

Our Experts

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Patrick Delaney
Managing Director
Ovation Global DMC

Following his degree in Hospitality Management Patrick worked for the Irish Tourist Board for many years in Ireland and the US. He returned to Ireland in the early 90s to run the highly successful Adare Festival and worked as Sales and Marketing Director for the five star Adare Manor.

An icon in the incentive and meetings industry, Delaney was the first non-US international president of Site (Society of Incentive and Travel Executives). He is also the only Irish person to be recognised by Conference & Incentive Travel (UK) for inclusion in their Power 50 list; a directory of the most inspirational industry people in the UK and Ireland. Patrick regularly receives awards at the meeting and events industry's premier shows, EIBTM and IMEX. He is a much sought after speaker for industry events and continues to give regular seminars and lectures across all five continents.

Padraic Gilligan
Managing Director
Ovation Global DMC

Padraic started Delaney Marketing with Patrick Delaney in 1993. Before that he was a teacher at secondary and university level and is one of many "italofiles" on the Ovation team. Padraic and Patrick have grown Ovation from a two man operation in 1993 into the 100 person business they currently run.

A Past President of the Society of Incentive and Travel Executives (Site), Padraic is a regular speaker at industry events, seminars and conferences worldwide. Most recently, he has been invited to join the Advisory Board of Special Events Magazine.

Not wanting to be outdone by Patrick Delaney, Padraic also receives regular awards at the annual EIBTM and IMEX trade shows. To get a taste of his writing style, check out www.padraicino.wordpress.com

Hugo Slimbrouck
Director of Strategic
Partnerships

Belgium-born Hugo brings over 30 years sales and marketing experience in international hotel groups, convention bureau management, destination management, corporate meetings, conferences and incentive travel to the Ovation Global DMC team.

Another Past President of Site, Hugo was elected to a seat on the international board for two consecutive three-year terms since 2002. Having spent seven years on the Site Board and Executive Committee he is now a permanent representative of Site within the JMIC (Joint Meetings Industry Council). Further confirming his status as a leading industry expert, Hugo was named the Meetings Industry Personality of the Year 2010 by the members of MPI Belgium.

