



ICHCA International appoints Richard Steele as its new Head

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The International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Steele as the new Head of ICHCA International. He will take over the role with effect from 1 July 2021, on the retirement of the current postholder Richard Brough O.B.E.

Reporting directly to the Board, Richard Steele will lead the organisation. ICHCA provides a focal point to help improve cargo handling throughout international supply chains as well as representing its members, and the cargo handling industry, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies as a recognised non-government organisation.

Richard is a safety and skills professional with a Masters in Training and Development who has been involved in the ports industry for over 21 years. He is currently the Chief Executive at Port Skills and Safety an organisation that he has led for 11 years. Port Skills and Safety is a subscriber organisation for UK ports with a remit to share best practice, develop safety guidance and standards and produce qualification frameworks for the industry. Before PSS, Richard was the senior Learning and Development Manager for Associated British Ports for 10 years. Prior to ports, he worked in the nuclear industry on safety and skills provision.

“We are delighted to welcome someone of Richard's capability to ICHCA. We are committed to extending ICHCA's delivery and reach. Richard's skills and experience will ensure that we move confidently forward. He has proven leadership and organisational management ability which will be invaluable to our future. The ICHCA board is very excited about the journey ahead as we continue to build on the exceptional work of our outgoing Head, Richard Brough” John Beckett; Chairman ICHCA International

Richard Steele said: “I am excited to join ICHCA at a time where there is real opportunity to build on the success of this internationally recognised and respected association and to create new value-add services and representation for our members.”

Commenting on Richard's departure, David Brown Chair PSS: “PSS are clearly sad to be losing Richard after 11 Years of outstanding service where he has really driven the agenda, with his team, for safer ports. However, we wish him every success as he moves into the International Arena and with the comfort that our respective organisations will continue to strive for ever greater safety in the Maritime sector”.

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ABOUT ICHCA - International Cargo Handling Coordination Association

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 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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ABOUT PSS – Port Skills and Safety

Port Skills and Safety is the UK's professional ports health and safety membership organisation. We exist to make UK ports safer and more skilled. Our parent organisations, the British Ports Association and UK Major Ports Group, cover most of the UK commercial ports and we draw upon their networks and expertise. PSS is recognised by Government departments and agencies, including the Department for Transport, Health and safety Executive and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. We work closely with the ports industry, the HSE and trade unions in promoting safety in the workplace and improving the safety culture throughout the industry. www.portskillsandsafety.co.uk

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