BEMOSA to Host Special Open Workshop on Airport Security in Brussels on May 25

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HAIFA, Israel, May 3, 2011 – The BEMOSA consortium, a European-wide research project aimed at improving security in airports, will hold an open workshop on applying human factors to airport security in Belgium on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Prof. Alan (Avi) Kirschenbaum, the initiator and coordinator of BEMOSA, will present updated results from a recent survey conducted in European airports, with a special emphasis on the reality of security decision-making behaviors and principles of social networks as applied to airport security.

The workshop will discuss the implications of operation, legislation and training of airport employees, as well as avenues for further research.

Topics will include among others:

- Challenges to airport security
- Airport security training
- Trends in EU regulation and legislation
- Lessons from field studies in European airports

The event is specifically designed to meet the needs of airport security professionals, airport management officials, human resources and operations, providers of airport security services, providers of airport security training services, public officials and policy makers.

The free-of-charge workshop will take place at the offices of the European Commission, Rue du Champs de Mars 21 in Brussels in room SDR1, Building CDMA (Floor –1).

Through this workshop, BEMOSA will be able to obtain an evaluation by experts of the principles of applying human factors and the impact of social networks to security, as well as comments from stakeholders.

Participants must register for the event before May 18, 2011.

About BEMOSA

BEMOSA (Behaviour Modelling for Security in Airports) is a European-wide research project aimed at improving security in airports through enhancing the capability of airport authority personnel to correctly detect potential security hazards and reduce false alarms.

BEMOSA, which is co-funded by the European Union under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, is developing a behavior model that aims to describe how people make security decisions in the face of reality during "normal routine" and crisis situations. This is expected to result in increased security, reduced false alarms and increased profitability.

For more information about BEMOSA, and to register for the open Workshop on Airport Security, please visit, http://bemosa.technion.ac.il.

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