



## **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**

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## **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 **Welcome from ABTO**

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

09:15 **Welcome from the Port of Antwerp**

Jo Van der Hertten, Key Account Manager, Port of Antwerp-Bruges Bulk Terminals

### **BULK MARKETS**

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

09:25 **KEYNOTE: Bulk markets vulnerability to wars and political disruptions**

Dr Wouter Jacobs, Executive and Academic Director Erasmus Commodity & Trade Centre, Erasmus University Rotterdam

09:55 **Prospects for the major bulks**

Rahul Sharan

**10:35 Grain markets**

Professor Indra Vonck, Partner, Maritime & Transport Business Solutions (MTBS) and Vrije Universiteit Brussels

**11:05 Refreshments**

**11:35 Biomass**

Gilles Gauthier, Research and Business Development Manager, Hawkins Wright

**12:05 Overview of minor bulks – waste, fly ash, aggregates**

Rahul Sharan

**12:35 Panel discussion and questions – Previous speakers and Chairman**

**12:50 Lunch**

**OPERATIONS**

Session Chairman: Professor Mike Bradley

**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**

Michael Akkermans, 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 a tour of De Koninck Antwerp City Brewery and the 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  
Karin Smit-Jacobs, Director EU Transport and Energy, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)  
Tobias Batzdorf  
Nick Chubb  
David Ingvarsson

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, CEO, 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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