

Andrew W. Menkes, CTC

Speaker Bio (short form)

As Senior Vice President, Global Client Solutions with BCD Travel, Andrew has a new role reporting to the Global COO of BCD Travel. Andrew is providing a fresh perspective from the consulting and client side of the table, and is an advocate for existing and new clients. He has provided great insight to a number of internal BCD departments and clients and continues to speak at a number of industry events.

He is a veteran of the travel industry with over 40 years' experience and a rich and varied background in airline, travel agency, and corporate travel management. Andrew has held regional and executive positions for a number of mega travel agencies. And he's the founder of both an international travel agency and consulting firm. He previously served as Republic New York Corporation's first Vice President of Global Travel Management. He received recognition as the first travel manager to be accredited by ARC as a Corporate Travel Department. In addition, he pioneered the first corporate-direct electronic ticket purchase with British Airways and initiated a similar web-based program with Jet Blue in the U.S.

In 1998 and again in 2000 he was named one of the Top 25 Most Influential Travel Executives. In 1999, Business Travel News named him Travel Manager of the Year. And in 2014, Andrew was inducted into the Business Travel Hall of Fame as the first corporate buyer to be recognized for lifetime achievement.

Andrew currently sits on the Business Travel News advisory board and is actively involved in a number of Travel Industry Associations including ACTE, GBTA and WINIT. He is based in New York City and Florida..