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IAPH 2018 meets in Baku, Azerbaijan

As the Baku conference is only one month or so away, have you registered for this annual event of IAPH? If not, please register today by visiting the conference website.

- Registration & Hotel Booking
- eVISA to Azerbaijan

Our conference host, Baku International Sea Trade Port (Dr. Taleh Ziyadov, Director-General), anxiously looks forward to welcoming you all to Baku in May and an exciting business and social program awaits you in a beautiful city of Baku.
On the morning of Wednesday, May 9, Session One entitled as "High level dialogue on emerging corridors and connectivity" will take place right after the opening ceremony. The sessions will be a special and significant one especially intended for member port managers and executives where H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of Republic of Azerbaijan will address us, along with other prominent speakers including H.E Sultan Ahmad Sultan Bin Sulayem, President of DP World.

If you require any further information or assistance, please write us.

**Technical Committee Meetings in Baku**

In Baku, we are taking a new approach to organizing technical committee meetings by integrating them into the conference sessions as parallel workshops moderated by committee chairs, as opposed to our previous practice of organizing committee meetings collectively in one day, prior to the conference opening. It is expected this new method will shed more light on technical committee activity, especially from the perspective of IAPH members not associated with technical committees and non-members as well.

However, committees may choose to hold their own meeting, in addition to workshops spread across the conference, and, for instance, four committees; (1) Port Safety & Security (2) Port Environment (3) Legal and (4) Port Planning & Development are now scheduled to have a joint meeting on the morning of May 8. Members of the said four committees should be in receipt of a circular email and will be kept updated.

- [Latest conference program](#)

**WPSP launch event in Antwerp**

More than 250 professionals from ports, shipping, government and society came together in Antwerp, Belgium for the official launch of the World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP), March 22 and 23. Hosted by Antwerp Port Authority (Mr. Jacques Vandermeiren, Chief Executive Officer), the event was such a big success in officially launching the WPSP initiated by IAPH last year. The launch event proved that IAPH through WPSP is determined to take the lead in demonstrating global leadership of ports in contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations.

We were honored to have her Majesty Queen Mathilde of the Belgians open the first day of the WPSP Launch Event with a keynote address in which she underlined the important role that ports play in achieving the United Nations SDGs. IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim commended the initiative of IAPH and referred to the platform that IMO is offering for more collaboration between shipowners, ports, maritime administrations and other stakeholders.

The first day of this remarkable event was successfully concluded with the signature of the WPSP Declaration by the Founding Partners of the Program: representatives of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), AIVP -the Global Network of Cities and Ports, the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) and the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC). President Santiago Garcia Milà signed the declaration for IAPH.

More details: [WPSP](#) | [Port of Antwerp](#) | [IAPH on Facebook](#)

(Photoby the courtesy of David Pintens)
IAPH Working Group on LNG Fuelled Vessels meets in Antwerp, April 18 and 19

IAPH LNG Fuelled Vessels Working Group chaired by Mr. Peter Alkema, Port of Amsterdam, will meet in Antwerp, Belgium on April 18 and 19. The draft agenda is as follows:

- Adoption of the first version of IAPH audit tool for LNG Bunker Operators, based on the industry consultation of the 20th of March;
- Additional accreditation scheme works to be done;
- Initiation of the review of the IAPH LNG Bunker Checklists;
- Proposal for change of Ship to Ship LNG Bunker Checklist;
- Improvement of LNG website content. Your port can be a part of it!
- The future scope of the working group with regards to alternative marine fuels

If interested in attending the meeting, please contact Chair and you will receive further practical information.

ESI ever going stronger!

Environment Ship Index (ESI), a pillar of IAPH's World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP) has registered 6,370 ships and 55 incentive providers, as of April 1, 2018. Over the past three months, it has shown a remarkable increase in the number of ships and IPs, showing ever stronger development trends.

ESI identifies seagoing ships that perform better in reducing air emissions than required by the current emission standards of the International Maritime Organization.

Welcome to New Member

We are pleased to announce new member of the Association.

TEMPORARY MEMBER

Mwani Qatar- Qatar Ports Management Company
Address: P.O. Box 313, Hamad Port UMM AL-HOUL, QATAR
Website: http://www.mwani.com.qa/en/Pages/default.aspx
Representative: Capt. Abdulla Al-Khanji, CEO

New publication from IAPH Associate Member
A long-standing useful publication issued by IADC (International Association of Dredging Companies), "Terra et Aqua" has celebrated its 50th edition with a new cutting edge innovation and new look. The issue dives into the guiding principles of dredging for sustainability as presented in IADC and CEDA's new book Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure, best practices for sediment monitoring and a 1DH model of a TSHD's hopper.

World Maritime News

Reducing emissions in ports
A strategic partnership between the IMO-executed GloMEEP energy efficiency project and the IAPH is helping selected countries to develop port emissions inventories and subsequently draw up a port emission reduction strategy. Training will begin in May 2018 and will be rolled out to the ten lead pilot countries participating in the GloMEEP project.

More details: GloMEEP

UK ports look for post-Brexit customs clarity
Ports in the UK looking to avoid vessel delays are seeking clarity on frameworks for customs. Brexit may result in a drastically different customs arrangement-a point that concerns both port and vessel operators looking for quick turnaround times. Calls for frictionless trade by industry groups mainly concern RO-RO cargo and short-sea shipping, while Container ports may have a much lower exposure, as they already have Port Community Services systems that link in with the UK's revenue and customs collections department.

More details: BPA | Fairplay

Qatar to invest USD 4 billion in new Sudanese port
Qatar Ports Management Company (QPMC) signed a USD 4 billion agreement with Sudan early part of the last week of March 2018 to develop a port at Suakin on the Red Sea, in a deal believed to be its first international foray in the port development business. US sanctions lifted only last year made it nearly impossible for Sudan to use international finance, as demonstrated by its failure to move ahead with plans for New Khartoum International Airport.

More details: MOTC, Qatar | Fairplay

Extension of US east and Gulf coast labour contract moves closer
Following two days of talks between port employers and labour leaders, and extension to the current contract for US east and Gulf coast longshoremen has moved a step closer. In a joint statement, the International Longshoremen's Association and the United States Maritime Alliance say that significant progress has been made on terms of a "six-year master contract" that will be effective once the current labour agreement comes to a close in September 2018.

More details: ILA | Lloyd's List

Dead-lock threatens to undermine Spanish port reforms
Spain's parliamentary vote last year to put port labor reforms into effect as hailed as a path to progress, but 10 months on the impasse between unions and port employers shows little sign of being broken. It was hoped that the legislation, passed under royal decree, would liberalize Spain's stevedore profession by gradually eliminating Sociedad Anonima de Gestion de Estibadores Portuarios, the stevedores' pooling company from which employers hire workers, and open labor supply to competitive forces.

More details: Lloyd's List
Shell unveils LNG strategy for post-2020 bunker world
Shell is eyeing expansion of its LNG-fuelled fleet while enhancing LNG bunkering infrastructure in various regions, with the IMO schedule to lower sulphur limits in bunker fuels globally from 2020, according to its shipping head. Aside from being the world's largest independent LNG producer, Shell is also one of the world's largest suppliers of bunker fuels. The major has stated it will develop low sulphur bunker blends for vessel operators to meet the IMO rules.

More details: Lloyd's List

EU drafts united CO₂ reduction strategy
The European Union has reached a compromise to support a 70% to 100% reduction in international shipping's GHG emissions by 2050. The 72nd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the IMO meets this month to adopt a five-year GHG emissions reduction strategy. In the meantime the Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS) issued a statement to appeal for responsibility among IMO member states in order to achieve a realistic global strategy on emissions. The Greek statement said that the IMO's status as the only legitimate and technically competent global body to address GHG emissions reductions should be respected and accepted by all.

More details: MEPC 72 | Lloyd's List | UGS

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EUROPE AND AFRICA

March 22

- Antwerp: Port of Antwerp pushes ahead with onshore power for ships
- JadeWeserPort, Wilhelmshaven: Panattoni Europe to Build Facility for Volkswagen Group in the JadeWeserPort
- Bulgarian Ports Corp.: BPI Co. gathers international experts on the ECOPORTIL project in Sofia
- Rotterdam: Port of Rotterdam Authority starts construction of Container Exchange Route
- Rotterdam: Port of Rotterdam Authority invests in Port railway line capacity expansion

March 23

- Riga: A spacious, multi-functional cargo handling, warehousing and logistics centre to be built in Kundzinsala
- Amsterdam: Rietlanden installs solar panels as part of far-reaching transition

March 24

- Genoa: The US Consul General on an Official Visit to Palazzo San Giorgio
- Genoa: Genoa, Shanghai and the New Silk Road

March 26

- APM Terminals: Reefer Terminal reconfirms market-leading position
- Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority: Veep Inaugrates Naval Base Housing Project

March 27

- Antwerp: Deurganck dock gets smart
- Rotterdam: Minister starts deepening of Nieuwe Waterweg (New Waterway)

March 28
Riga: Freeport of Riga Authority honours the best employees of port enterprises

April 3

Helsinki: Annual Report of the Port of Helsinki published: 2017-a year of achievements
Puertos del Estado: The president of Puertos del Estado, José Llorca, opens the Second Conference for the Core LNGas hive Project

AMERICA NORTH / CENTRAL & SOUTH

March 22

APM Terminals: Using technology for better supply chains in Mexico
Vancouver: Federal government's new commitments to protect whales under the Oceans Protection Plan include support for port authority ECHO Program

March 23

Palm Beach: Financial Reports for February 2018
AAPA: U.S. Ports Pleased With Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Funding Bill

March 26

Canaveral: Port Canaveral Welcomes Post-Panamax Vehicle Carrier on First U.S Voyage

March 27

Georgia Ports Authority: Mason Mega Rail Breaks Ground
Los Angeles: Port of Los Angeles Releases Draft Environmental Impact Report for Shell Marine Oil Terminal

March 28

Seattle/Tacoma: Regional emissions report shows significant NWSA-related clean air progress

ASIA AND OCEANIA

March 19

Mwani Qatar: Hamad Port Hits One Million Containers Mark

March 20

Ministry of Shipping, Govt of India: Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Inland Ferry Services in Goa
Sabah Ports Sdn: Sabah Ports Signs Agreement with MVW to Improve Services

March 22

MPA Singapore: New initiatives to strengthen ReCAAP ISC as a Centre of Excellence for Information Sharing

March 27

Sydney, NSW: Marine pilots recreate Sydney in state-of-the-art shipping simulator
Sri Lanka Ports Authority: Port of Colombo-13th Best Connectivity Port in the world

March 28
Gladstone: Paint the Port Winners
Bintulu Port Sdn Bhd: Annual Report & CG Report

March 29

- YKIP, Japan: Memorandum concluded on joint study on Ship-To-Ship LNG bunkering in Tokyo Bay

April 2

- Busan: Thai CIPIT Officials Visit Busan Port
- Sri Lanka Ports Authority: KKS Harbour and Colombo Port project given green light

April 3

- Incheon: Aggregation results shows Incheon Port achieved 215,976TEU in February, the highest February record in history
- Busan: Delegation from Ministry of Commerce and Industry in India Visits Busan Port

April 4

- Busan: Busan Port Endeavors to Attract T/S cargo from 3 Major Shipping Alliances

March

- PNG Ports, Papua New Guinea: PNG Ports to upgrade old main wharf for APEC 2018

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Upcoming Maritime Events

IAPH MEETING/EVENTS

- LNG Fuelled Vessels Working Group Meeting
  April 18-19, Antwerp, Belgium (Please contact Chair for details)
- 2018 IAPH Mid Term Conference
  May 8-11, Baku, Azerbaijan
- ESI Meeting
  June 14-15, Marseille, France
- IAPH Africa Regional Meeting
  September 17-19, Abuja, Nigeria
- 2019 IAPH World Ports Conference
  April 7-12, 2019, Guangzhou, China

OTHER MEETING/EVENTS

- IMO Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
UNCTAD TrainForTrade Port Management Week
   April 9-13, Geneva, Switzerland

Port Transit Transport, Operations & Transhipment Hub Logistics Management
   April 9-13, London, U.K.

PAS Institute: Port Management and Operations Course
   April 9-20 Singapore (Please contact psainstitute@globalpsa.com for more details)

JOC Gulf Shipping Conference
   April 16-18 Houston, TX, USA

Apec: Strategic masterplanning & concession policy
   April 16-27, Antwerp, Belgium

Port & Terminal Technology 10th International Conference & Exhibition
   April 17-18, Charleston, SC, USA

6th MED Ports 2018
   April 17-19, Livorno, Italy

TransRussia
   April 17-19, Moscow, Russia

Certificate in Maritime Law and Shipping Contracts
   Commences from April 18, tutored distance learning

Cyber Security Seminar
   April 18-19, London, U.K.

GloMEEP First Workshop
   April 23-25, Ningbo, China

Strategic Port Pricing and Commercial Billings Management

IHE Delft: International Port Seminar
   April 23-May 4, Delft, Netherlands

The 3rd Singapore Maritime Technology Conference (SMTC) 2018
   April 24-26 Singapore

TOC Asia
   April 24-25 Singapore

Project Cargo Summit 2018
   April 24-25, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Diploma in Maritime Management and Leadership
   Commences from April 25, tutored distance learning

Diploma in Logistics Management
   Commences from May 1, tutored distance learning

Multimodal 2018
   May 1-3, Birmingham, U.K.

PIANC 34th Congress
   May 7-11, Panama City, Panama

ICHCA Australia & Global Shippers Forum Conference & MegaTrans Exhibition
   May 8-11, Melbourne, Australia

IPER Seminar: Port Economy: Essential for Decision Makers
   May 14-18, Le Havre, France (Please contact ghardy@em-normandie.fr for more details)

Apec-JNPT:IT & technologies
   May 14-18, Mumbai, India

Apec: Intermodality: rail and inland navigation
   May 14-25, Antwerp, Belgium

GreenPort Congress America 2018
   May 16-18, Baltimore, U.S.A.

7th Black Sea Ports and Shipping 2018
   May 21-23, Varna, Bulgaria

19th IALA Conference
   May 27-June 2, Incheon, Korea

Breakbulk Europe
   May 29-31, Bremen, Germany
15th ESPO Annual Conference
May 31-June 1, Rotterdam, Netherlands

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