

GLOBAL SPA AND WELLNESS SUMMIT

More than 320 of the most exclusive attendees gathered in Aspen, Colorado for the sixth annual Global Spa & Wellness summit, this year themed 'Innovation through Imagination.' Collaborating with the world-renowned Aspen Institute, the sold-out event was, this year, home to delegates from over 40 nations.

Highlights of the conference's opening day included keynote speeches by Dr. Richard Carmona detailing the pursuit of global health and wellness, as well as a musical presentation by John Kao examining the art of innovation. Encouraging the sharing of ideas, opinions and experiences, tabletop debates hosted by designated leaders also took place across the four-day event. With a variety of pre-assigned topics depending on the knowledge and background of each host, the discussions ranged from 'Imagining the Future of Spas and Technology' and 'The Latest Trends in Spa Design' to 'Hot Spots for Spa Development Around The World'. Interspersed with tours of the city, book signings and product launches, the second day titled 'Innovation' saw the beginning of the student challenge competition as well as a popular creativity workshop, concluded by a glamorous gala cocktail reception. www.globalspaandwellnesssummit.org



1. Delegates take a stroll between sessions.
2. Principal of McKinsey, Elizabeth Stephenson.
3. Martha Wiedemann, Lucie Brosseau and Karina and John Stewart.
4. GSWS board member, Susie Ellis, President, SpaFinder® Wellness, U.S.
5. Michael Schummert, CEO of Babor and Richard Dusseau, President, Trilogy Spa Adventures.
6. Yamuna Zake, Sarah Livia Brightwood, Deborah Szekeley and JoAnn Kurtz-Ahlers.
7. Dr. Richard Carmona, Canyon Ranch and Dr. Kavita Patel.
8. Google's Head of Industry Retail, Ted Souder.
9. Students Molly Tomkins, Jing Wan and Lian Duan; professor Cheri Young and architect advisor, Jenna Buell.
10. Jeff Matthews with panelists Nicolas Ronco, Emma Leach and Hirokazu Iida.
11. Hugh Wilson and Glenn Bucksbaum.
12. Jean Guy de Gabriac and Todd Walter.
13. Hensley Evans, John Kao and Sujean Lee.
14. The Global Spa & Wellness Summit Board of Directors, The Aspen Institute Collaborators, 2012 Major Sponsors & GSWS Team.
15. 2012 agenda co-chair, Philippe Bourguignon, Vice Chairman, Revolution Places & CEO.