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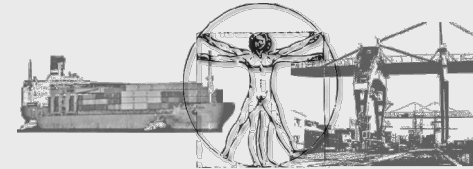
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First Announcement & Call for Abstracts



About the Conference

In the aftermath of the disastrous events of September 11, 2001 the international shipping community has put focus on the ship/port interface by introducing the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

But the ship/port interface as the point, where a ship is directly and immediately affected by actions involving the movement of persons, goods or the provisions of port services to or from the ship, is not only of interest from a security point of view. Aspects such as number and quality of available workforces, health and social conditions of work, reasons for and prevention of incidents and accidents are just a few additional topics which are of common interest to both parties of the ship/port interface.

It is the intention of the 1st International Ship Port Interface Conference (ISPIC 2008) to provide answers to the entire maritime industry on how to ensure through a human being centred work philosophy safe, secure and efficient future operation at the ship/port interface.

Besides paper presentations by experts from all over the world, having experience with all kinds of different transportation systems, a technical exhibition will be arranged in order to provide a range of information on the scope of the conference as diversified as possible to the delegates of this special meeting.

Who should attend the Conference?

The conference will offer a good opportunity and a useful forum for discussion and interchange of information between designers, builders, owners and operators of ships and ports, pilots, sailing mariners, maritime administrators, lawyers and consultants, maritime educators, staff from classification societies, maritime supervisory authorities, the scientific and academic communities and all others with a common interest in the human element at the ship/port interface.

Main Conference Topics

1. Technological Aspects
 - *Port and Terminal Developments*
 - *New Concepts for Mass Evacuations*
 - *Ergonomic Design of IT-Applications*
 - *Large Ships and High Speed Crafts*
2. Operational Aspects
 - *Quality Management*
 - *Workload, Shift Work, Stress, Fatigue*
 - *Emergency Preparedness*
 - *Communicative Structures*
3. Personnel Aspects
 - *Recruitment and Selection of Staff*
 - *Training and Education of Staff*
 - *Leadership and Team Management Skills*
 - *Coping with Traumatic Stress*
4. Legal and Administrative Aspects
 - *ILO Maritime Labour Convention*
 - *ISPS Code and State Control Systems*
 - *Safe Manning Policy*
 - *Training Requirements for Staff*
5. General Aspects
 - *Economic Effects of Breakdowns*
 - *Application of Systemic Approach*
 - *Human Being Centred Work Philosophy*
 - *Promotion of a Blame Free Work Culture*

Conference Contributions

Papers are invited on the topics as outlined above and on others falling within the scope of the conference.

Abstracts of not more than 500 words should be submitted by e-mail to the conference organisers at c.prieser@ispic.org as soon as possible but not later than **15 November 2007** for consideration by the Papers Selection Committee.

Prospective authors are invited to consult the conference website www.ispic.org in order to obtain detailed instructions on requested formats for abstracts and final papers.

Conference Programme

The conference programme will include a number of technical sessions, a technical exhibition and of course some social events to make this a memorable and enjoyable conference.

Conference Language

The conference working language is English, which will be used for all printed material, presentations and discussions. Please note that no translation services will be provided at the conference.

Conference Proceedings

The conference proceedings containing the full typescript of all contributions presented at the conference will be published to a high standard in book form prior to the conference and will be available to all delegates at registration.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held in the conference hall of PARK HOTEL BREMEN, which once used to be a duke's country residence and now is one of Europe's Grand Hotels. The conference site is within walking distance to the beautiful historic city centre.

Technical Exhibition

ISPIC 2008 offers limited display facilities for those authorities, companies or organisations wishing to display products, services, hardware, software or literature related to the scope of the conference.

The exhibition, which will take place in the conference area, should cover and present the state-of-the-art as well as trends of future developments.

Please feel free to contact c.prieser@ispic.org or w.wittig@ispic.org in order to obtain detailed information.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Up to 270 delegates from the maritime industry, government and academia with a strong interest in the human element at the ship/port interface are expected to attend the conference. Attendance is anticipated to include representatives from all over the world.

Therefore ISPIC 2008 provides a unique opportunity to interested companies, organisations and authorities to maintain a high profile and to communicate its message to an international audience of leading-edge system developers, researchers, innovators operators and decision makers, who are open to new ideas and in search of excellence.

By becoming a sponsor of the conference your company, organisation or authority will be able to present itself to a tightly defined and targeted audience.

Please feel free to consult the conference website www.ispic.org to obtain further information on available sponsoring packages or to contact the conference organisers, c.prieser@ispic.org or w.wittig@ispic.org, in order to discuss other sponsoring opportunities.

Conference Registration

Conference delegates are invited to register online at www.ispic.org as soon as possible.

Information on registration fees, recommended hotels offering special conference rates as well as further details on the conference programme, the social events and the partner programme will be announced on the conference website in due time.

Important Deadlines

Submission of abstracts **15 November 2007**
 Notification of authors **15 December 2007**
 End of early bird registration **15 January 2008**
 Submission of final papers **15 March 2008**