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**Open hatch ship operator G2 Ocean joins ICHCA as part of  
its commitment to safety**

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# G2 Ocean joins the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association

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**G2 Ocean is becoming a new member of the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association to advance safety and operational best practices across the cargo handling chain.**

As part of G2 Ocean's commitment to providing a safe and healthy work environment and achieving zero injuries in its operations, the company is joining the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA International) as a new member.

Established in 1952, ICHCA International is an independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide.

By partnering with ICHCA International, G2 Ocean will be able to collaborate with other industry leaders to advance safety and operational best practices across the cargo handling chain.

"We view our membership of ICHCA as an opportunity to seek and share insights on safety. Together, we can create safer working conditions for crew and stevedores in all the ports where we operate," said Phil Curran, Managing Director Operations at G2 Ocean.

*G2 Ocean is committed to achieving zero incidents in its operations and aims to be a safety leader in the open hatch segment. This will require close collaboration with all our stakeholders, including stevedoring companies and terminals.*

## **Phil Curran**

Managing Director Operations, G2 Ocean

As part of its commitment to safety, G2 Ocean has implemented a number of safety best practices, including conducting regular safety training for all employees, arranging safety workshops with suppliers and completing frequent cargo handling inspections. ICHCA is proud to be welcoming G2 Ocean to its membership network.

"Once more the addition of a member to ICHCA who has an avowed commitment to safety and is proactively investigating the mechanics of day-to-day improvements is cause for celebration," said Richard Steele, ICHCA's CEO.

Key to ICHCA's successful past safety initiatives and central to all its future efforts is collaboration, raising standards in unity. The Association's primary goal is to extend its

collective expertise, ensuring both the broadest possible knowledge of safety challenges in every aspect of cargo handling and providing a forum for the concerted will to find mutual solutions.

“G2 Ocean’s accession to such a group of like-minded enterprises has to be good news for our achievement of such goals,” concluded Steele.

[Read the 2022 Annual Report to learn more about G2 Ocean's safety efforts](#)

#### 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 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 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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# Open hatch ship operator joins ICHCA

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International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) welcomed a new member from the ship-owning sector. G2 Ocean, a joint venture between Gearbulk and Grieg Maritime, intends to share and learn from ICHCA's wide network in order to improve safety for both shore-side and sea-going workers.

ICHCA International invites all infrastructure owners and operators to join in constructive dialogue as it pursues its core purpose of improving the safe working environment of all those handling cargo across the worldwide maritime supply chain.

As such the news of a new member of the statue of G2 Ocean, controlling one of the largest fleets of open hatch ships in the world, is of considerable significance to the advancement of safety standards at the ship-shore interface, noted ICHCA in a statement.

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He further added, "The fact that the additional member is a vessel owner of such size and influence in major maritime commodity trades is more reason for approbation."

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# G2 Ocean joins ICHCA to enhance safety for seafarers

July 10, 2023

By Dom Magli



**G2 Ocean, a bulk shipping company, has joined the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA)'s wide network to improve safety for both shore-side and sea-going workers.**

In pursuing its primary mission to improve the safe working environment of all those handling cargo throughout the international maritime supply chain, ICHCA encourages all infrastructure owners and operators to engage in constructive dialogue.

Richard Steele, ICHCA's CEO, stated: "Once more the addition of a member to ICHCA which has an avowed commitment to safety and is proactively investigating the mechanics of day-to-day improvements is cause for celebration.

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G2 Ocean was launched in 2017 by two open hatch vessel owners, Gearbulk and the Grieg Maritime Group.

In commenting on his organisation's move, Phil Curran, Managing Director of Operations at G2 Ocean said: "Our aim is to be a safety leader within the open hatch vessel segment. We are committed to achieving zero incidents in our operations.

"This will require close collaboration with all our stakeholders, including stevedoring companies and terminals.

"We view our membership of ICHCA as an opportunity to seek and share insights on safety. Together, we can create safer working conditions for crew and stevedores in all the ports where we operate."

ICHCA's main goal, according to the organisation, is to extend its collective competence, ensuring both the broadest possible knowledge of safety risks in all parts of cargo handling and providing a forum for focused effort to find common solutions.

Steele added: "G2 Ocean's accession to such a group of like minded enterprises has to be good news for our achievement of such goals."

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G2 Ocean was launched in 2017 by two of the then largest open hatch vessel owners, Gearbulk and the Grieg Maritime Group. Both partners possess a core culture of sustainability and care for the environment. Moreover they clearly understand that in order to sustain these values there must be an over-riding commitment to the safety of the labour force employed in all aspects of the operation of their, now combined even larger fleet.

In commenting on his organisation’s move, Phil Curran, Managing Director of Operations at G2 Ocean said, “Our aim is to be a safety leader within the open hatch vessel segment. We are committed to achieving zero incidents in our operations. This will require close collaboration with all our stakeholders, including stevedoring companies and terminals. We view our membership of ICHCA as an opportunity to seek and share insights on safety. Together, we can create safer working conditions for crew and stevedores in all the ports where we operate.”

Key to ICHCA’s successful past safety initiatives and central to all its future efforts is collaboration, raising standards in unity. To extend its collective expertise is the Association’s primary goal, ensuring both the widest possible knowledge of safety challenges in every aspect of cargo handling, and providing a forum for concerted will to find mutual solutions. “G2 Ocean’s accession to such a group of like minded enterprises has to be good news for our achievement of such goals,” concluded Steele.



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**Harbour Masters Add Weight to Group Seeking Action on  
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## Harbour Masters Add Weight to Group Seeking Action on Crucial Safety Issues

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The five, now six leading industry bodies will be able to coordinate data, research and best practices across global cargo supply chains to further develop awareness throughout the freight industry, amongst operators, regulators and policy makers as to practical and effective measures to improve safety.

Captain Paul O'Regan, President, IHMA made comment on his Associations commitment to the MOU, "As the professional body for those with responsibility for the safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound conduct of marine operations in port waters, IHMA recognises that accidents and incidents happen in port as well as at sea," he said. "This collaboration with the MOU partners and the other organisations will help us to enhance safety throughout the ports sector and create a platform for mutually beneficial work on safety initiatives in the maritime environment." In welcoming IHMA, the CEO of ICHCA, Richard Steele said, "it is a first-class addition to have the IHMA on-side because harbour masters play a crucial role in both maritime safety and the ship shore interface. Their leadership on navigational safety along with an essential contribution to wider operational safety, security and environmental protection puts them at the crossroads of the activities that the MOU partners are seeking to continuously improve."

Source: ICHCA International

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## **Harbour masters want action on “crucial safety issues”**

The International Harbour Masters Association (IHMA) has joined an industry initiative that aims to bring about improved safety and security of global trade by taking advantage of unified information and data sources to bring greater awareness and understanding of what were described as crucial safety issues.

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Concentrating on improved safety during the global transport and handling of goods that have the potential to cause injury to the workforce and/or damage to the environment, all the signatories shared their chief aim of creating a framework for cooperation that will enable each signatory to benefit from any of the other’s activities in respect of their areas of joint interest.

Captain Paul O’Regan, President, IHMA , said that “as the professional body for those with responsibility for the safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound conduct of marine operations in port waters, IHMA recognises that accidents and incidents happen in port as well as at sea,” he said. “This collaboration with the MOU partners and the other organisations will help us to enhance safety throughout the ports sector and create a platform for mutually beneficial work on safety initiatives in the maritime environment.” The CEO of ICHCA, Richard Steele said that “it is a first-class addition to have the IHMA on-side because harbour masters play a crucial role in both maritime safety and the ship shore interface. Their leadership on navigational safety along with an essential contribution to wider operational safety, security and environmental protection puts them at the crossroads of the activities that the MOU partners are seeking to continuously improve.”

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# Harbour Masters Add Weight to Group Seeking Action on Crucial Safety Issues

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### **About the Industry MOU**

Established in 2023, by working together CINS, CHIRP, COA, ICHCA, IHMA and SMDG aim to greatly increase the force and effectiveness of their safety efforts in key activities including developing joint publications, coordinating efforts on domestic and international issues of common concern and taking advantage of working together to initiate innovative worldwide health, safety, security and environmental studies and strategies.

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## Harbour masters join critical safety action group

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The International Harbour Masters Association (IHMA) has joined an industry initiative that aims to improve the safety and security of global trade.



**Captain Paul O'Regan, president of IHMA and harbour master at the Port of Cork**

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the environment, all the signatories have a commonality of purpose. The chief aim is to create a framework for cooperation that enables each signatory to benefit from any of the other's activities in respect of their areas of joint interest.

The leading industry bodies, now numbering six, will coordinate data, research and best practices across global cargo supply chains to further develop awareness throughout the freight industry, amongst operators, regulators and policy makers as to practical and effective measures to improve safety.

Captain Paul O'Regan, president of IHMA and harbour master at the Port of Cork, commented: "As the professional body for those with responsibility for the safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound conduct of marine operations in port waters, IHMA recognises that accidents and incidents happen in port as well as at sea.

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Other press coverage collated during the period

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TT CLUB

## Safety Village: promoting safety innovation

International freight transport insurer TT Club and ICHCA, the association representing international cargo handling organizations, have been cooperating for some years on a joint campaign to make the international supply chain a safer working environment. Their continuing efforts were on display at TOC Europe in Rotterdam.

By Mike Yarwood,  
TT Club's managing  
director: loss prevention






**T**he Safety Village was the venue for workshops and panel sessions throughout the three days of the TOC Europe event, providing opportunities for companies to showcase their innovative safety devices, processes and products. Five two-hour specially convened panel sessions over the three days of the event gave all aspects of safety in cargo-handling an airing with the goal of advancing the cause of a more secure and sustainable environment for the cargo and equipment featuring in global trade.

**Day 1: data in managing future risk, fire prevention at cargo facilities**

The first day began with a morning session devoted to the use of data in managing risk and promoting safety in ports and terminals. Presentations by TT Club, the standards institution BSI Group and specialist in the use of AI in decision-making InstaDeep were followed by ICHCA CEO Richard Steele. He showed how key data on the occurrence of incidents historically prepares operators for managing future risks. Using ICHCA's own datasets detailing bodily injury and fatalities, he was able to pinpoint the primary locations for risk, as well as the type of terminal and vessels more often involved.

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Safety Village attendees listened to addresses from various industry-safety experts.

The afternoon forum brought together experts in the mitigation and prevention of fire at cargo handling facilities. In particular, Bridgehill's Paul Amundsen explained the effectiveness of their fire blankets in stopping vehicle fires from spreading, a solution that is particularly pertinent with regards to the risk of lithium battery fires on ro-ro ships. The ability of crane operators to evacuate from considerable heights in case of fire was emphasized by Jerome Lacroix with the aid of TeSuCon's "Evacuator", a rapidly deployed escape and descent solution for people in emergency situations, not just fires.

### Day 2: equipment collisions, securing containers, better cargo-handling practices

Discussions at the forum on the second day began with the prevention of vehicles and handling equipment colliding with pedestrians, which is an all-too-common event in non-automated terminals. Both Evert Bulcke from Rombit and Marcel Grossart of Yardeye (now part of Mi-Jack Europe) were able to demonstrate how the tracking technology, personal-danger alerts, lone-worker support and zone management could be effective through the use of various AI, GPS and IoT applications, all aimed at keeping humans out of the path of terminal machinery. In the afternoon, safety in the more specific

operation of lifting equipment and the securing of containers in stacks both on land and on vessels was in greater focus. The session ran under the critical eye of Laurence Jones, TT Club's risk assessment director, who acted as moderator for a number of presentations given around safety solutions. Speakers emphasised the dangers of container cargoes that are improperly packed and insufficiently secured resulting in cargo shifting inside the unit. A number of applications designed to combat these dangers were discussed. These included a presentation by Stuart Clark from CakeBoxx Technologies with their innovative two-piece shipping container with a "deck and lid" design which vastly improves cargo security and the structural integrity of the load within the container. Other speakers focused on making cargo handling safer were Aurélie Hamon from Arck Sensor, whose products seek to reduce handling errors such as boom collisions and inaccurate stacking, and Carlo Corti from Cortstrap, who reinforced the risks of transporting cargo that is not properly secured.

### Day 3: managing confined spaces, rectifying a lack of knowledge

On the final day, the extent of the need for awareness of risk had not been exhausted and the session focussed on managing confined



Logchain COO Andrew Baird addressed attendees at the Safety Village event.

spaces. Ian Rose from TT explained that there are innumerable spaces found through the global supply chain that should be considered enclosed or confined, some more obvious than others. Unfortunately, these spaces claim many lives each year when ill-prepared workers enter them. The key risk is that workers may not readily recognise spaces that could present danger. For example, a stairwell within the cargo hold of a ship is a space that could lack oxygen or contain toxic fumes, depending on the cargo being carried. Containers and other cargo transport units pose similar risks; there may be a lack of knowledge of the cargo packed or whether fumigants have been used. That lack of knowledge throughout the sector is a failing that TT and ICHCA together are determined to rectify. Summing up the Safety Village discussion program, Mike Yarwood, TT Club's managing director of loss prevention reiterated the need for an ongoing uplift in safety awareness, knowledge and initiative. "It has been TT's consistent mission to increase the levels of safety across the myriad of operational functions that constitute the global supply chain. Together with

our colleagues at ICHCA we are delighted to have this opportunity to put safety in the spotlight and give innovative developers of safety technology a platform. Who knows, any one of our speakers or exhibitors could be the one to revolutionize safety in our supply chain. It's a really exciting prospect and one we are thrilled to be able to support."

### Deepening the commitment to safety

The popularity of the Safety Village sessions both from a speaker and audience perspective again demonstrated the depth of commitment that exists to enhance safety and the will to employ significant resources to minimize risk. The prominent positioning and extensive facilities of the Safety Village at TOC Europe played a part in furthering the visibility of the existing innovations, and it is hoped will encourage others to commit resources to the research and development of yet more. After all, in a world homing in evermore on sustainability, we must acknowledge that our supply chain operations cannot be sustainable if they are not safe for its workforce. ■



Arck Sensor sales manager Arlie Harmon discusses solutions to reduce handling errors such as boom collisions and inaccurate stacking.

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## ICHCA: Technology and Staff Training Can Promote Port Safety

By MFame Editor - July 2, 2023

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According to speakers on a joint webinar by the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) and Port Technology International, technological innovation must be supported by buy-in and staff training from all port users and stakeholders to promote safety, reports Port Technology.

### Technology can drive port safety

ICHCA CEO Richard Steele told attendees that there had been 354 shore-based fatalities, including 349 port workers and 20 truckers globally since the year 2000. Richard Steele commented that the key thing that industry can do is to agree common good practice and then act as champions, role modelling those good values and creating expectation of standards across the industry.

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*"To be successful you need training and procedures, supported by continuous training and alerting through digital tools,"* said Evert Bulcke, Rombit CEO.

Evert Bulcke also pointed out that maintenance, energy and repair costs were reduced by around \$5,000 per vehicle, per year, from such innovations as the real time digital coach, while the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) estimates that around 70% of all lift and crane accidents could be prevented through training and the application of digital tools.

Steve Biggs, a senior assistant for the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) also emphasized the importance of making sure that changes to work practices were agreed with staff, getting their "buy-in". Only then could new technological fixes and innovations in work practices be successfully applied, ICHCA CEO Richard Steele agreed.

Richard Steele also pointed out that the IMO provides excellent international regulations, but once national borders are crossed the regulatory frameworks are individual and it becomes more complex to try to get uniform application of procedures. Industry itself has an ongoing responsibility to all of its stakeholders to continue to show health and safety leadership.

### Key conclusions

The consensus was that all stakeholders, both inside the terminal gates and those coming into the port from outside should be aware of and actively included in safe working practices. Safety rules need to be reiterated constantly, but that must be combined with visible and felt health and safety leadership from management on the shop floor. All of which can then be supplemented by tech that produces data and can monitor safety performance.

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## **TT Club e ICHCA destacarán la importancia de la innovación para una cadena de suministro más segura en TOC Europe**

En el espacio Safety Village, dispuesto por ambas organizaciones, se realizarán talleres y paneles durante el evento

Innovar para una cadena de suministro más segura es el mensaje que TT Club e ICHCA enfatizarán en la inauguración de Safety Village en la próxima conferencia y exposición TOC Europe a efectuarse en Róterdam entre el 14 y el 16 de junio. El espacio de exhibición, único en su tipo, estará dedicado a resolver cómo la innovación puede conducir a una cadena de suministro más segura.

Tanto TT Club como ICHCA plantean que la reciente interrupción generalizada de las cadenas de suministro mundiales y las consiguientes presiones sobre la capacidad de transporte y las

instalaciones de manejo de carga requieren un enfoque correspondiente con las medidas de seguridad de todo el sistema.

Como ha demostrado el éxito del programa TT Club Innovation in Safety Award, operado por ICHCA International, ha habido numerosas innovaciones revolucionarias con múltiples aplicaciones destinadas a reducir los riesgos de seguridad. Sin embargo, ambas organizaciones están dispuestas a crear conciencia sobre la necesidad de un desarrollo continuo de las formas en que se gestiona la seguridad.

Con un área de reuniones e instalaciones para presentaciones, el TT Club Safety Village será el punto de celebración de talleres y paneles durante los tres días del evento TOC Europe. También brindará oportunidades para que las empresas muestren sus innovadores dispositivos, procesos y productos de seguridad. Todo ello con el objetivo de defender la seguridad en la cadena de suministro y desarrollar nuevas soluciones para la gestión de riesgos.

Peregrine Storrs-Fox, director de Gestión de Riesgos de TT Club, indicó que “la misión constante de TT ha sido aumentar los niveles de seguridad en la gran cantidad de funciones operativas que constituyen la cadena de suministro global. Estamos dispuestos a fomentar todo tipo de innovación, desde asegurar las cargas en todos los modos de transporte hasta el manejo correcto de materiales peligrosos, y desde prácticas y equipos de trabajo más seguros en las instalaciones de manejo de carga hasta evitar colisiones de vehículos y prevención de incendios. Proporcionar un punto focal para la discusión y promoción de tales innovaciones en un foro líder de la industria como TOC Europe será un beneficio adicional para la causa de la seguridad que TT puede brindar”.

ICHCA International, organismo representativo de los operadores de manejo de carga en todo el mundo que organiza el Premio a la Innovación en Seguridad del TT Club, señaló a través de su director ejecutivo Richard Steele que “en el pasado reciente, nuestros esfuerzos junto con TT Club han ayudado a promulgar innovaciones de seguridad, incluida la Patrulla de carga de Hapag Lloyd, que detecta cargas peligrosas sospechosas de declaración incorrecta; avances en automatización de terminales de Kunz y Yardeye en cooperación con CSX Terminals; Los sistemas de extinción de incendios de VIKING Life-Saving, así como los dispositivos de seguridad desarrollados por PSA International y Cargotec. Sin embargo, estos representan solo la punta del iceberg. Nos emocionó ver tantas ideas innovadoras presentadas para este premio. Un resumen de estos estará disponible en Safety Village y esperamos que sirva de inspiración para muchos otros proyectos en el futuro”.



7 July 2023

# Technology one part of port safety

Advances in technology, such as in drivers' cabs has improved port worker safety substantially according to speakers on a port safety webinar jointly hosted by the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) and Port Technology International.

The webinar, entitled How to Innovate for Workplace Safety in Ports and Terminals discussed key issues around workforce safety. The industry figures speaking agreed that technological innovation must be accompanied with buy-in from all port users and stakeholders is critical to keep all users safe.

ICHCA CEO Richard Steele told attendees that there had been 354 shore-based fatalities, including 349 port workers and 20 truckers globally since the year 2000.

This made it essential for the cargo industry to keep on proactively searching for ways to improve health and safety; building on what has worked and looking for new ways to address risks.

Mr Steele commented: "The key thing that industry can do is to agree common good practice and then act as champions, role modelling those good values and creating expectation of standards across the industry."

Safety and sustainability advisors Rombit CEO Evert Bulcke said technology in a driver's cab that acts as a constant reminder to drivers to perform their tasks safely can result in a significant decline in accidents, by as much as 80%.

"To be successful you need training and procedures, supported by continuous training and alerting through digital tools," said Mr Bulcke.

He pointed out that maintenance, energy and repair costs were reduced by around \$5,000 per vehicle, per year, from such innovations as the real time digital coach, while the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) estimates that around 70% of all lift and crane

accidents could be prevented through training and the application of digital tools.

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Mr Steele agreed, pointing out that the IMO provides excellent international regulations but once national borders are crossed the regulatory frameworks are individual and it becomes more complex to try to get uniform application of procedures.

Industry itself has an ongoing responsibility to all of its stakeholders to continue to show health and safety leadership.

The consensus was that all stakeholders, both inside the terminal gates and those coming into the port from outside should be aware of and actively included in safe working practices.

Health and safety manager Lee James, who works at DP World's terminal in Southampton stressed the need to explain why changes were being made to prevent the often-strong resistance to what might otherwise be seen as unnecessary change.

"You hear people say if it's not broken why fix it, but in my opinion, you have to ask why wait until something breaks before you fix it?"

Safety rules need to be reiterated constantly, but that must be combined with visible and felt health and safety leadership from management to the shop floor.

All of which can then be supplemented by tech that produces data and can monitor safety performance.

- ICHCA will launch the annual TT Club Innovation in Safety awards on September 4.

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## ICHCA presentation on global incidents

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Richard Steele, ICHCA Chief Executive Officer sent a message of greeting to PSS members attending the conference which took place during Maritime Safety Week.

Along with an introduction to ICHCA – the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association, Mr Steele discussed key fatality statistics in the global cargo supply chain and how the number of incidents might be reduced.

ICHCA have analysed the official accident investigations reports for 866 incidents which resulted in over 13,000 fatalities. Over 80 per cent of the incidents analysed took place onboard a vessel and two thirds affected crew as opposed to landside workers.

As part of the analysis, ICHCA have found that the top risks areas for shore personnel were on the quay, in cargo holds and in terminal buildings; the top hazards were crushing, vehicle impact and confined spaces.

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## Worker ‘buy-in’ needed to reduce accidents

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**The freight industry must continue to look for ways to improve health and safety, say the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association and Port Technology International.**

Whilst advances in technology, such as automation, are helping to reduce the risk of accidents, there have still been 354 shoreside fatalities globally since 2000.



Engaging workers in continual training is important in reducing workplace accidents

At the recent ‘How to Innovate for Workplace Safety in Ports and Terminals’ webinar, industry figures discussed key issues and agreed that technological advances must be accompanied by buy-in from port users if they are to help keep workers safe.

“The key thing that industry can do is to agree common good practice and then act as champions, role modelling those good values and creating expectation of standards across the industry,” said ICHCA chief executive, Richard Steele.

Rombit’s chief executive Evert Bulcke explained that technology in a driver’s cab can result in a significant decline in accidents, even by as much as 80%, but that continually revisiting training is critical.

Bulcke pointed out that maintenance, energy and repair costs were reduced by around US\$5,000 per vehicle per year from such innovations as the real time digital coach, while the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration estimates that around 70% of all lift and crane accidents could be prevented through training and the use of digital tools.

Steve Biggs, a senior assistant for the International Transport Workers’ Federation also emphasised the importance of making sure that changes to work practices were agreed with staff, a sentiment echoed by DP World Southampton health and safety manager, Lee James, who said staff needed to understand why changes were necessary in order to overcome possible resistance.

“You hear people say if it’s not broken why fix it, but in my opinion, you have to ask why wait until something breaks before you fix it?” he said.