



BULK TERMINALS 2024 ANTWERP

The Annual Conference of the Association of Bulk Terminal Operators (ABTO)
– the only event aimed at the entire bulk terminals industry

Radisson Blu Hotel, Antwerp City Centre, 23-24 October 2024

Please note the programme is subject to change

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

PRE-CONFERENCE NETWORKING: TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

18:00 Ice Breaker Drinks

CONFERENCE DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

08:15 Registration and refreshments

OPENING WELCOME ADDRESSES

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

09:05 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 the ABTO Members' Advisory Panel

09:10 Jo Van der Herten, Key Account Manager, Port of Antwerp-Bruges Bulk Terminals

BULK MARKETS

Session Chairman: Rahul Sharan, Deputy Director – Bulk Research, Drewry

09:15 KEYNOTE: Bulk markets vulnerability to wars and political disruptions
Dr Wouter Jacobs, Executive and Academic Director Erasmus Commodity & Trade Centre, Erasmus University Rotterdam

09:40 Prospects for the major bulks
Rahul Sharan

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10:30 Biomass
Jérémie Geelen, Market Intelligence Director, Bioenergy Europe

10:55 Refreshments

11:25 Overview of minor bulks – *waste, fly ash, aggregates*
Rahul Sharan

12:50 Discussion and questions
Previous speakers and Chairman

13:00 Lunch

OPERATIONS

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

14:00 Progress towards bulk terminal automation
Nick Chubb, Managing Director, Thetius

14:25 What is Containerised Bulk Handling (CBH)
Frank van Laarhoven, Senior Sales Manager Europe, RAM Spreaders

14:50 Latest developments in the electrification of terminal operations – *cold ironing and harbour machinery*
Hanne Geelen, Country Manager Belgium and Tobias Batzdorf, Shore Power Manager, igus

15:15 Refreshments

15:45 CASE STUDY: Glencore terminal application of radar technology
Dr. Christian Augustin LLM, Managing Director, indurad GmbH

16:10 CASE STUDIES PANEL: Circular economies
Jessica Gerritsen, Port Area Development Expert Circular Economy, Port of Antwerp-Bruges
Albert-Jan Ars, Commercial Manager Port Operations, Katoen Natie
Yves Bosteels, General Manager Dry Bulk Division, SEA-invest
Kris Dhondt, Commercial Director Belgium, Euroports Belgium NV

16:40 Chairman's conclusions and close of day one

EVENING SESSION

16:45 Depart for tour of De Koninck Antwerp City Brewery and Conference Reception

CONFERENCE DAY TWO: THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023

08:30 Refreshments

09:00 Conference Chairman's opening remarks
Professor Mike Bradley

ENVIRONMENT

Session Chairman: Professor Mike Bradley

09:05 Developments in maritime decarbonisation – *getting ports to net zero*.
Nick Chubb, Managing Director, Thetius

09:30 Sustainability gains from advances in technology
David Ingvarsson, Sales Manager, BRUKS Siwertell AB

09:55 PANEL DISCUSSION: Options for a green port strategy
Arne Strybos, Program Manager Fuel Transition, Port of Antwerp-Bruges
Maarten Boot, Policy Advisor, FEPORT
Nick Chubb
Karin Smit-Jacobs, Director EU Transport and Energy, Conference of Peripheral
Maritime Regions (CPMR)
Hanne Geelen, Country Manager Belgium and Tobias Batzdorf, Shore Power
Manager, igus

10:25 INTERACTIVE SESSION: Delegates from ports and terminals join panellists from
the previous session to report where they are with their journey implementing a
strategy for greening their operations

10:45 Refreshments

CYBER SECURITY, SAFETY & RISK

Session Chairman: Professor Mike Bradley

11:15 Update of the latest cyber risks and taking protective measures
Richard Hodder, CEO, Pelion Consulting

11:40 Safety – *eliminating risk*
Neil Dalus, Risk Assessment Manager, TT Club

12:05 Innovations in safety technologies
Richard Steele, Head of ICHCA International

12:30 Discussion and questions

12:50 Chairman's summary of conference deliberations

13:00 Lunch

TERMINAL VISIT

14:00 Visit to Euroports' Fertilisers and Minerals Terminal



16:30* Close of conference and return by coach to central Antwerp

* Approximate timing

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