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Senior IMO representative to deliver address at ICHCA's 65th anniversary conference

Joseph Westwood-Booth, Senior Deputy Director at the International Maritime Organization will give a keynote address at the international forum held to discuss how to make the global cargo chain SAFE, SMART, SUSTAINABLE, SECURE and SKILLED



13.06.2017 - [ICHCA International](http://www.ichca.com), the global cargo handling NGO, will welcome the International Maritime Organization's Joseph Westwood-Booth to give a keynote address at its [65th anniversary event](#). Hosted by the Port of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain, the Conference takes place from 3-4 October 2017 and will look towards the future of cargo handling through 5 key sessions on how to make the global cargo chain SAFE, SMART, SUSTAINABLE, SECURE and SKILLED.

Mr Westwood-Booth, Senior Deputy Director of the Sub-Division for Marine Technology and Cargoes in the Maritime Safety Division at the International Maritime Organization will speak on

Connecting Ships, Ports and People – Next Generation Blue Economy on day 1 of the ICHCA International Conference 2017. He will also join ICHCA's **Container Supply Chain Safety Panel**, present the [TT Club Innovation in Safety Award](#) in the evening of day 1, and stay for discussions on day 2 of the conference.

ICHCA's flagship event will bring together the big names in cargo handling to discuss the best ways to improve as an industry. Other key figures include Lars Kjaer, Senior Vice President, World Shipping Council (WSC); Douglas Owen, Secretary General, Bureau International des Containers (BIC); Ken Rohlmann, Senior Director Cargo Service / Dangerous Goods, Hapag-Lloyd AG and Deputy Chairman, Cargo Incident Notification System (CINS); Peregrine Storrs-Fox, Risk Management Director, TT Club; Chris Welsh, General Secretary, Global Shippers Forum (GSF); and Kevin Furniss, Vice President, Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Sustainability, APM Terminals.

The 2-day conference is staged as part of an [extensive programme](#) that also includes an exhibition of products and services, site visit to the Port of Las Palmas - a key hub for African international trade - and icebreaker reception on 2 October and [65th Anniversary Reception & Awards Evening](#), on 3 October, where winners will be announced for ICHCA's 2nd TT Club Innovation in Safety Award, the Annual Las Palmas Port Awards and special ICHCA John Strang A.O. Memorial Award for a significant contribution to the cargo handling industry. The Conference & Exhibition will be followed by the 78th meeting of ICHCA's ISP Technical Panel on 5 October and annual CARC meeting on 6 October. Global Shippers Forum will also host its AGM on 2 October as part of the week-long gathering.

The TT Club Innovation in Safety Award 2017 celebrates excellence in cargo handling safety and is open to anyone – an individual, team or company – involved in cargo logistics. Award entrants are required to show that a product, idea, solution, process, scheme or other innovation has resulted in a demonstrable improvement to safety. The Award will be presented after day 1 of the ICHCA International Conference 2017 and the deadline for submissions is 29 June. [Click here for more information and how to enter.](#)

“We are delighted to welcome Mr Westwood-Booth to give this important presentation for the global cargo handling community,” said ICHCA's Technical Advisor, Capt. Richard Brough O.B.E. “At this time of great change for world trade, shipping, port and land transport operations, with exponential developments in digital and automation technologies, and growth of new cargo

markets and flows, ICHCA's 65th Anniversary Event provides a platform for all the stakeholders to come together and explore innovative approaches to common challenges."

ICHCA's Technical Advisor, Capt. Richard Brough O.B.E. is also speaking in a session on ***Reducing accidents to boost performance, safeguard assets & save money*** at the upcoming [TOC Europe Conference](#) which runs from 27-29 June in Amsterdam. ICHCA International will be exhibiting at stand number F83.

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About ICHCA International

Established in 1952, ICHCA International is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide. ICHCA's privileged NGO status enables it to represent its members, and the cargo handling industry at large, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies, while its ISP Technical Panel provides best practice advice and develops publications on a wide range of practical cargo handling issues.

Operating through a series of national and regional chapters – including ICHCA Australia, ICHCA Japan and ICHCA Canarias/Africa (CARC) – plus Correspondence and Working Groups, ICHCA provides a focal point for informing, educating, lobbying and networking to improve knowledge and best practice across the cargo handling chain.

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