



INDUSTRY GROUP FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING (IGRG)

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IGRG New Chairman for 2016

The Industry Group for Responsible Gambling (IGRG) has today announced the appointment of John Hagan as the new IGRG Chairman, which is effective from 1st January 2016.

John Hagan is a founding partner of the specialist gambling law firm Harris Hagan, based in the City of London. John has advised many of the world's largest gambling operators as well as governments and trade associations. John is an Officer of the International Association of Gaming Advisors, a member of International Masters of Gaming Law and is the Deputy Chairman of GamCare, the leading problem gambling charity in the UK.

Barry Hardy, the outgoing Chairman, commented that *"Selecting the right candidate to lead the five key gambling associations in Great Britain has been a thoughtful process. The five CEOs from the trade associations set a brief to find a high calibre individual with gambling knowledge and expertise, combined with a key focus on our social responsibility agenda. The five CEOs concurred that John provided an excellent fit for this profile and are delighted with John's acceptance of the Chairman's position."*

John Hagan on accepting the appointment as IGRG Chairman said, *"I am delighted to be asked to 'take up the baton' from Barry Hardy and to continue the excellent work with the IGRG team. IGRG has recently been incorporated, demonstrating the commitment from its members to continue to work together as a single body on shared key projects from their social responsibility agenda. Barry has clearly been a key force in the operation and successes of IGRG and this is demonstrated in the high profile it enjoys within the gambling sector, with operators, social responsibility organisations*

and regulators alike. I intend to carry on the good work as we move in to 2016.”

Notes to Editors

About IGRG

Established in March 2014, the aim of IGRG is to promote socially responsible gambling within the British gambling industry, in support of the three licensing objectives in Section 1 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The IGRG is comprised of the Association of British Bookmakers (ABB); British Amusement Machine Association (BACTA); The Bingo Association (BA); National Casino Forum (NCF); and Remote Gambling Association (RGA).

These trade bodies each represent businesses whose primary purpose is the provision of gambling opportunities; whose members reflect the spectrum of gambling businesses and thus have a detailed understanding of their respective areas.

IGRG's member associations represent some 640 operators and 8,500 licensed premises across the gambling industry.

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