



IAPH IT Award 2009

The International Association of Ports & Harbors (IAPH) invites entries for the 2009 Information Technology (IT) Award

The IAPH Committee on Trade Facilitation and Port Community Systems organises this award to promote the use of Information Technology in ports to face the challenges of globalisation.

The Award is made in recognition of the benefits that the implementation of innovative IT projects in ports has on the ports themselves, their customers and the logistics chain.

Conditions of entry

The 9th award, to be presented in Genoa in 2009, is open to entries from any Regular or Associate Member of IAPH.

Any port-related Information Technology project may be submitted, whether purely internal to the Port Operator, the Port Authority, the Port Community System or involving outside organisations.

The entry should demonstrate how the application of IT has improved port-related activities. Examples of these activities are Port Operations and Management, Port Community System, Health and Safety, Security, Environmental Protection, Data and Document Exchange, and Interconnectivity, Interoperability and Integration of Port Systems and Logistics Chain.

The winner will be the project or application, totally or substantially implemented in the previous 2 years, that resulted in the greatest benefit to the Port, the Port Community and other related organisations as assessed by the Selection Committee using the following criteria:

- Improvement:
 - Time and cost saving; safety and security; environmental protection; interoperability along logistics chain; integration of procedures; transparency; data exchange;...
- Innovation:
 - Concept; technical and institutional aspects;...
- Complexity & obstacles
 - Scope of works; components of the project; stakeholders; obstacles/constraints; initial situation,...

It is specifically intended to reward the most innovative IT solutions providing improved performance and integration to the logistics chain to members of a port community and its customers.

Ports in less developed countries, perhaps with limited resources and their own particular circumstances, are encouraged to compete for the award alongside those who already use available technology extensively. Relative improvement for a port will be a key factor for comparison.

Project Description

Submissions for the award should be presented in a Word or Power Point format and follow these guidelines:

- **Project Summary** - Briefly describe (up to 400 words) the project. Include the business problem, the technical solution, the date of implementation and the time taken to achieve results.
- **Results achieved** - (up to 400 words) - Provide specific performance measurements to show the improvement resulting from implementation of the project. Examples would be cost savings, time savings, increased operational capability...etc. Describe who benefits from the implementation of the project and how.
- **Obstacles overcome** - (up to 300 words) - Explain the primary problems (technological, organisational, human etc) overcome or avoided in the progress of the project, and how these were countered.
- **Technology Base** - (up to 300 words) - Provide an indication of the level and extent of technology in use within the organisation before implementation of the submitted project.

Gold, Silver and Bronze plaques will be presented for the best entries.

Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will review and judge the merits of all the projects submitted. The four members of the Committee will be:

- Chairman of the IAPH Trade Facilitation Committee ;
- A representative nominated by the Port of Genoa (Hosts for 2009 Conference) or by the IAPH Secretariat;
- A member to be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee on Trade Facilitation and Port Community Systems from a different country to that of the Committee's Chairman ; and
- Satoshi Inoue, Secretary General of the IAPH.

Language

Submissions should be in English.

Deadline for Entries

The deadline for submission of entries is February 28, 2009. The entries may be submitted by e-mail or on paper (4 copies).

Notification of Results

The winners of the three awards will be notified in good time to allow the presentations to be made during the 26th IAPH World Ports Conference in Genoa, Italy, 25-29 May, 2009.

Publicity

The award-winning entries will be published in the IAPH magazine "Ports and Harbors" and at the IAPH web site.

Entry submission (by mail, e-mail or fax) to:

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