminal and terrorist activity and growing economic and political uncertainty, this has resonated within the industry.

We have various innovations for this year's event – such as the biometric smart card identification system for delegates and (if he is not called away on duty) the visit by Mike from the U.S. Secret Service (our first four-legged delegate, who is playing a crucial role in the fight against counterfeiting).

Banknote 2003 is also, for the first time, being supported by a daily newsletter recapping the events of each day and providing information and news throughout the conference. We are delighted to offer this in conjunction with the team from Currency News, the first

newsletter for our industry. Its editors – Astrid Mitchell and Ian Lancaster – share our philosophy on the need for vehicles (in our case this conference and in their case the newsletter) for the exchange of information which are specific to our industry. We welcome them and the support the Currency News/Banknote 2003 newsletter will give to the conference.

We have a tightly-packed agenda going through the coming four days, which includes two visits; one, to the Currency Technology Office of the US Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, underscoring our commitment to and focus on technology solutions to the efficient and secure production and distribution of banknotes and other to the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing where you will have an opportunity to see one of the busiest and most complex secure printing operations in the world.

Although we have an intensive program and a wide range of topics to cover and digest, we recognize that networking and catching up with colleagues is also an important feature of our conferences. There will be plenty of opportunity to do so during the breaks, bus rides and cocktail receptions each evening, where we can carry on the discussions of each day in a more informal and relaxed atmosphere.

## Sponsors & Exhibitors

The exhibition area of Banknote 2003 provides the opportunity for delegates to see for themselves some of the technologies and systems which are being used in the fight against counterfeiting. Banknote 2003 would like to thank the sponsors for their support of the conference and for providing this opportunity:

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In addition to our sponsors, the US Secret Service has a booth where they will have many interesting items to show you. We are very pleased to have them as part of the exhibition.

My colleagues Tony Poole and Jill Caiazzo will be on hand throughout Banknote 2003 so please come and introduce yourselves. We wish you an instructive, productive and also an enjoyable Banknote 2003.

John Hanley  
Chairman, Banknote 2003

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## Currency News

Currency News is delighted to support Banknote 2003 with a daily report and analysis of the developments taking place each day throughout the conference.

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The first issue of Currency News came out in January and we will be publishing ten times year – providing

news, analysis and commentary on the issues and developments affecting the evolution and management of currency with the frequency and regularity that this specialised and fast-moving field deserves.

The February issue will contain a variety of features, interviews and news articles, as well as a review of the developments arising out of Banknote 2003. To underline our support of Banknote 2003, we are offering a 10% discount on the annual subscription rate to all delegates. Please come and see us at the Currency News desk to take advantage of this special offer.

The two editors – Ian Lancaster and Astrid Mitchell – will be on hand throughout the conference. We look forward to talking to you and providing a daily review and commentary on Banknote 2003.

## Biometric Smart Card Entry System

If you are reading this, we hope you have already experienced one of the innovations at this year's Banknote 2003 – the smart card registration system. This biometric smart card system for delegate identification and entry is in use at Banknote 2003 courtesy of Giesecke & Devrient and Maximus. The cards, issued on registration, con-

tain the delegate's fingerprint along with personal details on a chip and must be presented on entry to any of the Banknote 2003 events. These cards cannot be transferred or altered in any way, enhancing the security of the conference by providing a fail-safe way of ensuring that only those delegates who have registered can gain admittance.

## Man's Best Friend

The loyalty, devotion, intelligence and obedience of dogs, along with their remarkable powers of smell, have long been harnessed for a variety of good causes – search and rescue operations, guidance for the blind and deaf and drug detection, to name a few. They are also helping in the fight against counterfeit banknotes, as Josh Zlotnik and Doug Albright from the US Secret Service

Canine Counterfeit Detection Service will explain in their presentation on Monday. Their canine colleagues will be represented by Mike the sniffer dog, who shows that time-honoured traditional methods have their place alongside technological solutions to counterfeiting. We welcome them all, and look forward to hearing more about how Mike and his friends are working together with their human colleagues to track down and root out counterfeiting.

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