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BULK TERMINALS 2022 RIGA – DISTRUPTIVE INFLUENCES ON TRADE

The Annual Conference of the Association of Bulk Terminal Operators (ABTO) – *the only event aimed at the entire bulk terminals industry*

11-12 October 2022: Freeport of Riga Authority, Latvia

DRAFT PROGRAMME & CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Conference Overview: The high-value programmes for the Annual ABTO Bulk Terminals Conference are designed for all those involved in the transportation, storage and handling of bulk commodities.

Previous events: Please click [here](#) for links to the videos of Bulk Terminals 2021 Riga ONLINE, and [here](#) for the links to the webinars we ran in 2020 as well as the brochures for previous Bulk Terminals conferences.

Programme: This year we are guests of our host port the Freeport of Riga Authority in Latvia – and since Amsterdam in 2019 the first time we will all meet physically.

The conference always sets the scene with an analysis of bulk markets. It continues with a full programme focused on the concerns of operators, each year offering sound practical solutions for improving safety, streamlining operations and ensuring environmental protection. Digitalisation, the cyber threat, development opportunities and naturally the ongoing effect of covid-19 on bulk terminal operations will also be covered.

Given the importance to Latvian and other Baltic ports of transit cargoes, rail and transport connectivity will be covered as well in Bulk Terminals Riga 2022 – especially given the impact the conflict in Ukraine has had.

Other disputes with origins in political disagreements can affect the fortunes of port and terminals. China's dispute with Lithuania has regional and EU implications. In late 2020 China stopped buying Australian coal. Subsequently the Australians found new markets. Most recently Chinese exports of sand to Taiwan have stopped.

Time will tell how long lasting the fallout from the conflict in Ukraine will be. Similarly, how temporary the effect on the pattern of Chinese bulk imports and exports of their disputes with other countries will be. Bulk Terminals 2022 will examine the fallout, regionally and internationally.

Who should join us? The Annual ABTO Bulk Terminals Conferences are designed for all those involved in the transportation, storage and handling of bulk commodities. As well as terminals and ports we welcome equipment and service suppliers, professional advisors and academics to the conference. Indeed, ABTO feels strongly it is only through the interaction with these others that bulk terminals will achieve increased operational efficiencies, together with safety and environmental compliance.

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Networking: As well as a full programme of presentations, panels and case studies, by popular request this year Bulk Terminals will include a terminal visit. We are delighted to be the guests of Rīgas Universālais Termināls – Riga Universal Terminal (RUT). As well as the valuable networking opportunities afforded by the visit to RUT, there will be a boat tour of Riga Port with lunch on board thanks to the generosity of the Freeport of Riga Authority, followed by a visit to the port Vessel Traffic Services Centre.

After the proceedings at the end of the first day, the Freeport Authority have kindly organised a tour of Historic Riga, culminating in the conference reception at the Riga Museum of History and Navigation – and for arrivals on Monday before conference they are also hosting drinks in the foyer and winter garden of their conference venue overlooking the Riga City Canal.

Bulk Terminals 2022 Riga – the only event all those concerned with bulk terminals need to attend this year. **To register to attend please click [here](#)**

Confirmed Speakers and Chairman

Chairman: Professor **Mike Bradley** BSc Hons, PhD, Director, The Wolfson Centre for Bulk Solids Handling Technology, University of Greenwich; Chairman, Solids Handling and Processing Association (SHAPA) and ABTO Members' Advisory Panel

The Honourable Tālis Linkaits, Minister for Transport, Republic of Latvia

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Mériadec Le Mouillour, Directeur Général, CCIM Bretagne Ouest

Garry O'Malley, Operations Director, Teesworks and Chairman, ABTO Technical Committee

Jean Christophe Mifsud, President Directeur Général, Ellona

Rahul Sharan, Lead Analyst Bulk Shipping Research, Drewry

Richard Steele, Head of ICHCA International

Peregrine Storrs-Fox, Risk Management Director, TT Club

Cristian Valenzuela, Gerente, Puerto Panul S.A.

Ansis Zeltiņš, CEO, Freeport of Riga Authority

Viesturs Zeps, Chairman of the Board, Freeport of Riga Authority

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Pre-Conference Networking: Monday 10 October

ICE BREAKER DRINKS

18:00 Foyer and Winter Garden of The Freeport of Riga Authority conference centre overlooking the Riga Canal

Kindly hosted by The Freeport of Riga Authority

Conference Day One: Tuesday 11 October 2022

08:15 Registration and refreshments

OPENING WELCOME ADDRESSES

09:00 Simon Gutteridge BA Law (Hons), FIMarEST, Chief Executive, ABTO

09:05 The Honourable Tālis Linkaits, Minister for Transport, Republic of Latvia

09:15 Viesturs Zeps, Chairman of the Board, Freeport of Riga Authority

09:20 Ansis Zeltiņš, CEO, Freeport of Riga Authority

09:25 Conference Chairman's opening remarks

Professor Mike Bradley BSc Hons, PhD, Director, The Wolfson Centre for Bulk Solids Handling Technology, University of Greenwich; Chairman, Solids Handling and Processing Association (SHAPA) and the ABTO Members' Advisory Panel

BULK MARKETS

09:30 Effects of the conflict in Ukraine on grain markets
Rahul Sharan, Lead Analyst Bulk Shipping Research, Drewry

10:00 Prospects for the minerals dry bulk market in 2022 and beyond
William Fray, Director, Maritime Strategies International (MSI)

10:30 The future of coal – *short, medium and long term*
Basil M Karatzas, CEO, Karatzas Marine Advisors & Co

11:00 Refreshments

11:30 Biofuel markets
Speaker to be confirmed

OPERATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

12:00 Dangers of value engineering
Professor Mike Bradley

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- 12:30 The benefits of bespoke designing for purpose
Lodovico Bernardi, Director Asia Pacific, Bedeschi SpA
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Technical routes to improved OPEX
Speaker from Bruks Siwertell
- 14:30 CASE STUDY: Teesworks – *the largest development in Europe*
Garry O'Malley, Operations Director, Teesworks and Chairman, ABTO
Technical Committee
- 15:00 CASE STUDY: Operation improvements for better efficiency at Puerto Panu
Cristian Valenzuela, Gerente, Puerto Panul S.A.
- 15:30 Refreshments
- 16:00 Current operational issues in the present climate
Speaker to be confirmed
- 16:30 Road-Rail-Ship supply lines and Ukrainian grain export
Speaker from Latvijas Dzelzceļš (LDz) – JSC Latvian Railway

CONFERENCE PANEL DEBATE

- 17:00 Conflict and the effect of the pursuit of political objectives on bulk trades –
international, regional and EU implications

EVENING SESSION

- 17:30 Tour of Historic Riga followed by the Conference Reception in the Riga
Museum of History and Navigation
Kindly hosted by The Freeport of Riga Authority

Conference Day Two: Wednesday 12 October 2022

- 08:30 Refreshments
- 08:55 Conference Chairman's opening remarks
Professor Mike Bradley

DIGITALISATION

- 09:00 What are the challenges and understanding where digitalisation can improve
performance
Nick Chubb, Managing Director, Thetius

THE CYBER THREAT

09:30 Identifying where the risks come from and managing the risks
Nick Chubb, Managing Director, Thetius

SAFETY AND RISK

10:00 Safety first
Richard Steele, Head of ICHCA International

10:30 Risk issues
Peregrine Storrs-Fox, Risk Management Director, TT Club

11:00 Refreshments

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

12:00 Hydrogen – a way to achieve decarbonisation targets
Mériadec Le Mouillour, Directeur Général, CCIM Bretagne Ouest

12:30 Monitoring emissions
Jean Christophe Mifsud, President Directeur Général, Ellona

HARBOUR BOAT TOUR, PORT VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES CENTRE AND TERMINAL VISITS

13:00 Depart for boat tour of Riga Harbour and lunch on board
Kindly hosted by the Freeport of Riga Authority

14:00 Port Vessel Traffic Services Centre visit
Kindly hosted by the Freeport of Riga Authority

15:00 Bulk terminal visit
Kindly hosted by Riga Universal Terminal

16:00 Close of conference and return by coach to central Riga

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