# Three Projects Illustrate Diverse Gala Technology Benefits

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## Gala Moving Floor System highlights Edinburgh's EICC expansion

May 2013 saw the opening of the highly flexible and beautifully designed Lennox Suite at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, which offers complete flexibility in a 1,600m² multi-purpose hall with unique flexible flooring system supported by over 200 stainless steel Spiralift columns. This enables rapid and automatic transformation, using a hand held operator's control station, into many configurations ranging from raked auditorium, flat floor banquet hall, tiered banquet, catwalk, center–stage arena and even division into three separate rooms. "Almost anything is possible", says EICC CEO Hans H. Rissman.

Gala Systems initially started working with CEO Hans H. Rissmann and the EICC team in 2002 to develop the multipurpose venue. Along with the moving floor system there has been a significant investment in audio-visual technology including a cutting-edge lighting gantry and presentation equipment which allows various different stage lighting positions through-out the multiuse facility and several stages and events running concurrently within the Suite.



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## Gala's Automated Venue System at the MCEC running successfully since 2009

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) Plenary Hall Gala Venue System has been running since 2009, allowing for flexible arrangement of the seating and flooring into a wide variety of configurations without any manual handling. Approximately 1,600 seats can be automatically reconfigured in less than an hour. Fourty two independent seating rows can be raised, lowered, and set to a fixed elevation in tiered or flat floors with many combinations in between. There are four or five transformations per week, and both operators and the marketing team are pleased with the number of transformations and the versatility and speed of concurrent and consecutive events.

## Gala Automated Venue System at The Swiss Tech Convention Center opens in May 2014

Scheduled to open in May 2014, The Swiss Tech Convention Center is located on the campus of the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne at Ecublens. Primarily dedicated to hosting scientific and academic events the Center has a total capacity of 3,000 attendees: a 2,205-seat conference room with a 795-seat balcony that can be separated by up to three movable walls. Equipped with the latest in Gala Venue reconfiguration technology, The Swiss Tech Convention Center can be automatically reconfigured from a full conference auditorium to a 1/2 capacity seminar room to an exhibition hall or a banquet room (flat floor configuration) in about 15 minutes; each seat is also fitted with a keypad system and power plug.

The MCEC Plenary, EICC Lennox Suite and STCC Venue will be icons of flexible transformable auditoriums that will lead the development of future conference centers for many years.

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