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“ASIS International accepting nominations for European Award for Distinguished Contributions to Societal Security”

Brussels, Belgium (11 December 2008) ASIS International has announced that it will be accepting nominations for its **2009 European Award for Distinguished Contributions to Societal Security**.

The ASIS International European Award recognises significant contributions to advancing security in Europe. It is the European security profession's most prestigious recognition of contributions to societal security, awarded to high-visibility candidates from the public and private sectors, including senior public officials, politicians and corporate leaders.

The recipient must be an individual or group, highly regarded in Europe, having made a significant contribution to security in Europe. Nominations may be submitted by any individual, groups or associations and may include self-nominations. The nominator must submit a written narrative detailing the nominee's contributions deserving of recognition and outlining why the nominee makes a worthy recipient.

All nominations must be received by the ASIS International European Bureau in Brussels by 15 January 2009.

The award will be presented to Mr. Randall at ASIS International's 7th European Security Conference which will take place in Barcelona on 13-16 April 2008.

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Background:

Previous winners of the European Award include:
2008 – Mr Don Randall MBE
2007 – Mr Wim Philippa
2006 – Mr David Burrell

Mr. Randall was nominated for the award in connection with his development and harmonisation of a major public-private initiative - Project Griffin – aimed at supporting both business and citizen communities whilst providing additional resources to the public police forces. In addition to now being a UK wide resource, the Project Griffin has been taken up in the USA (Project Shield), Australia, South Africa and Hong Kong.

Mr. Don Randall commented: *“This is really a splendid piece of news and a complete surprise. It will be my honour to accept”*.

The basic objectives of Project Griffin are the following:

- In times of catastrophe, private security steps up to supplement the resources of the police (barrier duties, etc) thus allowing the police to focus on critical tasks
- On a weekly basis, thousands of private security officers and police share intelligence on criminals and the criminal *modus operandi* they are interested in identifying



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- Counter terrorism surveillance training is delivered by police resources to private security officers as part of the project and feedback on suspicious movements is provided by private security officers to their local coordinator.

Whilst there have been local projects of coordination between public and private security, this is the first global footprint that has been developed with the highest levels of support within the government and law enforcement community.

The ASIS International European Person of the Year Award is presented each year to recognise outstanding accomplishments advancing the security profession in Europe. The nominee should be highly regarded in Europe and known to be a strong contributor to the improvement of the standing and image of the security profession. Last year's winner was Mr. Wim Philippa, Secretary General of the European Roundtable of Industrialists.

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About ASIS International:

ASIS International (ASIS) is the pre-eminent organisation for professionals responsible for security, with more than 36,000 members worldwide. Founded in 1955, ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programmes and materials that address broad security interests, such as the ASIS International Annual Seminar and Exhibits, as well as specific security topics. ASIS also advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, the media, governmental entities and the general public. By providing members and the security community with access to a full range of programmes and services, and by publishing the industry's leading magazine, *Security Management*, ASIS leads the way for advanced and improved security performance. For more information, visit www.asisonline.org and www.asisonline.eu.