

Maritime security tackled head on at this year's TranSec World Expo

Last year's TranSec World Expo 2007 received an impressive 1,589 Heads, Managers and Directors of Transport Security including integrators from 49 countries. The event was hailed a huge success and in the seven months since; an unprecedented 100 per cent of the 2007 stand space has already been sold for the 2008 edition. TranSec World Expo has since moved venue within Amsterdam to accommodate demand for exhibitor space and will now run at the PTA Center.

TranSec World Expo enters its sixth year as the only international conference and exhibition dedicated to the aviation, maritime, rail and supply chain security sectors. The 2008 event will run over two days; 25th – 26th June and will feature over 100 exhibitors showcasing the very latest security solutions dedicated to the maritime and transport industry.

At the centre of TranSec World Expo 2008 is a series of conferences and technology workshops offering a wide range of educational content, ensuring that it is a rewarding visit. The event will host a two day conference focused on maritime & supply chain security where by day one will be staged by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The conference, day one: International Maritime Organization

The IMO's special measures to enhance maritime security, as detailed in the SOLAS Convention and the ISPS Code which became mandatory on 1 July 2004, apply to ships involved in international trade and the port facilities serving them. However there are a significant number of vessels, such as pleasure craft, 'super yachts', fishing vessels and small commercial vessels to which the measures do not directly apply but which either interact with such ships and port facilities; or to which the application of security measures may be appropriate.

This conference stream will feature distinguished speakers from the IMO and a number of different entities responsible for maritime security. It will also provide updates and advice on current regulations, guidance and tools on a range of port and ship security related issues.



Frank Wall of the IMO speaking at last year's event.



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Areas of interest will include the latest guidance from IMO; information on compliance programmes from IMO, EC and the USCG, including sharing details of best practice; and discussions on key concepts such as control of small vessels, protection of pleasure craft, piracy issues and physical security measures.

The overall focus will be on helping participants to improve implementation of effective security measures in ports and port facilities while preserving the freedom of navigation and facilitating global trade.

The conference, day two: maritime and supply chain

Over 25 expert speakers responsible for port facility security will focus on the significance of security and safety issues facing the maritime and supply chain industries. Central to the day's agenda will be key updates and advice on current regulations, guidance and the examination of the tools at hand to tackle a range of port security related issues.

Keynote presentations, strategic briefings, case studies, panel discussions and the big interactive debate session from leading commentators will identify the principle concerns for the industry and drive the identification of solutions as well as provide best practice and international updates on a number of crucial issues:

- **Homeland Security in Europe:** the latest threats and challenges for land, aviation and maritime security domains
- **The Intelligence Grid:** shared intelligence between governments and agencies (ports, and vessels)
- **Maritime Security in the EU:** evaluating the status of current European and international security initiatives
- **ISPS Update:** is it still an effective code for maritime security?
- **Maritime security priorities:** stowaways, piracy, organised crime and terrorism
- **Big Debate:** 100 per cent screening for cargo – balancing security and trade; global harmonisation of cargo standards
- **European Customs Policy:** AEO legislation update, AEO implementation and benefits of compliance



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- **Secure Freight Initiative:** insights into the trial at the Port of Southampton
- **Technology Trials and Case Studies:** screening equipment, biometrics, RFID, communications systems and systems integration

Technology workshops

The technology workshops will take place on both days of the event and will feature over 30 free-to-attend sessions from leading industry end-users and suppliers of latest security solutions.

The workshops will explore the latest developments in 'Baggage & Cargo Screening', 'Passenger Screening', 'Biometrics & Access Control' and 'CCTV & Intrusion Detection'. The workshops will explore the various technologies, software, and equipment as well as investigate the human factors involved in securing the global maritime industry.

Exhibition

The maritime industry faces a plethora of security challenges including the detection of criminal activity, smuggling, illegal importation, safeguarding of shipping containers and control of human access. TranSec World Expo provides the platform for companies offering dedicated security solutions to the maritime industry to help counter these challenges.

The exhibition covers a range of solutions from Cargo Screening to Access Control, Biometrics, Perimeter Security and CCTV. These will be demonstrated by a cross section of specialist vendors including small innovative suppliers and the industry's top brand names.

World-Check

Stand: F20

World-Check will showcase its client and pre-employment screening solutions to the attendees at the 2008 TranSec World Expo.

World-Check offers a downloadable database for the automated screening of an entire customer base, as well as a simple online service for quick identity screening. In addition World-Check offers a passport verification solution that enables firms to verify the identity of customers and employees in seconds.

L-3 Security and Detection Systems

Stand: D29

L-3's line of cargo X-ray systems match the demands of customs,



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border and port security, blending landmark image capture and processing technology with versatile platforms that spans the range of physical requirements.

L-3's screening technologies offer an accurate, sensitive and non-invasive approach to finding concealed contraband and threat substances, even in a solid packed freight.

iOmniscient

Stand: G17

iOmniscient will display a multi-international award winning product: Abandoned Object Detection in a Crowd, Theft Detection in a Crowd, Illegal Parking Detection, Behaviour Analysis, Counting, Perimeter Protection, License Plate Recognition.

Understanding that no one customer is the same, we offer many industry specific solutions including IQ-Port which has been developed and customised based on the needs of the maritime industry.

Mercian Labels

Stand: C1

Mercian Labels will showcase their innovative security labeling solutions, designed to deter tampering as well as provide undeniable evidence of tamper should it occur. With every label having the possibility of a unique covert or overt identifier, the labels provide a highly effective and economical alternative to a wide range of standard solutions. The range has been developed for use on all sizes of containers and packages.

Observision

Stand: G18

Observision will present a new generation of integrated security solutions, based on the company's video and audio technology.

Observision applies their state-of-the-art technology in port security solutions to help port authorities comply with the ISPS-code, irrespective of the port's layout and size. Typical port solutions combine wireless CCTV and intelligent video and audio analyses applications to build cost-effective intrusion detection, dock and container control.

Rapiscan Systems

Stand: D11

The new Rapiscan Portal is capable of scanning more than 150 heavily laden containers per hour. Multiple safety systems ensure the safety of the driver and passengers whilst providing the clearest possible image of the cargo under examination. Rapiscan equipment is in use in ports and borders all around the world.

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

TranSec World Expo is organised by Niche Events, for more information on the exhibition, conferences or workshops please visit www.transec.com or contact the organisers press office.

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