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# 1<sup>st</sup> International Ship-Port-Interface Conference – The Human Element – ISPIC 2008 19 - 21 May 2008, Bremen / Germany



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## Second Announcement & Invitation



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

In response to the "First Announcement & Call for Papers" an overwhelming number of abstracts covering the topics as outlined above have been received by the ISPIC 2008 conference organisers.

## Conference Programme

The conference programme will include a number of technical sessions, a poster session, a technical exhibition and of course some social events to make ISPIC 2008 a memorable and enjoyable conference.

## Preliminary Conference Schedule

### Day 1: Monday, 19 May 2008

- 09:00 -10:30 Registration
- 10:30 -11:30 Opening Session
- 11:30 -12:30 Poster Session
- 12:30 -14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 -18:00 Technical Session
- 19:00 -21:00 Reception at Town Hall

### Day 2: Tuesday, 20 May 2008

- 09:00-12:30 Technical Session
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-18:00 Technical Session
- 20:00-23:00 Conference Dinner

### Day 3: Wednesday, 21 May 2008

- 09:00-12:00 Technical Session
- 12:00-12:30 Closing Session
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-18:00 IFSMA 34<sup>th</sup> AGA

## Conference Language

The conference working language is English, which will be used for all printed material, presentations and discussions.

## Conference Proceedings

The conference proceedings containing the full typescript of all contributions presented at the conference will be available to all delegates at registration.

## Conference Venue

ISPIC 2008 will be held at PARK HOTEL BREMEN, which used to be a duke's country residence and now is one of Europe's Grand Hotels.

## Conference Registration

Conference delegates are invited to register online at [www.ispic.org](http://www.ispic.org) as soon as possible.

Please note that delegates who register on or before **30 January 2008** will benefit from the reduced "Early Bird Registration Fee".

## Sponsors



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.

Please feel free to join in as a sponsor of the ISPIC 2008 conference. Further information on available sponsoring packages can be obtained from the conference website [www.ispic.org](http://www.ispic.org) or just contact one of the conference organisers, [c.prieser@ispic.org](mailto:c.prieser@ispic.org) or [w.wittig@ispic.org](mailto:w.wittig@ispic.org), in order to discuss other sponsoring opportunities.

## 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.

For further information on all issues related to the technical exhibition please feel free to consult the conference website [www.ispic.org](http://www.ispic.org) or contact [c.prieser@ispic.org](mailto:c.prieser@ispic.org) or [w.wittig@ispic.org](mailto:w.wittig@ispic.org).