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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**

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**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.

## **Bulk Terminals Riga 2022 *continued*:**

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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.*

### **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

**Ian Adams**, CDir, FIoD, IEng, FIMarEST, Technical Director, ABTO

**Lodovico Bernardi**, Director Asia Pacific, Bedeschi SpA

**Nick Chubb**, Managing Director, Thetius

**Simon Gutteridge** BA law (Hons) FIMarEST, Chief Executive, ABTO

**William Fray**, Director, Maritime Strategies International (MSI)

**Basil M Karatzas**, CEO, Karatzas Marine Advisors & Co

**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 Research Analyst Dry Bulk, Drewry Shipping Consultants

**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

**Pre-conference**

**ICE BREAKER DRINKS**

*Kindly hosted by The Freeport of Riga Authority*

- Foyer and Winter Garden of The Freeport of Riga Authority conference centre overlooking the Riga Canal

**Conference Programme**

*NB: The scheduling of sessions may change*

**Conference Day One, Tuesday 11 October 2022**

**MORNING SESSION**

**OPENING WELCOME ADDRESSES**

- Association of Bulk Terminal Operators (ABTO)
- Ministry of Transport, Republic of Latvia
- The Freeport of Riga Authority
- Conference Chairman's opening remarks

**BULK MARKETS**

- Effects of the conflict in Ukraine on grain markets
- Prospects for the minerals dry bulk market in 2022 and beyond
- The future of coal – *short, medium and long term*
- Biofuel markets

**OPERATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS**

- Dangers of value engineering
- The benefits of bespoke designing for purpose
- CASE STUDY: Teesworks

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**OPERATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS *continued***

- CASE STUDY: Operation improvements for better efficiency at Puerto Panu
- Road-Rail-Ship supply lines and Ukrainian grain export

**DIGITALISATION**

- What are the challenges
- Understanding where digitalisation can improve performance

**THE CYBER THREAT**

- Identifying where the risks come from and managing the risks

**CONFERENCE PANEL DEBATE**

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

**EVENING SESSION**

*Kindly hosted by The Freeport of Riga Authority*

- Tour of Historic Riga
- Conference reception in the Riga Museum of History and Navigation

**Conference Day Two, Wednesday 12 October 2022**

**MORNING SESSION**

**ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

- Hydrogen – *a way to achieve decarbonisation targets*
- CASE STUDY: Where dust emissions are arising and actions to take
- Monitoring emissions

**SAFETY AND RISK**

- Safety first
- Risk issues

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**BOAT TOUR, VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES CENTRE AND TERMINAL VISITS**

- Depart for boat tour of Riga Harbour and lunch on board  
*Kindly hosted by the Freeport of Riga Authority*
- Vessel Traffic Services Centre visit  
*Kindly hosted by the Freeport of Riga Authority*
- Bulk terminal visit  
*Kindly hosted by Riga Universal Terminal*