

World Ports Conference 2015 in Hamburg

“Hamburg Night” under the wings of the space shuttle in Los Angeles – the Free and Hanseatic City introduces itself at the 28th IAPH World Ports Conference

Los Angeles, 7 May 2013 – The Hamburg Port Authority (HPA) is proud to organise the IAPH (International Association of Ports and Harbors) World Ports Conference - the internationally most significant conference of the port industry - in Hamburg in 2015. Hamburg will take up the role of the next host city for the first time at this year's conference, held in Los Angeles from May 6 to 10, 2013, when the “Hamburg Night” will be staged.

Guests at the “Hamburg Night” will enjoy a real highlight: the representatives of the Hanseatic City will welcome their guests at the Space Shuttle Pavilion at the California Science Center. Seated in front of a very special “ship” - the original space shuttle Endeavour - the approximately 500 high-ranking attendants from the global port industry will celebrate the night with a festive gala dinner.

The objective of the biannual IAPH World Ports Conference, which always takes place at different port cities, is to strengthen relationships among the member ports and facilitate interaction, dialogue and problemsolving.

As is tradition, Hamburg as the next host city will organise one evening event at this year's IAPH World Ports Conference in Los Angeles and give a first impression of what guests can expect at the conference in Hamburg in 2015.

Images of the north German harbour city and music by the Beatles, who started their career in Hamburg, are sure to make guests look forward in anticipation to visiting Hamburg.

Jens Meier, managing director of the Hamburg Port Authority: “We are delighted to host the next IAPH World Ports Conference in Hamburg and make the port of Hamburg “the window to the world” for businesses. At the same time the exchange with other port representatives is the perfect opportunity for participants to look over the rim of their tea cup and learn from each other.”

About the IAPH

On 7 November 1955 some 100 delegates from 38 ports and maritime organisations in 14 countries founded the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) in Los Angeles, USA, to represent the interests of the world's seaports.

The organisation's headquarters are in Tokyo, Japan. Over the past five decades, the IAPH developed into an organisation that is active around the globe. Today it represents more than 200 ports from 90 nations. The member ports together handle around 60% of the world's seaborne trade and nearly 80% of the world's container traffic. The IAPH is a non-profit-making, nongovernmental organisation (NGO). Its declared aim is to promote the cooperation among its members and jointly find solutions to global maritime problems. In addition, the organisation continuously passes insights and recommendations to its members thus enabling them to benefit from their peers' experiences.