



BULK TERMINALS 2024 ANTWERP

The Annual Conference of the Association of Bulk Terminal Operators (ABTO)

– the only event aimed at the entire bulk terminals industry

Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel Antwerp City Centre, 23-24 October 2024

NB: This is a draft document subject to change and apart from the Bulk Markets session, the Operations, Safety & Risk and Environment sessions may change their order.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

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 the ABTO Members' Advisory Panel

Albert-Jan Ars, Commercial Manager Port Operations, Katoen Natie

Dr Christian Augustin LL.M., Managing Director, indurad GmbH

Tobias Batzdorf, Shore Power Manager, igus

Maarten Boot, Policy Advisor, FEPORT

Yves Bosteels, General Manager Dry Bulk Division, SEA-invest

Nick Chubb, Managing Director, Thetius

Neil Dalus, Risk Assessment Manager, TT Club

Kris Dhondt, Commercial Director Belgium, Euroports Belgium NV

Hanne Geelen, Country Manager Belgium, igus

Jérémie Geelen, Market Intelligence Director, Bioenergy Europe

Jessica Gerritsen, Program Manager Area Development, Port of Antwerp-Bruges

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

David Ingvarsson, Sales Manager, BRUKS Siwertell AB

Dr Wouter Jacobs, Executive and Academic Director Erasmus Commodity & Trade Centre, Erasmus University Rotterdam

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

Rahul Sharan, Deputy Director – Bulk Research, Drewry

Richard Steele, Head of ICHCA International

Jo Van der Herten, Key Account Manager, Port of Antwerp-Bruges Bulk Terminals

Frank van Laarhoven, Senior Sales Manager Europe, RAM Spreaders

Arne Strybos, Program Manager Fuel Transition, Port of Antwerp-Bruges

Indra Vonck PhD, Partner, Maritime & Transport Business Solutions (MTBS) and
Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

PRE-CONFERENCE NETWORKING: TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

Ice Breaker Drinks

CONFERENCE DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

MORNING SESSION

OPENING WELCOME ADDRESSES

BULK MARKETS

Bulk markets vulnerability to wars and political disruptions

Grain markets

Biomass

Prospects for the minerals dry bulk market in 2024 and beyond

The continuing market for coal

AFTERNOON SESSION

OPERATIONS

Progress towards bulk terminal automation

What is Containerised Bulk Handling (CBH)

Circular economies: CASE STUDIES

Efficient use of quayside space and time

Latest developments in cold ironing

EVENING SESSION

Tour of De Koninck Antwerp City Brewery and Conference Reception

CONFERENCE DAY TWO: THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023

MORNING SESSION

ENVIRONMENT

Developments in maritime decarbonisation – *getting ports to net zero*

The danger of rising water levels to terminal operations

PANEL: Options for a green port strategy and combating the effects of climate change

INTERACTIVE SESSION: Delegates from ports and terminals join panellists from the previous session to report where they are with their journey to deal with rising sea levels and implementing a strategy for greening their operations

SECURITY AND SAFETY & RISK

Safety – *eliminating risk*

Innovations in safety technologies

AFTERNOON SESSION

TERMINAL VISIT

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