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Matej Drašček,
predsednik IIA Slovenija

Spoštovani

z velikim veseljem vas v imenu IIA Slovenija pozdravljam na 15. mednarodno konferenco IIA – Slovenskega inštituta.

Letošnja konferenca nosi naslov »Od skladnosti do strateške vrednosti: notranja revizija, ki spreminja organizacije«. Z izbrano temo želimo poudariti, da sodobna notranja revizija presega svojo tradicionalno vlogo spremljanja skladnosti in postaja vse pomembnejši partner pri ustvarjanju vrednosti, krepitvi upravljanja, obvladovanju tveganj ter podpori organizacijskim spremembam.

Program konference bo združil priznane domače in mednarodne strokovnjake, ki bodo osvetlili najaktualnejše teme našega poklica: umetno inteligenco, digitalizacijo, podatkovno analitiko, korporativno upravljanje, etiko in integriteto, organizacijsko kulturo, trajnost ter pomen mehkih veščin pri delu notranjih revizorjev. Prepričan sem, da bo konferenca ponudila številne strokovne uvide, praktične izkušnje in priložnosti za razmislek o prihodnji vlogi notranje revizije v hitro spreminjajočem se okolju.

Konferenca je tudi priložnost za povezovanje, izmenjavo dobrih praks in krepitev naše strokovne skupnosti. Veseli me, da bomo tudi letos na Bledu gostili ugledne govorce iz Slovenije in tujine ter skupaj ustvarili prostor za kakovostno razpravo o tem, kako lahko notranja revizija še bolj prispeva k uspehu in odpornosti organizacij.

Veselim se srečanja z vami na Bledu ali preko spleta.

S spoštovanjem,

Matej Drašček

Predsednik

IIA Slovenija – Slovenski inštitut

Dear colleagues

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of IIA Slovenia, to welcome you to the 15th International Conference of IIA Slovenia.

This year's conference is titled "From Compliance to Strategic Value: Internal Audit that Transforms Organizations." With this theme, we wish to emphasize that modern internal auditing goes far beyond its traditional compliance-focused role. It is increasingly becoming a strategic partner in value creation, governance enhancement, risk oversight, and organizational transformation.

The conference program will bring together distinguished Slovenian and international speakers addressing some of the most relevant topics for our profession today: artificial intelligence, digitalization, data analytics, corporate governance, ethics and integrity, organizational culture, sustainability, and the growing importance of soft skills in internal auditing. I am confident that the conference will offer valuable professional insights, practical perspectives, and meaningful reflection on the future role of internal audit in a rapidly changing environment.

The conference is also an important opportunity for professional exchange, networking, and strengthening our international audit community. I am especially pleased that, once again, Bled will host renowned experts from Slovenia and abroad, creating a forum for substantive discussion on how internal audit can contribute even more effectively to resilient, well-governed, and successful organizations.

I look forward to meeting you in Bled or online.

Kind regards,
Matej Drašček
President
IIA Slovenia



Program

ČETRTEK, 21. maj 2026

Govorec

8:30-9:00	Registracija		
9:00 - 9:15	Uvodni nagovor	Matej Drašček	Predsednik, IIA Slovenija
9:15-9:55	Revizor nove generacije: kako preživeti vpliv umetne inteligence*	Alexander Rühle	Direktor in soustanovitelj, zapliance, Nemčija
9:55-10:35	Praktične izkušnje pri revidiranju trajnosti v javnem sektorju*	Markus Erlmoser	Direktor notranje revizije, Ministrstvo za finance, Avstrija
10:35 - 11:15	Slikanje in odmor		
11:15-11:55	Od skladnosti do zaupanja prek notranje revizije: vzpostavljanje inteligentnega revizijskega ekosistema*	Vijay Raghavendar	Direktor notranje revizije, UBER, Nizozemska
11:55-12:10	Na poti k zrelosti notranje revizije: Pet opaženih vzorcev v visoko zrelih funkcijah notranje revizije*	AUNETHIC	
12:10 -12:50	Z roba igrišča v središče dogajanja: kako razkriti boleče točke notranje revizije za večji vpliv*	Ursula Schmidt	Ustanoviteljica, Schmidt Advisory, Luksemburg
12:50-13:30	Prihodnost notranje revizije v dobi umetne inteligence*	Lior Segal	Vodja notranje revizije, Bezeq, Izrael
13:30-15:00	Kosilo		
15:00-15:40	Izkušnje s krepitvijo integritete v praksi	Robert Šumi	Nekdanji predsednik, Komisija za preprečevanje korupcije, Slovenija
15:40-15:55	Sponzor / Enotna revizijska platforma: od podatkovno podprte revizije do revizijske sledi*	DextraData	
15:55-16:35	Sodelovanje med generacijami: povezovanje izkušenj in novih pričakovanj	Monika Lapanja	Svetovalka, Center poslovne odličnosti Ekonomske fakultete, Slo.
16:45	Zbor članov		

PETEK, 22. maj 2026

9:00-9:40	Krizno upravljanje: vloga notranje revizije v času vojne*	Abdulqader Obaid Ali	Partner in Global izvršni direktor, Manav Energy & Predsednik upravnega odbora, IIA ZAE
09:40-10:20	Prihodnost notranje revizije je zdaj*	Marc Eulerich	Profesor in predstojnik katedre za notranje revidiranje, Univerza Duisburg-Essen & Dekan Mercator šole za management, Nemčija
10:20-11:00	Boj proti finančnemu kriminalu v Singapurju – sodelovalen pristop*	Richard Dyason	Izvršni direktor, IIA Singapur, Singapur
11:00-11:30	Odmor		
11:30-12:10	Kako kot revizor razumeti in pomagati razvijati organizacijsko kulturo?	Miha Škerlavaj	Profesor managementa, Ekonomska fakulteta, Slovenija & Profesor, BI Norwegian Business School, Norveška
12:10-13:00	Vpeljava akta EU o umetni inteligenci v poslovanje	Mojca Trstenjak	Vodja skladnosti poslovanja, Banka Slovenije, Slovenija
13:00	Zaključek		

*Predavanje bo potekalo v angleškem jeziku

Programme

THURSDAY, 21st May

8:30-9:00	Registration		
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome speech	Matej Drašček	President, IIA Slovenia
9:15-9:55	NxtGenAuditor: How to Survive the AI Impact	Alexander Rühle	CEO and Founder, zapliance, Germany
9:55-10:35	Practical Experience on Auditing Sustainability in the Public Sector	Markus Erlmoser	Chief Audit Executive, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
10:35 - 11:15	Break and photo		
11:15-11:55	From Compliance to Confidence through IA: Building an Intelligent Audit Ecosystem	Vijay Raghavendar	Director of Internal Audit, UBER, Netherlands
11:55-12:10	On the Path to Audit Maturity: Five Observed Patterns in High-Maturity Internal Audit Functions	AUNETHIC	
12:10 -12:50	From Sideline to Playing Field: Unboxing Internal Audit's Pain Points for Greater Impact	Ursula Schmidt	Founder, Schmidt Advisory, Luxemburg
12:50-13:30	The Future of Internal Audit in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	Lior Segal	Chief Audit Executive, Bezeq, Izrael
13:30-15:00	Lunch		
15:00-15:40	Practical Experience in Strengthening Integrity*	Robert Šumi	Former President, Commission for the Prevention of Corruption, Slo.
15:40-15:55	Sponsor / One-Stop Audit Platform: From Data-Driven Auditing to the Audit Trail	DextraData	
15:55-16:35	Intergenerational Collaboration: Connecting Experience and New Expectations*	Monika Lapanja	Consultant, Center of Business Excellence of School of Economics and Business, Slovenia
16:45	Assembly of IIA Slovenia		

FRIDAY, 22nd May

9:00-9:40	Crisis Management: The Role of Internal Audit in Times of War	Abdulqader Obaid Ali	Partner and Global CEO, Manay Energy & President of the Board, IIA UAE
09:40-10:20	The Future of Internal Audit Is Now!	Marc Eulerich	President and Chair of Internal Audit Academic Unit, University of Duisburg-Essen & Dean, Mercator School of Management, Germany
10:20-11:00	Combating Financial Crime in Singapore – A Collaborative Approach	Richard Dyason	Executive Director, IIA Singapore, Singapore
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-12:10	How Can Auditors Understand and Help Develop Organizational Culture?*	Miha Škerlavaj	Professor of Management, School of Economics and Business, Slovenia & Professor, BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
12:10-13:00	Implementing the EU Artificial Intelligence Act in Business Operations*	Mojca Trstenjak	Chief Compliance Officer, Bank of Slovenia, Slovenia
13:00	Closing remarks		

*Presentation will be in Slovene with translation via ZOOM.



Alexander Rühle

*CEO and Founder, zapliance,
Germany*

*Direktor in ustanovitelj,
zapliance, Nemčija*

Revizor nove generacije: kako preživeti vpliv umetne inteligence

Predavanje bo pokazalo, kako umetna inteligenca spreminja delo notranjih revizorjev in zakaj ta sprememba pomeni tudi priložnost, ne le tveganja. Govorec bo predstavil, katere kompetence bo moral razviti revizor nove generacije, da bo ostal relevanten in prepoznaven v digitalnem okolju. Poseben poudarek bo na praktičnih korakih, s katerimi lahko revizorji že danes nadgradijo svoj način dela. Obravnavani bodo vplivi umetne inteligence na analitiko, presojo tveganj, komunikacijo rezultatov in dodano vrednost revizijske funkcije.

Alexander Ruehle je izvršni direktor in soustanovitelj podjetja zapliance ter priznan strokovnjak za umetno inteligenco, podatkovno analitiko in SAP na področju notranje revizije ter računovodstva. Ima bogate praktične izkušnje pri podpori organizacijam pri krepitvi zaupanja v njihove upravljalvske in kontrolne okvire. Kot certificirani notranji revizor in strokovnjak za informacijske sisteme je znan po tem, da zahtevne tehnološke teme pretvori v uporabne rešitve za prakso. Je tudi zelo aktiven predavatelj in avtor strokovnih vsebin, ki jih deli s široko mednarodno skupnostjo.

NxtGenAuditor: How to Survive the AI Impact

The session will show how artificial intelligence is reshaping the work of internal auditors and why this shift should be seen as an opportunity rather than only a threat. The speaker will outline the capabilities that the next-generation auditor will need in order to remain relevant, visible, and impactful in a technology-driven environment. Particular attention will be given to practical steps that auditors can take today to modernize the way they work. The presentation will address the effect of AI on analytics, risk assessment, communication of results, and the overall value proposition of internal audit.

Alexander Ruehle is the CEO and co-founder of zapliance and a recognized expert in artificial intelligence, data analytics, and SAP for internal audit and accounting. He brings extensive hands-on experience in helping organizations strengthen trust in their governance and control frameworks. As a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Information Systems Auditor, he is known for translating complex technology topics into practical solutions for the profession. He is also an active speaker and thought leader who engages a broad international audience through his professional insights and commentary.



Markus Erlmoser

*Chief Audit Executive, Federal
Ministry of Finance, Austria*

*Direktor notranje revizije,
Zvezno ministrstvo za finance,
Avstrija*

Praktične izkušnje pri revidiranju trajnosti v javnem sektorju

Predavanje bo pokazalo, kako je mogoče trajnost vključiti v presoje smotrnosti poslovanja v javnem sektorju, namesto da bi jo obravnavali kot ločeno revizijsko področje. Na primeru dejanske revizije velike državne organizacije bo govorec predstavil uporabo klasičnega okvira 3E skozi trajnostno perspektivo. Udeleženci bodo spoznali, kako je mogoče hkrati ocenjevati finančne, okoljske in družbene učinke. Poseben poudarek bo na uporabnih metodah, revizijskih vprašanjih in priporočilih, ki jih je mogoče prenesti tudi v drugo javnosektorsko okolje.

Markus Erlmoser je direktor notranje revizije na avstrijskem Zveznem ministrstvu za finance, kjer vodi revizijske aktivnosti s poudarkom na smotrnosti poslovanja, sodobnih metodah revidiranja in ustvarjanju dodane vrednosti. Poleg tega opravlja tudi funkcijo državnega komisarja v eni največjih avstrijskih bank. Mednarodno je dejaven v strokovnih mrežah, kot so PEMPAL pri Svetovni banki, OECD Auditors Alliance in odbor za javni sektor pri ECIIA. Redno sodeluje v mednarodnih projektih in ima magistrski izobrazbi s področja javnega managementa in javnega revidiranja.

Practical Experience on Auditing Sustainability in the Public Sector

This session will demonstrate how sustainability can be embedded into public-sector performance audits rather than treated as a separate audit domain. Using a real audit case from a large government organization, the speaker will explain how the traditional 3Es framework can be applied through a sustainability lens. Participants will see how financial, environmental, and social value can be assessed in an integrated way. The session will also highlight practical methods, audit questions, and recommendations that can be transferred to other public-sector settings.

Markus Erlmoser is Chief Audit Executive at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance, where he leads internal audit activities focused on performance auditing, modern audit methods, and value-adding assurance. He also serves as State Commissioner at one of Austria's largest banks. Internationally, he is active in professional networks such as the World Bank's PEMPAL community, the OECD Auditors Alliance, and the ECIIA Public Sector Committee. He regularly contributes to international projects and holds master's degrees in public management and public auditing.



Vijay Raghavendar

*Director of Internal Audit, UBER,
Netherlands;*

*Direktor notranje revizije, UBER,
Nizozemska*

Od skladnosti do zaupanja prek notranje revizije: vzpostavljanje inteligentnega revizijskega ekosistema

Predavanje bo pojasnilo, zakaj sodobna notranja revizija ne more več delovati zgolj kot reaktiven nadzorni mehanizem. Govorec bo predstavil, kako organizacije gradijo inteligentne revizijske ekosisteme z uporabo sprotne podatkovne integracije, avtomatiziranega spremljanja kontrol in tesnejšega sodelovanja z drugimi funkcijami. Na primeru izkušenj iz Uberja bo prikazano, kako je mogoče doseči stalno zagotovilo in bolj napovedno usmerjen pogled na tveganja. Udeleženci bodo prejeli uporabne usmeritve za preoblikovanje notranje revizije v bolj strateškega partnerja posloводства.

Vijay Raghavendar je direktor notranje revizije pri družbi Uber, kjer deluje kot globalni vodja revizije za področji produktov in inženiringa. Ima več kot petnajst let izkušenj v podjetjih Uber, Google in HP, pri čemer se osredotoča na inteligentne revizijske okvire, avtomatizacijo tveganj in uporabo umetne inteligence pri zagotavljanju zagotovil. Je nosilec kvalifikacij CPA, CIA in CISA. V svoji karieri je vodil projekte priprave na IPO, regulativne skladnosti ter obsežne transformacije revizijskih funkcij v kompleksnih tehnoloških okoljih.

From Compliance to Confidence through IA: Building an Intelligent Audit Ecosystem

The session will explain why modern internal audit can no longer operate only as a reactive control function. The speaker will show how organizations are building intelligent audit ecosystems through real-time data integration, automated control monitoring, and stronger cross-functional collaboration. Drawing on practical lessons from Uber, the presentation will illustrate how continuous assurance and more predictive risk insight can be achieved. Participants will leave with practical guidance on how to transform internal audit into a stronger strategic partner for management.

Vijay Raghavendar is Director of Internal Audit at Uber, where he serves as the global audit lead for Product and Engineering. He has more than fifteen years of experience across Uber, Google, and HP, with a strong focus on intelligent audit frameworks, risk automation, and AI-powered assurance. He holds the CPA, CIA, and CISA designations. Throughout his career, he has led IPO readiness initiatives, regulatory compliance programs, and large-scale audit transformation efforts in complex technology environments.



Ursula Schmidt

*Founder, Schmidt Advisory,
Luxembourg;*

*Ustanoviteljica, Schmidt
Advisory, Luksemburg*

Z roba igrišča v središče dogajanja: kako razkriti boleče točke notranje revizije za večji vpliv

Predavanje bo naslovljeno ključne izzive, zaradi katerih notranja revizija v organizacijah včasih ne dosega pričakovanega vpliva. Govorka bo izpostavila vprašanja zaznave funkcije, omejenih virov, osnovne revizijske discipline ter organizacijske kulture. S pomočjo enostavnega pristopa start-stop-continue bo pokazala, kako lahko revizorji sistematično prepoznajo svoje ovire in jih pretvorijo v konkretne razvojne ukrepe. Predstavitev bo posebej uporabna za vse, ki želijo notranjo revizijo premakniti bližje jedru organizacijskega odločanja.

Short presentation description in English:

Ursula Schmidt je nekdanja izvršna podpredsednica za revizijo in skladnost v skupini RTL Group, kjer je več kot petnajst let vodila področji notranje revizije in skladnosti poslovanja. V svoji karieri je vodila številne revizijske in preiskovalne projekte po svetu ter sodelovala tudi kot sekretarka revizijskega odbora skupine. Kasneje je ustanovila lastno svetovalno podjetje, prek katerega svoje bogate izkušnje prenaša širšemu krogu organizacij. Je članica upravnega odbora IIA Luxembourg, neizvršna direktorica v več organizacijah ter prejemnica priznanja Internal Audit Beacon Award.

From Sideline to Playing Field: Unboxing Internal Audit's Pain Points for Greater Impact

This session will address the main challenges that often prevent internal audit from achieving the level of impact expected by organizations. The speaker will focus on issues of perception, resource constraints, audit fundamentals, and organizational culture. Using a simple start-stop-continue approach, she will show how auditors can systematically identify their barriers and translate them into practical improvement actions. The presentation will be particularly relevant for those who want to position internal audit closer to the center of organizational decision-making.

Ursula Schmidt is the former Executive Vice President Audit and Compliance at RTL Group, where she led internal audit and compliance for more than fifteen years. During her career, she managed numerous audit and investigation projects worldwide and also served as Secretary to the Group Audit Committee. She later founded her own advisory firm in order to share her broad experience with a wider range of organizations. She is a board member of IIA Luxembourg, an independent non-executive director on several boards, and a recipient of the Internal Audit Beacon Award.



Lior Segal

*Chief Audit Executive, Bezeq,
Israel,*

*Vodja notranje revizije, Bezeq,
Izrael*

Prihodnost notranje revizije v dobi umetne inteligence

Predavanje bo obravnavalo dvojno vlogo notranje revizije v času umetne inteligence: uporabo tehnologije pri revizijskem delu in hkratno presojo njenega odgovornega upravljanja. Govorec bo prikazal, kako je mogoče umetno inteligenco vključiti v oceno tveganj, načrtovanje, izvedbo revizije, poročanje in spremljanje ukrepov. Ob tem bo odprl tudi vprašanje, kdo revidira umetno inteligenco, ko ta vse bolj vpliva na poslovne odločitve organizacij. Udeleženci bodo dobili strukturiran pogled na glavna tveganja, povezana z modeli, podatki, pristranskostjo, transparentnostjo in okviri upravljanja.

Lior Segal je izkušen vodja z več kot dvajsetletnimi izkušnjami na področjih notranje revizije, upravljanja tveganj, skladnosti poslovanja in korporativnega upravljanja. Trenutno je glavni izvršni direktor notranje revizije pri družbi Bezeq, vodilnem izraelskem telekomunikacijskem podjetju. Zelo dejaven je tudi v okviru IIA Israel, kjer opravlja več vodstvenih funkcij in ureja strokovno revijo inštituta. Po izobrazbi je CPA in odvetnik ter nosilec številnih mednarodnih certifikatov, med drugim CIA, CRMA, CISA, CISM, CRISC in CDPSE.

The Future of Internal Audit in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

This presentation will examine the dual role of internal audit in the age of AI: using the technology within the audit process while also providing assurance over its responsible governance. The speaker will illustrate how AI can be embedded into risk assessment, planning, fieldwork, reporting, and follow-up activities. At the same time, he will address the important question of who audits AI as organizations increasingly rely on AI-driven decisions. Participants will gain a structured view of the key risks relating to models, data, bias, transparency, and governance arrangements.

Lior Segal is a seasoned executive with more than twenty years of experience in internal audit, risk management, compliance, and corporate governance. He currently serves as Chief Audit Executive at Bezeq, Israel's leading telecommunications provider. He is also highly active within IIA Israel, where he holds several leadership roles and contributes as editor of the institute's professional magazine. He is both a CPA and a licensed advocate and holds a broad set of international certifications, including CIA, CRMA, CISA, CISM, CRISC, and CDPSE.



Robert Šumi

*Former President, Commission
for the Prevention of Corruption,
Slovenia*

*Nekdanji predsednik, Komisija za
preprečevanje korupcije, Slovenija*

Izkušnje s krepitvijo integritete v praksi

Predavanje bo temeljilo na več kot dvajsetih letih praktičnih izkušenj pri krepitvi osebne in organizacijske integritete. Govorec bo pojasnil, zakaj je integriteta ena ključnih vrednot za učinkovito delovanje institucij in kako jo je mogoče sistematično razvijati. Posebna pozornost bo namenjena dejavnikom, ki morajo biti izpolnjeni, da pobude za krepitev integritete dejansko zaživijo v praksi. Predstavitve bo povezala strateško raven države, organizacijsko raven ter konkretne posledice uspešnega ali neuspešnega delovanja na tem področju.

Dr. **Robert Šumi** je doktor poslovne etike, integritete in upravljanja s kadri ter nekdanji predsednik Komisije za preprečevanje korupcije. Dolga leta je deloval v policiji, kjer je opravljal naloge policista, kriminalista, inšpektorja ter vodje različnih strokovnih področij. Vodil je tudi dejavnosti za krepitev integritete policistov na ravni celotne slovenske policije ter kasneje center za raziskovanje in socialne veščine znotraj Policijske akademije. Poleg tega je izredni profesor, izvajalec številnih usposabljanj za javni sektor in mednarodni strokovnjak v evropskih institucijah.

Practical Experience in Strengthening Integrity

The presentation will draw on more than twenty years of practical experience in strengthening both personal and organizational integrity. The speaker will explain why integrity is one of the foundational values for effective institutions and how it can be developed in a systematic way. Particular attention will be given to the conditions that must be in place for integrity initiatives to become effective in practice. The session will connect the strategic level of the state, the organizational level, and the concrete consequences of success or failure in this area.

Dr. **Robert Šumi** holds a PhD in business ethics, integrity, and personnel management and serves as President of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption. Before assuming this position, he spent many years in the police, where he worked as a police officer, detective, inspector, and leader of several professional areas. He led initiatives to strengthen integrity across the Slovenian police and later headed the Centre for Research and Social Skills within the Police Academy. In addition, he is an associate professor, an experienced trainer for the public sector, and an international expert involved in a number of European institutions.



Monika Lapanja

*Svetovalka, Center poslovne
odličnosti Ekonomske fakultete,
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*Consultant, Center of Business
Excellence of School of
Economics and Business,
Slovenia*

Sodelovanje med generacijami: povezovanje izkušenj in novih pričakovanj

Predavanje bo obravnavalo izzive in priložnosti, ki nastajajo v organizacijah, kjer hkrati sodelujejo štiri generacije zaposlenih. Poseben poudarek bo na generaciji Z, ki na trg dela prinaša nova pričakovanja, vrednote in odnos do dela. Govorka bo pokazala, kako lahko vodje in strokovni delavci te razlike razumejo kot razvojno priložnost, ne kot dodatno obremenitev. Udeleženci bodo dobili usmeritve za bolj jasno, vključujoče, spoštljivo in razvojno usmerjeno sodelovanje med generacijami.

Mag. **Monika Lapanja** je v več kot dvajsetletni karieri na Ekonomski fakulteti v Ljubljani razvijala sodelovanje med fakulteto in gospodarstvom ter tam tudi magistrirala. Del svojih izkušenj je pridobila tudi kot izvršna direktorica Združenja YES. Skozi celotno kariero je vodila manjše in večje ekipe, med drugim trinajst let kot direktorica CPOEF. Svoje izkušnje s področja vodenja in poslovnega komuniciranja deli na številnih delavnicah poslovnega izobraževanja.

Intergenerational Collaboration: Connecting Experience and New Expectations

This presentation will address the challenges and opportunities that arise in organizations where four generations work side by side. Special attention will be given to Generation Z, which is entering the labor market with new expectations, values, and attitudes toward work. The speaker will show how leaders and professionals can understand these differences as a developmental opportunity rather than an added burden. Participants will gain practical guidance for fostering clearer, more inclusive, respectful, and growth-oriented collaboration across generations.

Mag. **Monika Lapanja** built a career of more than twenty years at the School of Economics and Business in Ljubljana, where she focused strongly on strengthening cooperation between academia and business and also completed her master's degree. She also gained executive experience as Executive Director of the YES Association. Throughout her professional path, she has led both smaller and larger teams, including thirteen years as Director of CPOEF. She regularly shares her expertise in leadership and business communication through professional workshops and executive education programs.



Abdulqader Obaid Ali

Partner and Global CEO, Manav Energy & President of the Board, IIA UAE

Partner in Global izvršni direktor, Manav Energy & Predsednik upravnega odbora, IIA ZAE

Krizno upravljanje: vloga notranje revizije v času vojne

Predavanje bo osvetlilo, kako se vloga notranje revizije spremeni v razmerah vojne, geopolitičnih pretresov in izrazite negotovosti. Govorec bo predstavil, kako lahko notranja revizija pomaga organizacijam pri hitrejšem prepoznavanju ključnih tveganj, ohranjanju odpornosti procesov ter podpori kriznemu odločanju. Poseben poudarek bo na ravnotežju med zagotovitvijo, svetovanjem in potrebo po hitrih odzivih v izrednih razmerah. Udeleženci bodo dobili vpogled v to, kako lahko notranja revizija tudi v najzahtevnejših okoliščinah ostane relevanten in zaupanja vreden partner vodstvu in organu nadzora.

Abdulqader Obaid Ali je partner in globalni izvršni direktor družbe Manav Energy ter eden najvidnejših predstavnikov notranjerevizijske stroke v regiji Bližnjega vzhoda. Kot predsednik upravnega odbora UAE Internal Auditors Association je odločilno prispeval k razvoju stroke, med drugim z arabizacijo ključnih strokovnih gradiv in organizacijo velikih mednarodnih konferenc. V preteklosti je vodil družbo Smartworld, bil glavni notranji revizor skupine Dubai World ter opravljal številne vodstvene in nadzorne funkcije. Je mednarodno priznan govorec, prejemnik več uglednih priznanj ter nosilec strokovnih kvalifikacij, kot so CFE, CRMA in QIAL.

Crisis Management: The Role of Internal Audit in Times of War

The session will examine how the role of internal audit changes in times of war, geopolitical disruption, and severe uncertainty. The speaker will show how internal audit can help organizations identify critical risks more quickly, preserve process resilience, and support crisis-related decision-making. Particular attention will be given to balancing assurance, advisory support, and the need for timely responses in extraordinary circumstances. Participants will gain insight into how internal audit can remain a trusted and relevant partner to management and the board even under the most challenging conditions.

Abdulqader Obaid Ali is Partner and Global CEO of Manav Energy and one of the most prominent leaders in the internal audit profession in the Middle East region. As Chairman of the Board of the UAE Internal Auditors Association, he has played a major role in advancing the profession, including the Arabization of key audit resources and the organization of large international conferences. Earlier in his career, he led Smartworld, served as Chief of Internal Audit for Dubai World Group, and held numerous executive and board-level roles. He is an internationally recognized speaker, recipient of several prestigious awards, and holder of professional credentials such as CFE, CRMA, and QIAL.



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Prihodnost notranje revizije je zdaj

Predavanje bo povezal najnovejša raziskovalna spoznanja z dejansko prakso uporabe umetne inteligence v notranji reviziji. Govorec bo pojasnil, kako umetna inteligenca spreminja načrtovanje, ocenjevanje tveganj, testiranje kontrol, poročanje in stalno revidiranje. Posebej bo izpostavil razliko med pričakovanji, ki jih ustvarja trg, ter dejanskimi področji, kjer umetna inteligenca že prinaša merljivo vrednost. Udeleženci bodo dobili praktične usmeritve, kako razvijati kompetence, okvire upravljanja in delovni model revizijske funkcije v okolju, ki ga vse bolj oblikuje umetna inteligenca.

Prof. dr. **Marc Eulerich** je profesor in predstojnik notranjega revidiranja na University of Duisburg-Essen ter dekan Mercator School of Management. Vodi tudi raziskovalni center Mercator Audit & Artificial Intelligence Research Center, kjer se posveča presečišču notranje revizije, korporativnega upravljanja, upravljanja tveganj in umetne inteligence. Objavil je več kot 150 znanstvenih člankov in sedem knjig. Hkrati vodi znanstveni odbor nemškega inštituta notranjih revizorjev DIIR ter sodeluje v številnih svetovalnih in nadzornih vlogah.

The Future of Internal Audit Is Now!

This session will connect the latest academic research with the real-world application of artificial intelligence in internal audit. The speaker will explain how AI is transforming planning, risk assessment, control testing, reporting, and continuous auditing. He will distinguish between market hype and the areas where AI is already generating measurable value. Participants will gain practical guidance on how to develop capabilities, governance arrangements, and an operating model for internal audit in an increasingly AI-shaped environment.

Professor **Marc Eulerich** is Professor and Chair of Internal Auditing at the University of Duisburg-Essen and serves as Dean of the Mercator School of Management. He also heads the Mercator Audit & Artificial Intelligence Research Center, where he focuses on the intersection of internal auditing, corporate governance, risk management, and artificial intelligence. He has published more than 150 scientific papers and seven books. In addition, he chairs the Scientific Committee of the German Institute of Internal Auditors and serves in a range of advisory and board-related roles.



Richard Dyason

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Boj proti finančnemu kriminalu v Singapurju – sodelovalen pristop

Predavanje bo predstavilo, kako lahko notranja in zunanja revizija pomembno prispevata k boju proti pranju denarja, financiranju terorizma in financiranju širjenja orožja. Govorec bo delil izkušnje skupine finančnih institucij, ki je s sodelovanjem krepila obrambne mehanizme celotne panoge. Poseben poudarek bo na dobrih praksah AML/CFT revizij, skupnem reševanju problemov ter oblikovanju standardov, ki koristijo širši strokovni skupnosti. Udeleženci bodo dobili vpogled v to, kako lahko sodelovanje med institucijami izboljša kakovost revizijskih ugotovitev in učinkovitost obrambe pred finančnim kriminalom.

Richard Dyason je izkušen strokovnjak za upravljanje, tveganja in nadzor z več kot tridesetletnimi vodstvenimi izkušnjami v finančnem, regulativnem in neprofitnem sektorju. Kot izvršni direktor IIA Singapore je vodil preobrazbo inštituta, okrepil njegovo strateško usmeritev ter razvil pobude na področjih ESG, upravljanja umetne inteligence in kibernetских tveganj. Pred tem je svetoval regulatorjem, kot so MAS, ACRA in SGX, ter sodeloval pri pomembnih procesih korporativnega prestrukturiranja in zaščite vlagateljev. Deloval je tudi v fintech okolju, pri IFIAR ter v številnih regionalnih in mednarodnih strokovnih pobudah.

Short bio in English:

Combating Financial Crime in Singapore – A Collaborative Approach

The presentation will show how both internal and external audit can make an important contribution to combating money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing. The speaker will share the experience of a group of financial institutions that strengthened industry-wide defenses through collaboration. Particular attention will be given to AML/CFT audit best practices, collaborative problem solving, and the development of standards that benefit the broader professional community. Participants will gain insight into how cooperation among institutions can improve audit outcomes and strengthen defenses against financial crime.

Richard Dyason is an experienced governance, risk, and assurance professional with more than thirty years of leadership across the financial, regulatory, and non-profit sectors. As Executive Director of IIA Singapore, he led the institute's transformation by strengthening strategic direction and launching initiatives in ESG, AI governance, and cyber risk. Earlier in his career, he advised regulators such as MAS, ACRA, and SGX and worked on major corporate restructuring and investor protection matters. He has also held roles in fintech, contributed to IFIAR-related work, and remains active in several regional and international professional forums.



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Kako kot revizor razumeti in pomagati razvijati organizacijsko kulturo?

Predavanje bo osvetlilo organizacijsko kulturo kot enega najpomembnejših, a pogosto težje merljivih dejavnikov uspešnosti in tveganj v organizaciji. Govorec bo pojasnil, kako lahko notranji revizorji kulturo bolje razumejo, opazujejo njene vedenjske vzorce in jo vključijo v svoje presoje. Posebej bo poudarjeno, da revizorji kulture ne presojajo le posredno prek pravil in procesov, temveč tudi prek odnosov, komunikacije, vodenja in pripravljenosti na učenje. Predstavitev bo ponudila uporabne usmeritve, kako lahko notranja revizija s svojim pristopom prispeva k bolj zdravi, odprti in odgovorni organizacijski kulturi.

Dr. **Miha Škerlavaj** je redni profesor za področje managementa na Ekonomski fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani in pridružen redni profesor na BI Norwegian Business School. Je avtor številnih znanstvenih objav in knjig ter eden najbolj prepoznavnih slovenskih raziskovalcev na področjih organizacijskega razvoja, kulture, voditeljstva in inovativnosti. Sodeluje v mednarodnih raziskovalnih projektih in redno izvaja delavnice za organizacije. Njegovo delo združuje akademsko odličnost s praktično uporabnostjo za vodstva, strokovnjake in razvojne time.

How Can Auditors Understand and Help Develop Organizational Culture?

This session will explore organizational culture as one of the most important, yet often less measurable, drivers of performance and risk within an organization. The speaker will explain how internal auditors can better understand culture, observe behavioral patterns, and incorporate cultural aspects into their assessments. Particular emphasis will be placed on the idea that culture is not assessed only indirectly through rules and processes, but also through relationships, communication, leadership, and openness to learning. The presentation will offer practical guidance on how internal audit can contribute to a healthier, more transparent, and more responsible organizational culture.

Dr. **Miha Škerlavaj** is a Full Professor of Management at the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, and an Associate Full Professor at BI Norwegian Business School. He is the author of numerous scientific publications and books and is widely recognized for his work in organizational development, culture, leadership, and innovation. He participates in international research projects and regularly delivers workshops for organizations. His work combines academic excellence with strong practical relevance for executives, professionals, and development teams.



Mojca Trstenjak

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Vpeljava akta EU o umetni inteligenci v poslovanje

Predavanje bo obravnavalo ključne zahteve evropskega akta o umetni inteligenci in njihov vpliv na organizacije, ki umetno inteligenco razvijajo, uporabljajo ali nadzorujejo. Govorka bo predstavila, kako lahko organizacije uredijo odgovornosti, notranje politike, procese skladnosti ter nadzorne mehanizme, povezane z uporabo sistemov umetne inteligence. Posebna pozornost bo namenjena vprašanjem razvrščanja tveganj, dokumentiranja, transparentnosti, upravljanja podatkov in vloge kontrolnih funkcij. Predstavitev bo udeležencem ponudila praktičen pogled na to, kako pravočasno in strukturirano pristopiti k skladni uvedbi zahtev AI Acta v poslovno okolje.

Mojca Trstenjak deluje kot vodja skladnosti poslovanja v Banki Slovenije, kjer se ukvarja z regulatornimi in upravljavskimi vprašanji skladnosti. Njeno delo je tesno povezano z vzpostavljanjem ustreznih okvirov, ki organizacijam pomagajo razumeti in izvajati nove regulativne zahteve. Na konferenci bo prispevala perspektivo institucije, ki deluje na presečišču nadzora, skladnosti in odgovorne uporabe novih tehnologij. Njeno strokovno področje je posebej pomembno v času, ko umetna inteligenca prehaja iz razvojne faze v širšo poslovno uporabo.

Short bio in English:

Implementing the EU Artificial Intelligence Act in Business Operations

This presentation will address the key requirements of the EU AI Act and their impact on organizations that develop, use, or oversee artificial intelligence systems. The speaker will explain how organizations can define responsibilities, internal policies, compliance processes, and control mechanisms related to AI use. Particular attention will be given to issues such as risk classification, documentation, transparency, data governance, and the role of control functions. Participants will gain a practical view of how to approach the structured and timely implementation of AI Act requirements in a business environment.

Mojca Trstenjak serves as Head of Compliance at Banka Slovenije, where she works on regulatory and governance-related compliance issues. Her role is closely linked to the development of frameworks that help organizations understand and implement new regulatory requirements. At the conference, she will bring the perspective of an institution operating at the intersection of supervision, compliance, and the responsible use of emerging technologies. Her area of expertise is especially relevant at a time when artificial intelligence is moving from experimentation into broader business deployment.

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Aunetic je ponudnik specializiranih digitalnih rešitev za notranjo revizijo, skladnost in povezana upravljavska področja. Njihova rešitev Aunetic Audit podpira celoten revizijski proces ter je zasnovana tako, da se lahko prilagodi različnim metodologijam, velikostim ekip in zahtevnosti organizacije. Poleg tega podjetje ponuja tudi rešitve za upravljanje skladnosti, ki omogočajo spremljanje regulatornih zahtev, avtomatizirano obveščanje, interaktivne nadzorne plošče ter centralizirano spremljanje izvajanja ukrepov. Po navedbah podjetja so njihove rešitve namenjene večji učinkovitosti, boljši preglednosti in tesnejšemu povezovanju različnih funkcij znotraj modela treh linij.

Aunetic is a provider of specialized digital solutions for internal audit, compliance, and related governance functions. Its Aunetic Audit solution supports the full audit lifecycle and is designed to adapt to different methodologies, team sizes, and organizational requirements. In addition, the company offers compliance management capabilities for regulatory tracking, automated notifications, interactive dashboards, and centralized action follow-up. According to its official materials, the platform is built to improve efficiency, increase transparency, and connect governance functions more effectively across the Three Lines Model.

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One-Stop Audit Platform: From Data-Driven Auditing to the Audit Trail

Enotna revizijska platforma: od podatkovno podprte revizije do revizijske sledi

Predstavitev bo pokazala, kako umetna inteligenca in podatkovna analitika že danes spreminjata notranje revidiranje in podpirata revizorje pri njihovem vsakodnevem delu. Poudarek bo na tem, kako je mogoče z uporabo napredne analitike prepoznati ranljivosti, skrite vzorce in potencialna tveganja ter hkrati izboljšati dostop do revizijskega znanja. Na konkretnih primerih bo prikazano, kako lahko inteligentne analitične funkcije, podatkovno podprto poročanje in testiranje celotnih populacij povečajo kakovost ugotovitev ter učinkovitost revizijskega procesa. Predstavitev bo obravnavala tudi digitalizacijo revizijskih potekov, avtomatizacijo ročnih opravil, integracijo vmesnikov in izboljšano vizualizacijo podatkov. Zaključni del bo namenjen viziji enotne revizijske platforme, ki povezuje avtomatizirane procese, AI-podprto analitiko, podatkovno ocenjevanje tveganj in revizijsko sled. Skupaj bo predstavitev ponudila praktične usmeritve za uvedbo sodobnih, tehnološko podprtih revizijskih rešitev.



DextraData GRC Technologies je nemški ponudnik programske opreme za notranjo revizijo in širša področja governance, risk and compliance. S svojo rešitvijo GRASP podpira digitalno, celovito upravljanje revizijskih procesov, od načrtovanja in izvedbe do spremljanja ukrepov in dokazljive revizijske sledi. Platforma združuje modularen pristop, avtomatizacijo ter funkcionalnosti, ki organizacijam pomagajo povezovati notranjo revizijo z drugimi upravljavskimi in kontrolnimi področji. V uradnih predstavitvah podjetje poudarja, da je rešitev zasnovana kot praktična, prilagodljiva in AI-podprta platforma za zahtevna GRC okolja. DextraData GRC Technologies deluje kot specializirana družba znotraj širše skupine DextraData.

One-Stop Audit Platform: From Data-Driven Auditing to the Audit Trail

This presentation will demonstrate how artificial intelligence and data analytics are already transforming internal auditing and supporting auditors in their day-to-day work. It will focus on how advanced analytics can help identify vulnerabilities, hidden patterns, and emerging risks while also improving access to audit-specific knowledge. Using practical examples, the session will show how intelligent analysis functions, data-driven reporting, and full-population testing can enhance both audit quality and operational efficiency. It will also address the digitalization of audit workflows, the automation of manual tasks, interface integration, and improved visualization. The final part will outline the vision of a one-stop audit platform that combines automated processes, AI-powered analytics, data-driven risk assessment, and a reliable audit trail. Overall, the presentation will provide practical guidance for implementing modern, technology-enabled audit solutions.

DextraData GRC Technologies is a German software provider focused on internal audit and broader governance, risk, and compliance solutions. Through its GRASP platform, the company supports the digital, end-to-end management of audit processes, from planning and execution to follow-up and auditable traceability. The platform combines a modular structure, automation, and features that help organizations connect internal audit with other governance and control functions. In its official materials, the company presents GRASP as a practical, flexible, and AI-enabled solution designed for demanding GRC environments. DextraData GRC Technologies operates as a specialized company within the wider DextraData Group.

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