IAPH Technical Committee Days - London, 25-27 March 2024

Offices TT Club – 90 Fenchurch Street – London EC3M 4ST

Draft annotated agenda

Monday 25 March

13:30-15:00 Plenary meeting
- Moderator: Patrick Verhoeven (IAPH)
- Presentation of current priorities of the IAPH Technical Committees
  - Climate & Energy: Peter Mollema (chair CEC, Port of Rotterdam)
  - Data Collaboration: Pascal Ollivier (chair DCC, Maritime Street)
  - Risk and Resilience: Niels Vanlaer (chair RRC, Port of Antwerp-Bruges)
  - Cruise: Simone Maraschi (chair CC, Cruise Gate Hamburg)
  - Legal: Martins Ziemanis (chair LC, Freeport of Riga Authority)
- Discussion: IAPH work programme 2024

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Parallel thematic sessions:

**IMO agenda on decarbonizing shipping**
In the aftermath of the IMO intersessional working group on GHG emissions from shipping and the 81st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 81), participants will be presented with and invited to discuss all latest developments. In particular, the session will address the current status towards building consensus over an economic measure to be adopted by IMO at MEPC 82, the progress with the associated assessment of the impact of such a measure on members states, and the IAPH contribution moving ahead.

**Next Steps on Cybersecurity at Ports & Port Facilities**
The state of cybersecurity at ports, in particular in the global south, is challenged by the inexistence of a national cybersecurity act in many states. In that context IAPH issued a FAL 48 submission, declaring its intention to collaborate along with Member States and NGOs to prepare a proposal to FAL 49 for a new output, in order to amend the annex of the FAL Convention to introduce mandatory requirements for protecting MSW from cyber risks. Participants will be invited to reflect on the required steps towards building such a coalition of the willing, while selected Member States and industry stakeholders will be invited to share their views.

18.30-20:30 Networking reception:
Residence of the Ambassador of Belgium to the United Kingdom
36 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB
Tuesday 26 March

09.00-10.30 Parallel thematic sessions

**Clean marine fuels and port readiness**

The port readiness level for marine fuels (PRL MF) assessment tool has been jointly developed by the IAPH Clean Marine Fuels (CMF) working group and the World Ports Climate Action Program (WPCAP). PRL MF provides a checklist-based methodology for ports to evaluate their readiness levels in bunkering or receiving calls of vessels propelled with new zero-carbon fuels. IAPH is now working closely with WPCAP and other parties in developing a digital dynamic version of the tool to also provide guidance to users and additional functionalities including internal and external communication tools. At the same time, CMF is continuing the development of its safety-focused toolkit for auditing, terminal readiness and bunkering of low- and zero-carbon fuels in ports. During this session, participants will be informed on all the latest developments on PRL MF and CMF and will be invited to provide their input on the way forward.

**Visibility and predictability in the supply chain**

IAPH and ChainPORT initiated in 2023, the supply chain resilience task force in cooperation with DCSA, TIC 4.0 and IPCSA to respond to the needs of leading Cargo Owners in terms of visibility and predictability in the supply chain. The session will focus on the status of work on the two tracks that have been established on Gate-in/Gate-out and JIT Port Call Processes. Participants will be invited to share their related experiences, discuss the survey on JIT port call pilots, and provide their input on the way forward.

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Parallel thematic sessions

**CEM Hubs**

The session will be focusing on the latest developments within the joint ICS / IAPH CEM Hubs initiative. An update will be provided on the work plan for 2024 including workstreams on a CEM Hubs blueprint, a knowledge hubs portal and how IAPH members will get involved in infrastructure development on the landside. An overview of financing will be provided and participants will be invited to discuss how the workstreams would cooperate with the IAPH Climate and Energy Technical committee.

**Illicit trade and organised crime**

In 2023, IAPH supported an initiative led by Belgium and other countries towards strengthening the international IMO legislative framework in order to fight illicit trade and organized crime in ports and the maritime sector. To that end IAPH co-sponsored a subsequent submission to the 33rd IMO Assembly that materialised with the adoption of a respective Resolution recognising the challenge and calling for concrete proposals to the forthcoming Facilitation and Maritime Security committees. As a follow-up, IAPH also co-sponsored a FAL 48 submission calling for revising the guidelines for the prevention and suppression of the smuggling of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals on ships engaged in international maritime
traffic. Participants will review the current status of these initiatives and will be invited to exchange views and define any further IAPH initiatives on this topic.

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Parallel thematic sessions

Port incentives - Environmental Ship Index
Following a year of intense technical work, the ESI technical advisory group has reached consensus and finalized the development of ESI version 2.0. In this session, participants will be informed of all the modules and components of the new ESI, including the new ESI at berth module. All the forthcoming changes in the new ESI 2.0 comprehensive formulas for evaluating the performance of vessels in terms of emissions of air pollutants, GHG emissions, and noise, including underwater noise, will be presented and discussed. Participants will also be informed of the implementation pathway and timeline for operationalizing ESI 2.0.

Future of work
Enhanced port efficiency through digitalization and automation requires ports to attract and retain talented emerging technology experts to work in the port ecosystem. The IAPH Data Collaboration Committee has established a working group to help prepare the ports’ work force for these new employment opportunities and to assess the most useful way IAPH can support its members in this effort. After exploring related opportunities, the group conducted a survey to collect members opinions on potential IAPH initiatives going forward. In this session, the survey outcomes will be presented and participants will be invited to present their respective experiences and share their views on how IAPH could run a ‘future of work’ programme that also incorporates aspects of diversity and leadership.

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Parallel thematic sessions

Sustainability accreditation for cruise ports
The cruise committee of IAPH is investigating the potential development of an accreditation scheme for sustainable cruise ports. The outcomes of the preparatory work towards this direction will be presented in this session, and participants will be invited to share their views in order to further shape the pathway and agree on the way ahead.

IAPH ports membership profile
Recent trends clearly indicate greater challenges faced by IAPH members in responding to multiple data collection calls resulting in “survey fatigue”. Given the importance of port data for IAPH in terms of shaping the association’s focus and creating added value for its membership, IAPH is implementing an easy-to-use “IAPH port membership profile” portal. There will be demonstration of this new tool and a subsequent discussion on how to use this tool going forward to regularly and seamlessly collate data from the membership.
19.00-21.30  Networking reception  
Watermen’s Hall  
16-18 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3R 8EF

Wednesday 27 March

09:00-10:30  Parallel agenda-setting committee sessions  
  Climate and Energy  
  Data Collaboration Committee

10:30-11.00  Coffee break

11.00-12.30  Parallel agenda-setting committee sessions  
  Risk and resilience committee  
  Legal Committee

12.30-13.00  Plenary wrapping up session

13.00-14.00  Lunch