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**29<sup>th</sup> International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) World Ports  
Conference – A Smart Conference in a Smart Port City**

**TOKYO, June 15, 2015** – [The International Association of Ports and Harbors \(IAPH\)](http://www.iaphworldports.org) convened at its 29th World Ports Conference in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 June 2015, under the theme of “City of Hamburg – Calling at the smartPORT”, was successfully concluded, attracting more than 900 delegates, accompanying persons, guest speakers and exhibitors from across the world.

**Keynote Address**

Mr. Gerd Leonhard, a world-renowned futurist, author, consultant and CEO of The Futures Agency, kicked off the conference sessions by delivering the keynote address entitled “The digital Transformation of Business and Society, and its Impact on the Shipping, Ports and maritime Industries by 2030”. By mentioning that “humanity will change more in the next 20 years than in the previous 300 years,” Mr. Leonhard spoke on the future of media, technology, business, and their impact on our daily life in a most provocative way, and commented “The digital transformation of the ports and shipping is imminent, and sustainable will become the new profitable.”

**Working Sessions**

The ensuing working sessions tuned out to be an excellent forum to learn the latest trends of intelligent port management/operations, clean port air solutions, port logistics, cruise, legal trends in global trade and others, in which some 50 guest

speakers and panel presenters recruited from around the world offered some very good food for thought for intelligent and strategic port management and operations. Topics included mega ships and their impact on the industry, challenges and solutions of smartPORT, clean port air, world tourism and cruise, legal trends in global trade and others.

### New IAPH Leadership

On the final day of the conference, the IAPH torch was officially handed from Mr. Grant Gilfillan, Australia, IAPH president since 2013, to Mr. Santiago G. Milà, Deputy General Manager, Port of Barcelona, Spain. “It’s an honor and a privilege to be the president of IAPH,” said Milà, “and I am determined to expand IAPH’s role and create more value for you.” His CV is appended.

### IAPH Hamburg Resolutions

At the plenary session held on 4 June, IAPH adopted two business resolutions to make its position clear on subjects of immediate concern, as follows:

- Resolution on urging ratification of the Hong Kong Convention
- Resolution on Establishing the IAPH Women’s Forum Scholarship

Full text of the resolutions is appended.

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### About IAPH

***Founded in 1955, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) is a nonprofit global alliance of roughly 180 ports and 150 maritime companies and institutes representing about 90 countries. The IAPH is dedicated to fostering cooperation among ports and harbors and promoting the vital role they play in creating a peaceful, more prosperous world. Based in Tokyo and recognized as the only voice speaking for ports around the globe, the IAPH has Consultative NGO Status from the United Nations and is active in developing international trade and maritime policy. IAPH member ports handle about 80 percent of world container traffic and more than 60 percent of all international maritime trade.***

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**Santiago G. Milà**  
**Deputy General Manager**  
**Barcelona Port Authority**

Master's degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Barcelona and two postgraduate studies: Marketing Strategy (ESADE) and General Management (IESE).

Prior to his appointment with the Port of Barcelona, he worked for twenty years with different private companies in the area of international marketing.

He is currently Deputy General Manager of the Port of Barcelona; President of the International Association of Ports and Harbours, IAPH; Chairman of the European Sea Ports Organisation, *ESPO*; President of PortIC, the Barcelona's Port Community System; Chief Executive Officer of tmZ, Zaragoza Inland Terminal; and associate lecturer in International Marketing at the University of Barcelona.



**Resolution on urging ratification of the Hong Kong Convention  
Adopted on June 4, 2015 at the 29<sup>th</sup> IAPH World Ports Conference  
in Hamburg, Germany**

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Being aware that ship recycling is an essential process for maritime industry from the perspective of enhancing safety and efficiency which significance is even higher through the acceleration of fleet renewals which is taking place at the moment,

Being further aware that the scrapping of the majority of ships is taking place in only a few states under dangerous and unhealthy working conditions and with affecting serious impact on maritime environment,

Recognizing that in close cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Parties to the Basel Convention, the States in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the Hong Kong Convention on May 15, 2009, intending to materialize safe and healthy working conditions for recycling workers with eliminating environmental impact from ship recycling,

Recognizing further that the Hong Kong Convention imposes strict legislative requirements both to ship owners and recycling yards,

Acknowledging that the Hong Kong Convention is left ineffective with getting only few ratifications, as many other states have concerns about future capacities of ship recycling yards which are able to comply with the requirements of the Hong Kong Convention,

Taking in mind further that the Europe Union implemented its own regulation on ship recycling on December 30, 2013, applying both onto ships flying EU Member States' flags and also other ships calling EU states' ports, with the aim to come to the early implementation of the Hong Kong Convention in the EU,

Noting that the EU is now in the process of assessing conditions of recycling facilities for listing on the European List as their approved facilities complying with EU requirements,

On a proposal duly seconded, it is unanimously resolved that

1. IAPH appreciates the efforts made by IMO and other international organizations for establishing new schemes for ship recycling to ensure safe, healthy and environmentally sustainable conditions of ship recycling.
2. IAPH also appreciates the endeavor of the European Union to accelerate the process of reforming ship recycling by implementing a scheme in the EU.
3. IAPH urges States to accelerate their ratification process for the Hong Kong Convention and initiate and support financial schemes which makes it possible to come to a responsible way of recycling ships.

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WHEREAS, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) resolved to create the IAPH Women's Forum and to create an annual scholarship intended for the training of women in ports at its Board of Directors meeting in Jerusalem, Israel, May 2012,

WHEREAS, the IAPH aspires to advance the status of women in the port industry, especially at IAPH member ports, by providing assistance for their continued education and training;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IAPH meeting at its Plenary on 4 June in Hamburg resolves that:

1. It will create the IAPH Women's Forum Scholarship consisting of two types of scholarship programs intended for young female staff employed at IAPH member ports to be implemented in the next term of 2015-2017:
  - 1) the Women's Forum Biennial Training Scholarship to enable them to attend advanced port training program overseas; and
  - 2) the Women's Forum Annual Meeting Scholarship to enable them to attend IAPH Conference and exchange information and experience at the IAPH Women's Forum.
2. An ad-hoc committee known as the Women's Forum Scholarship Committee will be established, including the Chair of the IAPH Women's Forum, to oversee the program and select the awardees in consultation with the Communications and Community Relations Committee administering IAPH Training Program Scholarship.