

History

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Kenes Group, a global leader in **professional congress organisation** (PCO) and **association management** (AMC), proudly marks its **60th anniversary**. **Founded in 1965**, Kenes Group has grown from a visionary start-up to a world-renowned organisation, standing as a testament to **resilience, innovation, and commitment to excellence**.[/mvc_timeline_son]
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The leading Professional Conference Organisation (PCO) Kenes Group was awarded a **Gold Medal** in the Agencies category, becoming **the only PCO** receiving such an accolade.[/mvc_timeline_son]
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Kenes Group Chief Digital Officer Audrey Alloul received the IAPCO Driving Excellence Innovation Award for leading the Digital Team behind the Continuing Education platform [UNLOK Education](#), aimed at revolutionizing Online Medical Education with quality content and cutting-edge search technology powered by artificial intelligence.[/mvc_timeline_son]
[mvc_timeline_son maintitle="NEW CEO AND MANAGEMENT TEAM" date="2022" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" image_id="11727" bgclr="#ed1c24" titleclr="#ed1c24"]

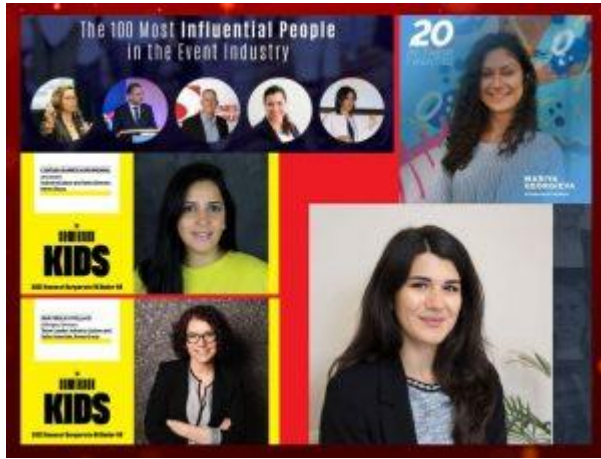
Ori Lahav became the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) while Dan Rivlin took on the role of Executive Chair and Chief Vision Officer (EC & CVO). A restructuring of the management

team was implemented, answering to the needs of the company and the new state of the industry.

[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="Virtu0z WINS ITS FIRST AWARD" date="2021" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" bgclr="#ed1c24" titleclr="#ed1c24"]The newly launched Virtu0z – the wizard solution to virtual events developed by Kenes Group – wins its very first award at Eventex Awards.



Kenes Group team led the way, challenged the industry, stood up and bravely walked into uncharted territories. We had a number of talents recognised by the industry in different ways – from PCMA's 20 in their Twenties, though Connect Corporate's 40 under 40, to the Eventex most influential people in the event industry.



[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="SAILING THROUGH A GLOBAL PANDEMIC WITH ACCOLADES" date="2020" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" bgclr="#ed1c24" titleclr="#ed1c24"]A new IAPCO President – Ori Lahav, VP Clients & Operations at Kenes Group, steps in during the IAPCO AGM in Vancouver, Canada, 39 years after Gideon Rivlin took the same post.



Kenes Group celebrates again success at Eventex Awards as one of the most decorated companies in this edition.

The year is complete with very successful virtual events, satisfied clients and new skills and services offered by the company.



[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="NEW YEAR, NEW AWARDS, NEW OFFICES" date="2019" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" bgclr="#ed1c24" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes Group strengthens its position with two new offices: in Lisbon and Seville.



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Kenes Group finishes with top places at Eventex Awards 2019 and two core clients of Kenes Group Association Management team finish first at the International & European Association Awards 2019. The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) wins the IAPCO Regional Client Award 2019.



[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="NEW AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES FOR KENES GROUP" date="2018" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" bgclr="#ed1c24" titleclr="#ed1c24"]At the 8th Eventex Awards, Kenes Group won in two categories and finished as runners-up in another two, including Best Agency; Kenes Group became certified as EACCME® Trusted Provider as well as MedTech Europe Trusted Partner



[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="A NEW OFFICE AND A NEW AWARD" date="2017" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" bgclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11747" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes Group opens an office in Sofia, Bulgaria; Kenes Group wins at the International Association Awards for Best eLearning/Online Platform[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="MEETING ARCHITECTURE AND AWARDS" date="2016" clr="#a9a9a9" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" bgclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11746" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes Group hires a full-time Meeting Architect; Kenes wins an Eventex Award for Best

Association Meeting and is recognised by ICCA as a Long-Standing Member for over 40 years[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="" date="2015" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24"]

Kenes Group with a golden anniversary honouring 50 years of excellence in the conference management industry

[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="100+ LONG-TERM CLIENTS" date="2013" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" image_id="11757" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes Group has over 100 long-term and returning clients worldwide, managing more than 3,000 global conferences in 100+ countries[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="WINNING GOLD AT MIMA AWARDS" date="2012" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" image_id="11756" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes Group wins Gold Award at the Meeting Industry Marketing Awards (MIMA) for Best Social Media Campaign[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="NEW OFFICES IN 3 COUNTRIES" date="2010" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" image_id="11755" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes Group opens an office in Istanbul, Turkey; in two locations in Spain – Madrid & Barcelona; and an office in Amsterdam[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="ASIA PACIFIC OPERATION BEGINS" date="2008" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" image_id="11754" titleclr="#ed1c24"]Kenes organises congresses in over 80 worldwide locations; Asia Pacific operation begins with the opening of offices in Singapore & Thailand; 40 long-term clients appoint Kenes Group as their core PCO[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="Kenes celebrates its 40th anniversary; over 30 global and European medical and scientific associations appoint Kenes Group as

their core PCO and association management services provider" date="2005" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24"][/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="LARGEST EVENT TO DATE" date="2004" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11767"]INTERPLAN organises the largest Kenes-managed congress to date with 12,500 participants for the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="FIRST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE ESTABLISHED" date="2001" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11766"]Kenes Group establishes global presence, partnering with INTERPLAN Germany, headquartered in Munich, with offices Hamburg, Berlin and Leipzig

[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="RECEIVING THE ICCA PCO EXCELLENCE AWARD" date="1985" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11765"]Kenes Group receives the prestigious International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) award for PCO Excellence

[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="GIDEON RIVLIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF IAPCO" date="1981" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11764"]Gideon Rivlin, Kenes Group CEO, is elected President of the International Association of Professional Congress Organisers (IAPCO)

[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="2 MILESTONE EVENTS" date="1972" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11763"]Kenes organises two milestone meetings: The International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (SICOT), followed by The World Standard for Beauty & Spa Therapy (CIDESCO)

[/mvc_timeline_son][mvc_timeline_son maintitle="EXPANDING INTO THE MEDICAL FIELD" date="1968" clr="#a9a9a9" bgclr="#ed1c24" icon="fas fa-chevron-circle-up" titleclr="#ed1c24" image_id="11762"]Kenes expands into scientific/medical congress management; 4th Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology, 6th World Congress on Fertility and Sterility and 10th Annual Meeting of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges

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Kenes is founded in Tel Aviv, Israel, by Gideon Rivlin, one of the pioneers in the global events industry; Kenes organises its first international congress for the International Federation of Dentists (FDI)

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