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Steve Taplin, Dr. Kary Oberbrunner and Ramon Ray Join the Global Founders & Innovators Summit 2027

The newly confirmed speakers add experience across entrepreneurship, technology, intellectual property, media and business building to the May 12 and 13 virtual event.

October 28, 2026. Eprenz has announced three additional confirmed speakers for the Global Founders & Innovators Summit 2027, taking place online on May 12 and 13, 2027.

Steve Taplin, serial entrepreneur and CEO of Sonatafy Technology, Dr. Kary Oberbrunner, CEO of Instant IP and Igniting Souls, and Ramon Ray, entrepreneur, author and publisher of ZoneofGenius.com, will join the growing speaker lineup.

The Summit, organized around the theme Build Value. Create Impact., brings together founders, business owners, investors, advisors and innovators around the decisions involved in starting, growing and building valuable businesses. Social impact is also a dedicated part of the program.

Taplin, Oberbrunner and Ray bring different forms of entrepreneurial experience to the Summit, from launching and rebuilding companies to developing intellectual property, building audiences and working with business owners across multiple stages. Specific session topics will be announced as the program develops.

Meet the newly confirmed speakers

Steve Taplin

CEO of Sonatafy Technology

Steve Taplin is a serial entrepreneur, active CEO and keynote speaker with more than 25 years of experience building businesses.

Across his career, Taplin has launched more than 30 ventures, describing the journey as 10 wins and 20 failures. He uses those experiences to speak and write about execution, resilience, accountability and the lessons that come from building, breaking and rebuilding companies.

As CEO of Sonatafy Technology, Taplin works with technology leaders to improve software delivery through consulting, managed delivery teams and senior engineering talent. His experience spans software engineering, artificial intelligence, healthcare and fintech.

Taplin is also a Forbes Technology Council member, author of Fail Hard Win Big, and host of the Software Leaders Uncensored podcast. His insights have appeared in Forbes, Entrepreneur, CIO and Inc., and he has delivered more than 50 speaking engagements to audiences of founders, executives and technology leaders.

Dr. Kary Oberbrunner

CEO of Instant IP and Igniting Souls

Dr. Kary Oberbrunner is an entrepreneur, author, inventor and educator whose work focuses on helping entrepreneurs recognize and create value from intellectual property.

He is the CEO of Instant IP and Igniting Souls, a Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author of 15 books, and the Berry Chair of Entrepreneurship at Cedarville University, where he teaches entrepreneurship and digital marketing.

Oberbrunner has worked with entrepreneurs on identifying and developing business assets found in ideas, processes, frameworks, content, brands and other forms of intellectual property. He is also an award-winning novelist, screenwriter and inventor.

His TEDx talk has received more than one million views, and he has spoken at entrepreneurship, technology and business events internationally.

Ramon Ray

Publisher of ZoneofGenius.com

Ramon Ray is an entrepreneur, author, speaker and small business advocate focused on helping entrepreneurs build businesses, strengthen their visibility and connect with the people and resources that can help them grow.

Ray has started five companies and sold three of them. He is the publisher of ZoneofGenius.com and author of The Celebrity CEO, which explores how entrepreneurs can build a strong personal brand.

He produced and hosted more than 200 episodes of the USA Today Network program The Rundown with Ramon and has interviewed business leaders including all five Shark Tank investors and President Barack Obama.

Ray has spoken or hosted at events including SXSW and VeeCon and has shared stages with business and thought leaders including Deepak Chopra, Simon Sinek, Seth Godin and Gary Vaynerchuk.

About the Global Founders & Innovators Summit 2027

The Global Founders & Innovators Summit is a virtual entrepreneurship event organized by Eprenz, a global community connecting more than 157,000 founders, business owners and innovators.

The 2027 program covers five dedicated tracks: Start, Grow, Profit, Exit and Social Impact. Sessions will address the decisions entrepreneurs face at different stages, including validating business ideas, attracting customers, improving financial performance, preparing for ownership transitions and creating measurable social impact.

The Summit also brings investors and advisors into these conversations, giving participants access to different perspectives on running, financing and developing businesses.

The previous Summit, held in January 2026, generated more than 3,000 registrations. More than 1,000 people attended live, with approximately 3,800 session attendances across the program.

Taplin, Oberbrunner and Ray join previously announced speakers Navjot Sawhney, Drew Carrell and Jacques Benkoski. Eprenz will announce further speakers and program details in the coming months.

Event details

Event: Global Founders & Innovators Summit 2027

Dates: May 12 and 13, 2027

Time: Starting at 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Format: Online

Theme: Build Value. Create Impact.

Registration: <https://event.eprenz.com/founders-innovators-summit/2027>

Registration for the virtual Summit is open, with free access available.

About Eprenz

Eprenz is a global entrepreneurship community of more than 157,000 founders, business owners and innovators. Through educational programs, events, professional connections and practical resources, Eprenz supports entrepreneurs as they start, grow, profit and prepare for exit. The organization also supports entrepreneurs creating social and environmental impact through their work.

Learn more at <https://eprenz.com>.

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