

Eastern Europe - New Logistics Resources



May 29 - June 02, 2006

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Riga, Latvia

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ANNUAL CONVENTION 2006

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President's message



Dear delegates of the "IFWLA Annual Convention 2006",

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the IFWLA Annual Convention, which this year will be held from May 29 to June 02, 2006, in Riga - capital city of Latvia.

Motto of this year's Convention is "Eastern Europe - New Logistic Resources". Leading experts and successful entrepreneurs will deliver their presentations, which

will highlight new opportunities for partnership and untapped business potential in warehousing industry.

Due to Latvia's advantageous geographical location, for centuries it has been a significant industrial and international trade centre. Nowadays Latvia offers politically and economically stable environment for foreign business and investments, therefore Latvia represents big potential for International Warehousing industry.

Apart from business issues to be discussed during sessions, you will be offered to visit logistic centers and ports not only in Riga and Ventspils, but also in Tallinn (optional tour). Moreover, you will have a unique opportunity to get acquainted with Latvian history and culture, participate in medieval fancy-ball and Folk evening, during which you will be able to taste traditional local food and beverages.

Whether its medieval architecture and cobble stone streets you're after, extravagant Art Nouveau buildings and manicured 19th-century parks, Riga has plenty of visual stimulation for all tastes.

I wish you to enjoy your visit to our picturesque land; and your stay in Latvia will bring its' fruits in existing partnership and new business projects!

Best regards

Dr. Michael Fridman
President, IFWLA

Conference language

The languages of the Conference are English, Latvian and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during presentations. In case any delegate group would like to bring their interpreter to the conference- please contact organisers, in order to insure technical equipment.

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Latvia



Latvia has land borders with Estonia to the north and Lithuania to the south, Russia and Belarus to the east. In the west Latvia shares a maritime border with Sweden. The capital of Latvia, Riga - the largest city in the Baltic States. Known originally as Livonia, the area that now constitutes Latvia during different time periods was a part of Germany, Poland, Sweden and Russia. On November 18, 1918 Latvia declared its independence. However from 1940 till 1991 Latvia was a part of USSR. Later Latvia experienced the collapse of the Soviet Union, and on August 21, 1991 declared its independence. In 2004 Latvia joined both NATO and the European Union.



Large parts of Latvia are covered by forests, and the country has over 12,000 small rivers and over 3,000 lakes. Most of the country consists of fertile, low-lying plains with some hills in the east, the highest point being the Gaizinkalns at 311 m. An inlet of the Baltic Sea, the shallow Gulf of Riga is situated in the northwest of the country. The capital city Riga is located on the shores of this inlet, where the River Daugava flows into it. Other major cities include Daugavpils further upriver and Liepaja along the Baltic coast.



Hotel: Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel (5-star hotel)

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Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Daugava River and overlooking the famous Old City of Riga, the Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel is a full service first class hotel that offers its guests a high standard of service and excellent accommodation.

The hotel is just a few minutes walk from corporate and government offices, and is about a 15-minute drive from the airport. Its rooms and suites are very well equipped and many of the rooms offer fabulous views of the Daugava River. Panorama Restaurant serves sumptuous international delicacies, while the Mediterranean restaurant "Talavera" is known for its fine dining.

For your convenience in the hotel you will find:

- Free Broadband, which includes High-Speed and Wireless (WiFi) Internet Access.
- The extensive health and fitness centre with an indoor swimming pool.
- Olympic casino



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Dr. Michael Fridman
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Schedule of events

Optional pre-Convention country visit: Vilnius (Lithuania)

Monday, 29 May

Delegates arrive at Riga International Airport.

Delegates and accompanying guests are transported to the hotel.

15:00 - 18:00 The opportunity to play golf at the OZO Golf Club

19:00 - 21:00 Cocktail reception and welcome (Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel)

Tuesday, 30 May

09:00 - 10:00 Executive Council meeting
(Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel)

10:30 - 12:30 Presentation of Riga Free port

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 Visit of DHL logistics center

16:00 - 18:30 Riga City Sightseeing Tour
(Old Riga, city walking tour and car tour around the city)

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner at "Lido" traditional restaurant
and Latvian folk entertainment

Note:

Spouses' programme
10:00 - 14:00 tour to
Jurmala with lunch
16:00- 18:00 Riga
City Sightseeing Tour

Wednesday, 31 May

Conference "Eastern Europe - new logistics resources"

09:00 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:15 Conference opening address:

Ainars Slesers, Minister of Transport
and Communications of the Republic of Latvia

10:15 - 10:20 Speech by **Dr. Michael Fridman**, IFWLA, President;
Latvian Association of Freight Forwarders, Vice-President (Latvia)

10:20 - 10:30 Speech by **Gundars Liberts**, President of Latvian Association of
Freight Forwarders (Latvia)

10:30 - 11:50 Session 1

Vladimir Shamakhov, First Deputy Head of Federal Customs Service of Russia
*Russian Federation customs strategy on the State border with the European
Union- customs warehouses functions and prospects of development*

Dr. Igor Kabashkin, Transport and Telecommunication Institute, President,
Professor, Vice-Rector for Research and Development Affairs, Telematics and
Logistics Institute, Director. (Latvia)

*Trends of Transport and Logistics Development in Latvia: Infrastructure, Logistic
Centres and Supply-chain Management*

Dr. Yuri A. Shcherbanin, Euro-Asian Transport Union, Steering Committee, Vice-
president; EATU CenterConsult, Director (Russia)

*Possibilities for Russia to use Baltic's favorable position as a portal to the Western
European and USA markets*

Dr. Viktor Sergeev, National Logistics Association, President and Executive
Director; professor of Logistic department of State University -
Higher School of Economics (SU - HSE, Moscow). (Russia)

*Logistics and Supply Chain Management in Russia: Trends and prospects of
development*

Dr. Valentina Dybskaya, Logistic Department of state University-Higher School
of Economics (SU-HSE, Moscow), Professor and Director; Educational-Methodical
Union of Ministry of Education and Science of Russia on a specialty logistics,
Chairwoman

Note:

Spouses' programme
10:00 - 14:00 tour to
Turaide and Sigulda
with lunch

11:50 - 12:20 Coffee Break

12:20 - 13:40 Session 2

Ms Marie Francoise Courtin, IFWLA, Vice-President at Large, FEDIMAG, President (France)
Warehouse, the Company performance tool

Roger Williams, IFWLA, Secretary general and Treasurer (United Kingdom)
Report on the warehousing of United Kingdom

Report on Japan warehousing

Presentations from IFWLA member-countries (to be confirmed)

13:40 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 16:00 Session 3

Kenneth B. Ackerman, Ackerman Company, President; Global Institute of Logistics, Chairman
Global issues and how they influence the warehouse operator

16:00 - 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 - 17:20 Session 4 (members of IFWLA only)

Discussion of IFWLA policy for the next year. Election of new President of IFWLA

19:00 - 22:00 Gala Banquet at Rundales palace

Thursday, 01 June

Technical visits (Ventspils)

09:00 - 12:00 Transfer to Ventspils

12:00 - 13:00 Presentation of Ventspils Freeport

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch in Ventspils, hosted by Ventspils Freeport

14:00 - 14:45 Sea tour around Ventspils Freeport on the vessel "Duke Jacob"

14:45 - 15:30 Visit to Noord Natie Terminal, meeting with port authorities

15:30 - 18:30 Transfer to Riga

18:30 - 19:30 Dinner at the Hotel

20:00 - 21:30 Concert at the National Opera

Friday, 02 June

DEPARTURES

Optional Post-Convention country visits: Tallinn (Estonia), Moscow and St.Petersburg (Russia)

It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organizers to change the content and timing of the programme, venue or identity of the speakers.

Note:

Spouses' programme
10:00 - 13:30
Tour to Latvian ethnographical open-air museum with lunch
14:30-17:00 Free time and shopping



Dr. Viktor Sergeev
National Logistics Association



Dr. Valentina Dibskaya
University – Higher School of Economics



Marie Francoise Courtin
FEDIMAG



Roger Williams
IFWLA



Kenneth B. Ackerman
Ackerman Company

OPTIONAL

Kenneth B. Ackerman's workshop **"Auditing Warehouse Performance"**
June 01, 2006, Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel, Riga, Latvia

Kenneth B.Ackerman built his main career in warehousing business. Before becoming world recognised consultant in warehousing industry, Ken Ackerman was a head of large multi-terminal warehousing company. He organises and conducts workshops, dedicated to the warehousing industry all around the world. Besides this, he is a founder of the Committee of Warehousing Research and Education; founder of Internet forum dedicated to warehousing industry; author of world famous master pieces in warehousing, among which is his book "Auditing Warehouse Performance". Material of this book is basics for the half-day workshop, which will cover such critical topics as productivity, efficiency, efficient layout, and understanding costs.

Social Events and Tours included in the Convention registration fee:

Golf. You can play golf. The OZO Golf Club is the biggest golf club in Riga. Professional golf-players will appreciate its facilities; experienced coaches will give amateurs basic lessons in this aristocratic game.



Jurmala. Jurmala was the ultimate destination for holidaymakers from the USSR and countless tourists from across the Union descended on this small peninsula from Lielupe to Vaivari each summer. During the excursion you will see the Horn's Garden; You can walk along Jomas Street; the central, and one of the oldest streets of Jurmala - with seafood restaurants, summer terraces, soothing spa hotels and caf s offering live music.



Riga. In the 14th and 15th centuries Riga became one of the most important trade centres of the Hanseatic League. During the walk along the cobble-stone picturesque streets of Old Riga you will see numerous places of cultural and historical importance, such as Dome Cathedral, St.Peter's Church, St.Jacob's Church, the Great and Small Guild Houses, the Parliament building, the Swedish Gate, etc.



LIDO. In the LIDO restaurant you are welcome to taste traditional beverages and delicious meals in pleasant surroundings and all prepared by the professional cooks of Lido. Besides a hearty meal in pleasant surroundings you will also find a souvenir shop at Lido.

Sigulda. During the tour the guide will take you around places of interest - Turaida Castle dating back to the 13th century, Sigulda Castle ruins where you will be told the ancient legends of the Middle Ages. The tour includes walking in the Gauja River valley to enjoy the beautiful landscape and the sandstone grottoes on the ancient riverbank.



Rundale Palace. Rundale Palace was the summer residence of the Duke of Courland Ernst Johan Biron and it was built by the outstanding Italian architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, the designer of the Winter Palace in St.Petersburg, Russia. Its Gala-banquet is not only a delicious meal in Renaissance style, it is also a romantic ball with spectacular events.

Ventspils. The ice-free port of Ventspils is the leading export port on the Baltic Sea. The transit cargo turnover of the port was 37,9 million tons in 2001 this ranks Ventspils Free Port among the 20 leading European ports. The port of Ventspils was proclaimed a free economic zone on 1 January 1997.

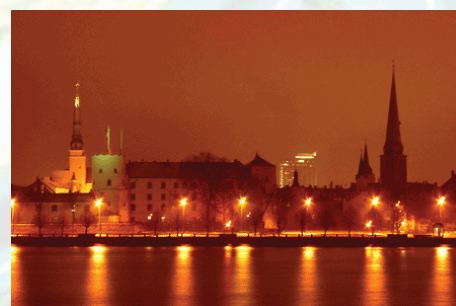


The Open-Air Museum.

100 hectares of life as it used to be. Farms, windmills, fishing villages, churches and other historical pieces have been moved here and preserved for posterity. Watch craftsmen perform their work or try some Latvian food and drink in the tavern.

Opera.

The Latvian National Opera House is the biggest and best musical theatre in the country. Recognized as a living national treasure since its founding in 1918, the Latvian National Opera immediately became the centre of Riga's musical activity. Great masters, international personalities and generations of talent have moulded the history of the Latvian National Opera.



ADDITIONALLY CHARGED TOURS

Pre-Convention Tour

Lithuania

27-28 May 2006

Tour A



Vilnius

You may start your trip from Vilnius and then come to Riga for the Annual conference.

Vilnius is the capital of Lithuania and one its oldest cities. Vilnius can, and quite rightly does, claim to contain the finest examples of Baroque architecture north of Rome; this alone is reason enough to visit.. Other surprises which Vilnius keeps up its sleeve are a few remaining Soviet masterpieces, a miracle or two and the world's one and only likeness of Frank Zappa. It's all here!!

(Tour fee includes 2 nights at a 5-star hotel, 2-hours excursions and transfer from Vilnius to Riga by bus)



Post-Convention Tours

Estonia

02-04 June 2006

Tour B



Tallinn

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia; its historic centre has become the city's best-known trademark. The old town is full of unique buildings, such as the longest and tallest intact medieval city wall and the oldest functioning apothecary in Europe. Dating back as far as the 13th century, the old section of Tallinn is what keeps most visitors occupied during their stay. (Tour fee includes transfer from Riga to Tallinn by bus, 2 nights at a 5-star hotel and 2-hours excursions)



Russia

02-04 June 2006-St.Peterburg; 04-06 June 2006-Moscow

Tour C



St.Petersburg

From the White Nights Festival during the mysterious summer twilight to top theatre and ballet productions and concerts on magical winter evenings, the city offers a vibrant cultural life that is second to none. (Tour fee includes transfer from Riga to St.Petersburg by plane in economy class, 2 nights at a 5-star hotel. Excursions are NOT included in tour fee).

Moscow.

After a visit to St.Petersburg you can also go on to Moscow. High-speed train will bring you to the capital of Russia within several hours. You may also leave home from St.Peterburg without visiting Moscow. Moscow is the city in which one comes face to face with all that is finest and all that is most frustrating in Russia. More than anywhere else in the country, it is in Moscow where the Soviet past collides with the capitalist future.

Moscow is the heart of Russian ballet and the performing arts. Theatres and ballet studios dot Moscow. The most famous of these are the Bolshoi (Big) and Malyj (Small) theatres.

(Tour fee includes transfer from St.Petersburg to Moscow by high-speed train and 2 nights at a 5-star hotel. Excursions are NOT included in the tour fee).



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For delegate: €2,200 For accompanying person (sharing room): €740

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Convention tours

Tour A: Tour to Vilnius Two-day tour (27-29 May, 2 nights at a hotel)
€640 / per person (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard single room)
€1100 / per two persons (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard twin room)

Number of persons:

Tour B: Tour to Tallinn Two-day tour (02-04 June, 2 nights at a hotel)
€640 / per person (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard single room)
€1100 / per two persons (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard twin room)

Number of persons:

Tour C: Tour to St.Petersburg Two-day tour (02-04 June, 2 nights at a hotel)
€1300/ per person (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard single room)
€1950/ per two persons (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard twin room)
(fee covers flight in economy-class from Riga to St.Petersburg and 2 nights at 5-star hotel. Sightseeing excursions are to be charged separately. There is a possibility for business class, this is a subject to be discussed with organizers)

Number of persons:

Tour to Moscow Two-day tour (04-06 June, 2 nights at a hotel)
€1360/ per person (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard single room)
€2000/ per two persons (accommodation at 5-star hotel in standard twin room)
(fee covers travel by train from St.Petersburg to Moscow and 2 nights at 5-star hotel. Sightseeing excursions are to be charged separately. There is a possibility for business class, this is a subject to be discussed with organizers)

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All fees are including 18% VAT. Payment must be made before 01 April 2006 to ensure your participation.

Due to the fact, that convention will take place in high season, hotel can guarantee room availability only if booking is made till 01 April 2006, after this date the hotel does not guarantee rooms at your choice.

All payments for bank services must be paid by the participant. All cancellations must be received in writing.

A 20% cancellation charge will be applied in respect of all cancellations received on or before 01 April 2006. It is regretted that cancellations received after this time will not be accepted and the delegates will be liable to the full registration fee.

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