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Media Information

The Industry met at the FIATA World Congress 2008 in Vancouver

The 2008 FIATA World Congress was held from 23-26 September 2008 in Vancouver, Canada. It was the first FIATA congress under the full responsibility of FIATA, and was organized in close cooperation with FIATA's Canadian Association member CIFFA. The interesting congress program and the concurrently running exhibition attracted over 800 participants from 83 countries.

A highlight of this congress was the admittance of 12 new Association members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Uruguay – bringing the total of Association members to a record high of 107!

The main forum “Infrastructure, Today's Challenge for Tomorrow's Sustainable Transport” as well as all the meetings of the various Institutes, Advisory Bodies and Regional Committees of FIATA were well attended and offered interesting presentations by international and local speakers. At the opening ceremony the overall winner of the “International Young Freight Forwarders Award 2008”, Mr Bagus Prasetyo from Indonesia, was announced.

At the General Meeting the delegates were informed that the venue of the FIATA World Congress 2011 will be Cairo, Egypt. As previously decided next year's FIATA World Congress will be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) was founded in Vienna in 1926. Today it is the largest and leading non-governmental organization in the field of transportation, representing 40'000 forwarding and logistics companies employing up to 10 million people in 150 countries. FIATA has consultative status with several United Nations bodies and is recognized by many governmental and private organizations worldwide. The Federation's main objectives are to promote and protect the interests of the freight forwarding industry, to improve the quality of freight forwarding services, to assist with vocational training and to familiarize the business world in particular and the public in general with the wide range services rendered by the industry.



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