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Schiphol hosts Air Cargo Handling conference

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol will play host to this year's Air Cargo Handling Conference, taking place from 19th-21st September 2011 at the Sheraton Amsterdam Airport Hotel & Conference Centre.

The three-day programme will commence with a tour of facilities within the Schiphol Cargo community, including FloraHolland (the world's largest flower auction), a major ground handler and Schiphol Group's headquarters. This will be followed by an introductory working group examining what forwarders want from airlines and their handlers. The day concludes with a welcome reception for all delegates.

The second day will include sessions on a variety of subjects ranging from trade flows between Europe and Asia, through security issues, to improving the bottom line. The day will end with a gala dinner hosted by Schiphol Cargo.

The final day will examine how the industry can work together more effectively in the future, and will feature three working groups for handlers, airlines and freight forwarders.

Joint Chairmen of the event are Chris Notter (Head of Cargo Handling, Hub & Network, Etihad) and Olivier Bijaoui (Executive Chairman, President & CEO, Worldwide Flight Services). The impressive line-up of speakers will include Schiphol Cargo's Senior VP, Enno Osinga.

The event will provide delegates with the opportunity to network with fellow industry professionals from around the globe, and is expected to attract a wide cross-section of industry executives from airlines, forwarders, cargo handlers and equipment suppliers.

Over 160 senior industry executives attended the 2010 event, and the organisers anticipate increased attendance this year.

Says Enno Osinga, Schiphol Cargo's Senior VP: "We are delighted to host this important event, and to have the opportunity of showcasing Schiphol's unique cargo community collaboration model as a demonstration of how the industry can share and overcome challenges by effective cooperation."

The Air Cargo Handling Conference 2011 is organised by aviation publishing and events specialists EVA International. For more information on the event, visit www.evaint.com

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Download a picture of Enno Osinga from
www.pilotmarketing.co.uk/downloads/Schiphol/EnnoOsinga1002.zip

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol Cargo at a glance:

- third largest cargo airport in Europe
- seventeenth largest cargo airport in the world
- Schiphol's air cargo community employs over 26,000 people.
- 1.5 million tonnes of cargo in 2010 (target 3 million tonnes by 2021)
- 301 scheduled airline destinations in 90+ countries
- 106 scheduled airlines
- 24 scheduled freighter operators
- Highest share of (non-integrator) maindeck capacity in Europe
- 386,319 air transport movements in 2010
- One dedicated cargo area
- 25 dedicated full freighter stands
- 5 main runways, ranging from 3,400 – 3,800 metres in length
- Ready to handle multiple A380s & B747-8s
- Ten cargo handling companies
- 525,000 m2 of cargo warehouses, of which 60% have direct air side access
- 11,000 m2 of new cargo buildings under construction with direct air side access
- Airside access for logistic service providers
- Over 150 logistic service providers situated at or in vicinity of Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
- Over 50% of all American and Asian European Distribution Centres located at or near Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
- Airport-seaport synergies: Amsterdam Airport Schiphol close to Ports of Rotterdam and Amsterdam
- Unparalleled European road feeder and distribution network
- Over 25 trucking companies operate at the airport

Amsterdam Connecting Trade:

- 3 new logistic parks planned
- dedicated freight lane planned to connect air cargo terminal directly to logistic parks, truck-, water- and High Speed Train Cargo terminal of ACT

Schiphol SmartGate Cargo

The airport, air cargo industry & customs have joined forces to integrate monitoring of goods leaving the EU from Schiphol, allowing rapid and efficient clearance:

- Integrated cargo control & inspection
- Shorter lead times & lower costs
- Increased reliability, safety & security

See www.schiphol.com/smartgate

About e-freight:

E-freight is an IATA initiative which aims to replace paper with digital documents throughout all elements of the air cargo supply chain – including shippers, forwarders and export customs, carriers, import customs, handling agents, forwarders and consignees. Traditional paper-based air cargo involves some thirty documents for every shipment, and is estimated to create the equivalent of eighty Boeing 747 freighter-loads of paper every year. E-freight eliminates re-keying of data: reducing cost, speeding processes and enhancing accuracy.

About E-Freight@NL:

Another important initiative to turn Amsterdam Airport Schiphol into a paperless cargo hub is the project E-freight@NL. In 2010 the project was awarded a € 1.2 million grant from the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. With KLM Cargo as secretary, the project's participants include various supply chain partners and organisations including Air Cargo Netherlands. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol plays a key role in strengthening relations with other major worldwide hubs involved in e-freight, such as Singapore and Hong Kong.

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