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# 21 YEARS AND KEEP COUNTING

The 21st CPN Annual Conference and General Meeting took place at the Rome Marriott Park Hotel, Italy between April 28th and May 1st, 2017.

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## Highlights of the 21 CPN Annual Conference and General Meeting Rome, Italy, April 28 – May 1, 2017



The **21 CPN Annual Conference and General Meeting** were successfully held at the Rome Marriott Park Hotel, Italy from April 28 to May 1, 2017. More than 110 delegates from member companies and several guests had the opportunity to gather for interact in business discussions, attend to Special Presentations on topics of great interest and be participants in an educational workshop and other social activities. The Conference was co-hosted this year by Italian Companies, **Samer & Co.** and **FERT Spedizioni Internazionali**.

Of particular relevance for this years' edition was its **First Training Workshop on Risks Awareness and Management in the International Freight and Transport**

**Logistics.** The workshop was a resounding success as an overwhelming response was received and the attendee list far exceeded our expectations. This workshop was conducted by **Mr. Thomas Sim**, Chairman of **FIATA's Advisory body-Vocational Training** and **Senior Advisor** to the **CPN's** Board of Directors. The training session sparked great interest among veterans and leaders from the industry as well as to young recruits. The youngest attendee was aged 14 whereas the oldest participant was 70.

The participants were enthusiastic and interactive. The workshop addressed many operational as well as strategic issues that members face in their day-to-day workplace. Attendees demonstrated their interests in learning more about international regulations, best practices as well as knowledge and skills in executing their roles and services. The trainer was quick to identify that many of them (although practitioners in their respective jurisdictions), were lacking basic academic knowledge of freight forwarding, especially risks and liability knowledge & skills. The goal of the workshop was to help members identify, understand and mitigate the amount of risks and malpractices that go around in today's workplace.

**CPN** is proud to be the first and only Global Network that offers an Educational & Training Platform for our Members. We intend to continue running these workshops at our conferences and will look to cover a wide range of topics that include 'Risks Management', 'multiple Insurance Mitigations & Claims', 'International Conventions (UNCITRAL Rules)', and 'Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Substances Handling Awareness' Program for the Series #2 full-Day Session in 2018.

### Deddy Syah, Managing Director - PT. BAKHTERA FREIGHT WORLDWIDE, INDONESIA

*"This was a very interesting and an invaluable workshop that can add more uniqueness to our network. After I followed the workshop, I realized how important it was for our business and I am eager to share and replicate the information amongst my staff at the office. THANK YOU"*



### Rosa Marinez, Imports and Exports Manager LEKAS INTERNATIONAL, SRL, DOM. REPUBLIC.

*"The Workshop was the best way to make us bond with our partners, and to find quicker solutions to common situations, so we can learn to reduce risks on the chain. Hopefully, we will have allocated more time for this activity in next opportunities"*

### Anand Didwania, Chairman, NEW GLOBE LOGISTIK LLP, India



*My compliments to the coordinators of the work shop which I thoroughly enjoyed participating. We definitely should allocate time for such work shop in our future conferences to update our membership with changing regulations in our business and the various caution to be taken care of.*

### Sunil Sreedhar, Managing Director, FIRST FREIGHT INTERNATIONAL, Bahrain

*"The workshop was quite interesting and informative –however the very limited time slot was definitely an issue. Hope we will have more of these in the upcoming conferences with well defined subject titles"*



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In the context of the **21 CPN Conference**, new initiatives were announced. Among them, the integration of groups for **Young Professionals** and **Women in Logistics**, a campaign to increase the visibility of **CPN** in Social Media and some recommendations to the organization of the upcoming conferences, intended to generate more interaction among delegates and provide better facilities for their attendance, bookings, etc.

The discussions at the Annual General Meeting were vivacious and plenty of suggestions and observations from numerous members.

During the **AGM** the new nominations to the Board of Directors were communicated to the delegates. Among **CPN** Executives **Anne Omwandho** (Multilines Global Kenya), **Anand Didwania** (New Globe Logistik, India) and **Melvin Xavier** (Golden Cargo Services, UAE) the last two were elected by unanimous vote as Directors.

Plaques of Recognition for Board members who served for two terms or more were presented to the Chairman **Mohammed Soliman** (Q-Trans Logistics, Qatar) and Director **Abdellah Sadek** (Eurobooking, Morocco). Companies that arrived in 2017 to 15 years of active membership in CPN, **LMC Sea Air Services** (Philippines), **New Globe Logisitks** (India) and **Karl Gross International** (Germany) and the 21 Conference Co-Hosts, **Samer & Co Shipping** and FERT Spedizioni from Italy were also presented with Plaque Awards.

The New **CPN** Board of Directors was presented and acclaimed by all present Delegates.

The Venue for the Next Annual Conference and General Meeting was allocated to South Korea, where the member companies **GNG Corporation** and **Air Star International** will act as Conference Hosts.



# Photo Highlights



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We are always open to your comments and suggestions. Let us know what topics you would like to see discussed in our Bulletin and your impressions about this new era of communication we are initiating. By getting better communicated, the impact of our interactions will increase and be potentiated. Keep in mind the increases challenges that globalization imposes to us and, in consequence, apply this valuable formula: **"Act locally; but think Globally"** [Not a CPN member? If you are interested to receive this Bulletin, please send an email to subscribe to [cpn@cargopartnersnetwork.com](mailto:cpn@cargopartnersnetwork.com)]