

Press Information

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“Scandinavian Initiative” theme for Coastlink conference 2008

Coastlink, the forum for shortsea shipping, will be addressing key themes important to the Nordic and Baltic areas at this year’s annual conference in Gothenburg.

Dubbed the “Scandinavian Initiative,” the conference will focus on subjects including feeder networks in northern Europe; reducing shipping bottlenecks across the continent; and the impact of the surge in fuel costs on the industry.

Speakers already confirmed include Magnus Karestedt, Managing Director of the Port of Gothenburg, Unifeeder director Erik Petersen, Ian Adams, Secretary General of the International Bunker Industry Association; Professor Thomas Pawlik of Kiel’s University of Applied Sciences; and Masterfood’s Filip Beckers, who is also Chairman of the Maritime Council of the European Shippers Council. Other shippers participating include Lego, Arla Foods, Stora Enso, Komatsu Europe and Volvo Logistics while carriers represented on the platform include Samskip and OPDR.

Gavin Roser, deputy chairman of Coastlink, said: “This year’s conference has a high level of shippers participating together with an excellent cross section of the shipping and port communities.

“Last year’s event in Ireland produced the successful ‘Dublin Declaration’ which highlighted key issues on modal change, peak period demand, frequency of shortsea and feeder services and congestion. The ‘Scandinavian Initiative’ will address whether feeder services can be made more cost effective; is cost the main driver in choice of transport modes; and how the industry is managing change.”

The two-day event is being staged at the Malmsten Hall of Goteborg University School of Business and Economics, Gothenburg, on 3rd and 4th September 2008. Delegates should visit www.pantrak.com to register for the conference.

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3 & 4 September. Coastlink Annual Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden.
Venue: Malmsten Hall of Goteborg University School of Business and Economics, Gothenburg, www.coastlink.co.uk or www.pantrak.com to register.