

# BULK TERMINALS RIGA 2022

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

# 11-12 OCTOBER 2022

CONFERENCE AT THE FREEPORT OF RIGA AUTHORITY PLUS VISITS TO THE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES CENTRE AND RIGA UNIVERSAL TERMINAL

# PROGRAMME

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### Host Port



FREEPORT OF RIGA AUTHORITY

Local Organiser Association of Stevedores in the Port of Riga



## SESSIONS WILL COVER

- Bulk markets
- Increasing the profitability of operations
- Development opportunities
- Driving efficiency through technology and digitalisation
- Environmental protection
- Risk and improving safety
- Cyber security
- Transshipment, rail and transport connectivity
- The impact of covid-19
- Conflict and political influences

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## This year we are guests of our host port the Freeport of Riga Authority in Latvia – and since Amsterdam in 2019 the first time we will all meet physically.

The conference always sets the scene with an analysis of bulk markets. It continues with a full programme focused on the concerns of operators, each year offering sound practical solutions for improving safety, streamlining operations and ensuring environmental protection. Digitalisation, the cyber threat, development opportunities and naturally the ongoing effect of covid-19 on bulk terminal operations will also be covered.

Given the importance to Latvian and other Baltic ports of transit cargoes, rail and transport connectivity will be covered as well in Bulk Terminals Riga 2022 – especially given the impact the conflict in Ukraine has had.

Other disputes with origins in political disagreements can affect the fortunes of port and terminals. China's dispute with Lithuania has regional and EU implications. In late 2020 China stopped buying Australian coal. Subsequently the Australians found new markets. Most recently Chinese exports of sand to Taiwan have stopped.

Time will tell how long lasting the fallout from the conflict in Ukraine will be. Similarly, how temporary the effect on the pattern of Chinese bulk imports and exports of their disputes with other countries will be. Bulk Terminals 2022 will examine the consequences, regionally and internationally.

The Annual ABTO Bulk Terminals Conferences are designed for all those involved in the transportation, storage and handling of bulk commodities. As well as terminals and ports we welcome equipment and service suppliers, professional advisors and academics to the conference. Indeed, ABTO feels strongly it is only through the interaction with these others that bulk terminals will achieve increased operational efficiencies, together with safety and environmental compliance.

As well as a full programme of presentations, panels and case studies, by popular request this year Bulk Terminals will include a terminal visit. We are delighted to be the guests of Rīgas Universālais Termināls – Riga Universal Terminal (RUT). As well as the valuable networking opportunities afforded by the visit to RUT, there will be a boat tour of Riga Port with lunch on board thanks to the generosity of the Freeport of Riga Authority, followed by a visit to the port Vessel Traffic Services Centre.

After the proceedings at the end of the first day, the Freeport Authority have kindly organised a tour of Historic Riga, culminating in the conference reception at the Riga Museum of History and Navigation – and for arrivals on Monday before conference they are also hosting drinks in the Foyer and Winter Garden of their conference venue overlooking the Riga City Canal.

Conference Chairman Professor Mike Bradley and I both look forward to welcoming you to Bulk Terminals 2022 in Riga this October.

Simon Gutteridge, Chief Executive, ABTO



**Simon Gutteridge,**  
Chief Executive, ABTO



**Mike Bradley,** Director,  
The Wolfson Centre

### KEY TOPICS

- The effects of the conflict in Ukraine and prospects for the dry bulk market
- Dangers of value engineering
- Update on Teesworks – the largest development in Europe
- CASE STUDY: Optimisation of bulk terminal operations at Puerto Panu
- Improving performance through digitalisation
- Identifying cyber risks and managing them
- Hydrogen – a way to achieve decarbonisation targets
- Dust and emissions monitoring



## WHY ATTEND?

- Understand the challenges the bulk terminal industry faces
- Learn from the experts
- Appreciate the needs of your customers
- Join the discussion with industry peers, consultants and investors
- Meet technology suppliers and find out how they can improve your compliance and efficiency



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

BULK TERMINALS 2022 RIGA is the essential event for operational and technical directors, managers, business development and analysts from:

- Bulk terminal operators
- Port authorities
- Mining companies, commodity producers and traders
- Shippers
- Ship owners, operators, charterers, managers and barge companies
- Logistics, brokers and forwarders
- Materials handling engineers
- Equipment and service providers
- Government and regulators
- Terminal developers
- Ports and construction consultants
- Finance
- Insurance and P&I
- Lawyers

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**ICE BREAKER DRINKS**

**18:00** Foyer and Winter Garden of The Freeport of Riga Authority conference centre overlooking the Riga Canal  
Kindly hosted by **The Freeport of Riga Authority**



## CONFERENCE DAY ONE

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2022

**08:15** Registration and refreshments

**OPENING WELCOME ADDRESSES**

**09:00** **Simon Gutteridge** BA Law (Hons), FIMarEST, Chief Executive, ABTO

**09:05** **The Honourable Tālis Linkaits**, Minister for Transport, Republic of Latvia

**09:15** **Viesturs Zeps**, Chairman of the Board, Freeport of Riga Authority

**09:20** **Ansis Zeltiņš**, CEO, Freeport of Riga Authority

**09:25** **Conference Chairman's opening remarks**

**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 ABTO Members' Advisory Panel

**BULK MARKETS – Session Chairman: Rahul Sharan**

**09:30** **Effects of the conflict in Ukraine on grain markets**

**Rahul Sharan**, Lead Analyst Bulk Shipping Research, Drewry

**09:55** **Prospects for the minerals dry bulk market in 2022 and beyond**

**William Fray**, Director, Maritime Strategies International (MSI)

**10:20** **The future of coal – short, medium and long term**

**Basil M Karatzas**, CEO, Karatzas Marine Advisors & Co

**10:45** **Biofuel markets**

Speaker to be confirmed

**11:05** Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and chairman

**11:15** Refreshments

**OPERATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS**

**11:45** **Dangers of value engineering**

**Professor Mike Bradley**

**12:05** **The benefits of bespoke designing for purpose**

**Lodovico Bernardi**, Director Asia Pacific, Bedeschi SpA

**12:30** **Technical routes to improved OPEX**

**David Ingvarsson**, Sales Manager Europe, Bruks Siwertell

**12:55** Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and chairman

**13:05** Lunch

**14:05** **CASE STUDY: Teesworks – the largest development in Europe**

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

**14:30** **CASE STUDY: Operation improvements for better efficiency at Puerto Panu**

**Cristian Valenzuela**, Gerente, Puerto Panul S.A.

**14:55** **Benefits of containerised bulk handling**

**Frank van Laarhoven**, Senior Sales Manager Europe, RAM Spreaders

**15:20** **Utilising the Delphi Technique when making major decisions – achieving the best outcome**

**Ian Mills**, Assistant Lecturer, Solent University and Director, Lawrence Mills Consulting

**15:35** Refreshments

**16:00** **Current operational issues in the present climate**

**Vladislavs Jakovļevs**, CEO, Riga Bulk Terminal

**16:30** **Rail connectivity**

**Ģirts Bramans**, Head of Strategic Stakeholders and Communication, Rail Baltica

**16:55** Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and chairman

**CONFERENCE PANEL DEBATE**

**17:05** **Conflict and the effect of the pursuit of political objectives on bulk trades – international, regional and EU implications**

Chairman, speakers and invited guests including The Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Latvia His Excellency **Olexandr Mishchenko**

**EVENING SESSION**

Kindly hosted by **The Freeport of Riga Authority**



**17:30** Tour of Historic Riga followed by the Conference Reception in the Riga Museum of History and Navigation

<b>08:30</b>	Refreshments	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Conference Chairman's opening remarks</b> <b>Professor Mike Bradley</b>	
<b>DIGITALISATION</b>		
<b>09:05</b>	<b>What are the challenges and understanding where digitalisation can improve performance</b> <b>Nick Chubb</b> , Managing Director, Thetius	
<b>THE CYBER THREAT</b>		
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Identifying where the risks come from and managing the risks</b> <b>Nick Chubb</b> , Managing Director, Thetius	
<b>09:55</b>	Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and chairman	
<b>SAFETY AND RISK</b>		
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Safety first</b> <b>Richard Steele</b> , Head of ICHCA International	
<b>10:25</b>	<b>Risk issues</b> <b>Julien Horn</b> , Senior Underwriter, TT Club	
<b>10:50</b>	Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and chairman Previous speakers and chairman joined by <b>Aleksandrs Abuzjarovs</b> , Chairman, Marine Services Group	
<b>11:00</b>	Refreshments	
<b>ENVIRONMENT MATTERS</b>		
<b>11:25</b>	<b>Hydrogen – a way to achieve decarbonisation targets</b> Speaker to be confirmed	
<b>11:50</b>	<b>Monitoring emissions</b> <b>Raphael Picard</b> , VP Sales EMEA, Ellona	
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Retrofit of the existing power supply – achieving energy savings through electrification</b> <b>Malte Moeller</b> , Project Manager, igus GmbH	
<b>12:40</b>	Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and chairman	
<b>12:45</b>	Chairman's summary of conference deliberations	
<b>HARBOUR BOAT TOUR, VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES CENTRE AND TERMINAL VISITS</b>		
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Depart for boat tour of Riga Harbour and lunch on board</b> Kindly hosted by <b>The Freeport of Riga Authority</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Vessel Traffic Services Centre visit</b> Kindly hosted by <b>The Freeport of Riga Authority</b>	
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Bulk terminal visit</b> Kindly hosted by <b>Riga Universal Terminal</b>	
<b>16:00</b>	Close of conference and return by coach to central Riga	

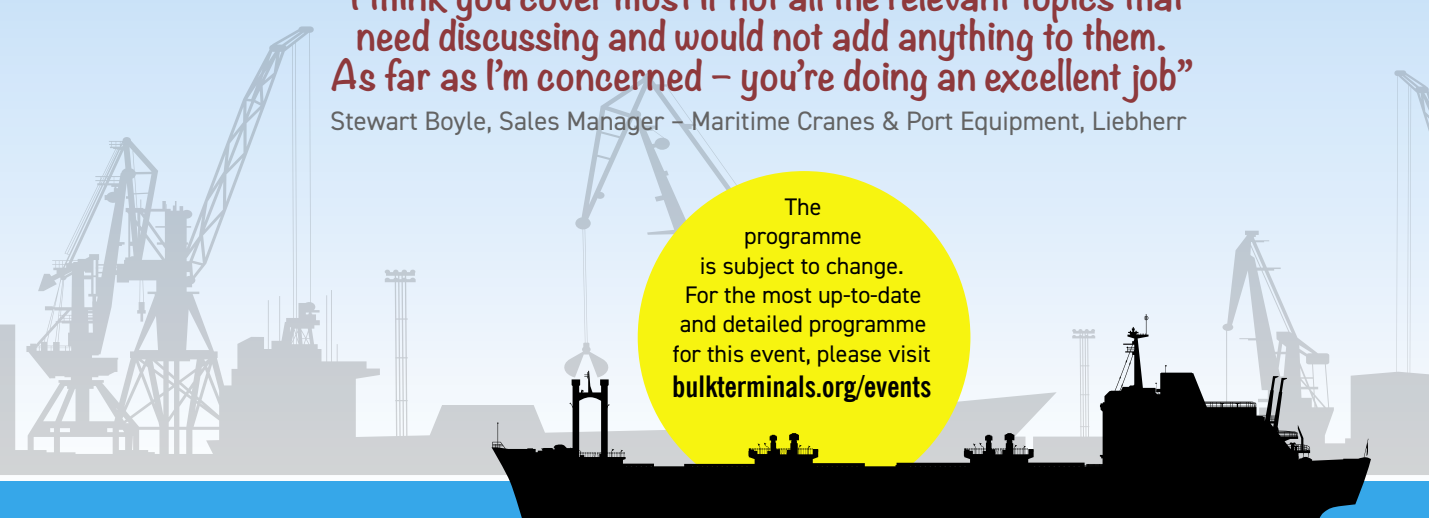
“Great conference, good programme and networking – met some useful people.”

Fergal Buttimer, CEO, Buttimer Engineering

“I think you cover most if not all the relevant topics that need discussing and would not add anything to them. As far as I'm concerned – you're doing an excellent job”

Stewart Boyle, Sales Manager – Maritime Cranes & Port Equipment, Liebherr

The programme is subject to change. For the most up-to-date and detailed programme for this event, please visit [bulkterminals.org/events](http://bulkterminals.org/events)



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11-12 October 2022 Freeport of Riga Authority, Latvia

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### REGISTRATION FEES

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### CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations of a registered place must be received in writing no later than 14 days prior to the event. A charge of £100 + VAT will be made for cancellations received before this date, but it is regretted that no refunds will be issued after this date. However, substitute delegates are welcome.



**“Logistec has attended all of your Bulk Terminals conferences so far. Thank you very much for putting a very good conference together again this year.”**

Frank Robertson, Vice-President Operations Ontario, Logistec Stevedoring Inc

**“I compliment ABTO for the high quality event we all enjoyed”**

Javier Quintero Saavedra CMIOSH, Chairman, Dry Bulk Cargoes Working Group, ICHCA International and Head of HSE, Terminales Maritimos de Galicia



# ABTO COURSES AND TRAINING 2022-2023

A key feature of ABTO's Mission is developing training schemes and educational seminars to facilitate advancement and best practice.

## UNDERSTANDING THE TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP

All too often the operational requirements of the equipment to be supplied to bulk terminals is not properly understood by either the buyers or the sellers. Purchase decisions purely based on price or a lack of knowledge of the characteristics of the material to be handled – or frequently both – will fail to understand the true cost of a bulk solids handling system to a business in terms of down-time; energy; maintenance and manning.

The **OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE** is to raise awareness amongst bulk terminal buyers of the need to behave in a better informed way and equipment suppliers to understand the operational needs of the equipment they are supplying.

The course will be delivered through **EXPERT PRESENTATIONS, CASE STUDIES** and **GROUP WORKING** facilitated by The Wolfson Centre for Bulk Solids Handling Technology and the Solids Handling & Processing Association (SHAPA).

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## BIOMASS OPERATIONS AND HANDLING TECHNOLOGIES

Held in collaboration with The Wolfson Centre, this course has been designed to help delegates identify and resolve common problems when handling the various biomass materials.

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## PORT AND TERMINAL OPERATIONS FOR BULK CARGOES

Held in March last year in collaboration with The Wolfson Centre, this popular ONLINE SHORT COURSE is ideal for anyone with responsibility for the safe handling and storage of bulk cargoes.

Delegates will gain an understanding of the reasons for the varied behaviour of, and how to handle, bulk particulate materials as they travel across the seas or are stored and transported to and from port terminals.

For further details of all of these courses including fees, registration and discounts for ABTO members and partners please click [HERE](#) or contact **Simon Gutteridge** [events@bulkterminals.org](mailto:events@bulkterminals.org) +33 (0)3 21 47 72 19

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*“I consider this course has been a very useful to approach a number of questions about bulk cargoes. The variety of subjects covered was high, from port equipment to the unloading and loading of ships, the various forms of storage, and the risks of fire and explosion.”*

Duarte Bastos, Terminal Manager, SILOPOR  
- Empresa de Silos Portuários, SA



**BIOMASS OPERATIONS AND HANDLING TECHNOLOGIES**  
SHORT COURSE – ONLINE  
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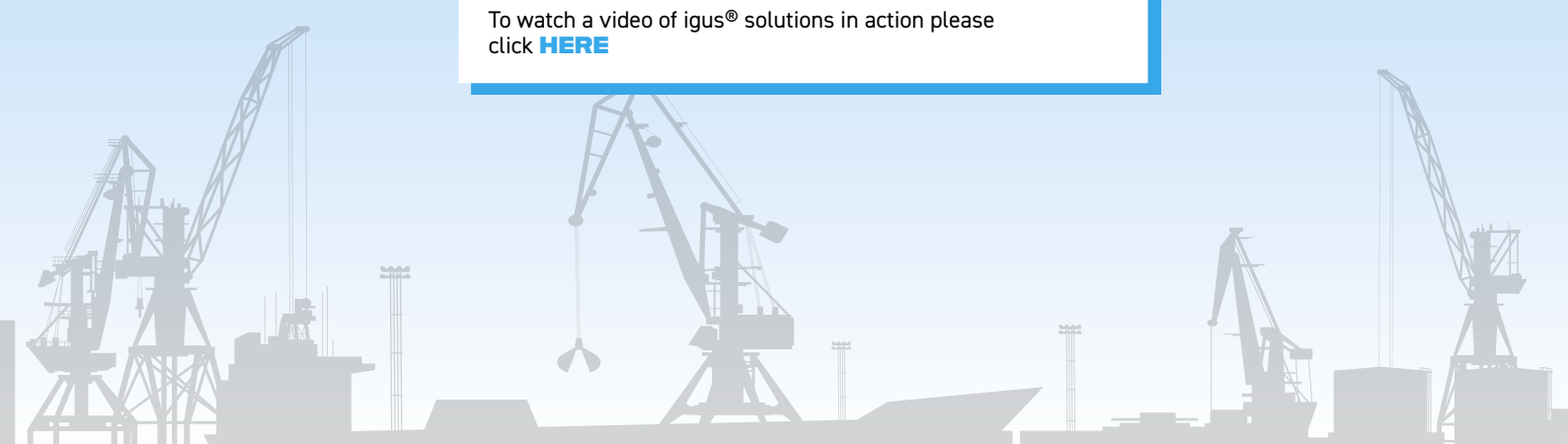
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## FREEPORT OF RIGA AUTHORITY

The Freeport of Riga is a multi-functional port, which handles all types of cargo. In 2021, the total turnover was 21.5 million tonnes. Bulk cargo was the largest group of cargo with a share of 56%, followed by general cargo with a share of 34%, while the proportion of liquid cargo was 10%. The main types of cargo in 2021 were timber (29%), containers (20%), agricultural products (14%), liquid cargo (10%), metals and ore (9%), fertilizers (6%), coal/coke (5%), construction materials (2%) and peat (1%). Riga is also an important passenger port.

Until 2018, energy resources, which mainly are transit cargoes from Russia and Belarus, accounted for the largest share of the port's cargo volume, which in 2014 allowed it to reach its historically highest 41 million tons turnover. During the last years Russia has strongly developed its own ports and transit energy resources were gradually redirected to Russia's ports. Therefore, the role of coal and oil products in Riga port's cargo portfolio has dropped significantly. Nevertheless, due to its multifunctionality the Freeport of Riga has been able to shift its focus to other

cargo segments, specifically forestry and agricultural products of local origin. Containers also remain an important part of the port's cargo portfolio; meanwhile, the port still maintains great care for all types and different origin cargo.

Cargo handling and storage services in the port are provided by 36 stevedore companies, while the port cluster is built up of approximately 110 companies. The total annual terminal handling capacity is 67 million tons. Spare handling capacity is available in all cargo segments, which allows for a significant increase of the turnover with the existing infrastructure.

An average of 3,000 cargo ships have been serviced during the last three years. The restart of passenger traffic would add another 450 ships and therefore the port's traffic would be around 3,500 ships annually.

The maximum draft of the ship in the port is 15.0m for tankers and 14.8m for bulk carriers, which allows servicing ships with a carrying capacity (DW) of up to 115 thousand tons (Aframax and Baby Cape). Meeting specific requirements, it is possible to accommodate even bigger vessels – bulk carriers with a maximum length of up to 300m, a width of up to 46m and a carrying capacity of up to 135 thousand tons (Cape size), as well as passenger ships up to 300 m in length.

The Freeport of Riga is the biggest port in Latvia with a 55% market share and one of the largest ports in the eastern Baltic region. Riga has traditionally been a hub for freight sent on the East-West freight corridor. And within a wider European context Riga was an important transport node in the Hanseatic League centuries ago. Its location in the centre of the Baltic States, as well as the cargo handling capacity available in the port, is a significant advantage in the regional context, as the location and available infrastructure allow for a dynamic response to various service requests.

Occupying 11% of its territory, the Freeport is an integral part of the city of Riga. It houses not only stevedoring companies, but also production facilities, warehouses and other commercial activities related and non-related to port functions, as well as residential buildings. In Riga, as the largest city in the Baltic States, port companies have many opportunities to attract labour (more than 4000 people are employed in the port cluster alone), have the most modern transport hubs, convenient access to versatile services, proximity to airports and railway infrastructure is ensured.

The Freeport of Riga operates in Special Economic Zone (SEZ) mode that provides opportunity to receive significant tax reliefs if investments in the port territory have been made. The SEZ regime will be in force until 2035.



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Local Organiser Rīgas Brīvostas Padome (RBP) – the Association of Riga Stevedores – is the representing body of port companies that unites businesses in the Freeport of Riga.

RBP represents stevedores' interests in Latvia and Europe in terms of legislation, cooperation and ports development. It cooperates with institutions, government bodies, unions in Latvia and Europe. Similarly, RBP cooperates and exchanges experiences with other ports and companies. The Association promotes the development of the industry within the framework of the green deal and digitalisation.

RBP membership consist of 21 companies concerned with construction, terminal operation and the provision of all types of maritime services. Members benefit from the Association's provision of statistics and industry insights; industry news and information about development opportunities in Latvia and foreign countries – as well as the chance to make contacts and facilitate professional improvement.

Representation includes the Association of Stevedoring Companies of Latvia, which unites port companies' associations working in Liepaja, Ventspils and Riga; the Employers Confederation of Latvia; the Logistics Council of the Ministry of Transport and Riga City Council.



If you have the opportunity to combine the conference with a few extra days in Riga, then there is much to see in this beautiful city.

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