



NEXT OPERATIONAL & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE
14-15-16 MAY 2024 | VANCOUVER (CANADA)

**PROGRAMME MAY 14-15-16, 2024 AT THE WESTIN BAYSHORE HOTEL IN VANCOUVER (CANADA)
FOR OUR NEXT OPERATIONAL & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

Our programme starts after registration with a tour at Vancouver based G3 and Neptune terminals, where we are shown minerals and grain handling. After this tour we get aboard the boat hosted by Port of Vancouver and Pacific Coast Terminals/Sultran for a porttour and a floating welcome reception. The Port of Vancouver is the largest port in Canada and the fourth largest in North America by tonnes of cargo, facilitating trade between Canada and more than 170 world economies. They have established a vision for the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port.

SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

As a main driver of DBTG, Safety and Environment will have an important place at our conference, driven by the own experiences from our Member terminals. We will present our newly started SHE Committee. Safe storage & Health of workers and Safe Unloading from vessel holds including bulk trimming are the main elements here.

Euroports, Gabriel Kierkels, will present an incident of cargo falling during trimming. This case includes the evaluation which has led to a common set of critical considerations to make for specific cargoes. We will show innovations of techniques for trimming on the bulldozer, which should create sufficient space and distance of the cargo.

Rietlanden Terminals, presented by Elewout Wildenborg, shows the way how unloading in holds is carried out, when working with machines. Good communication between loading and unloading terminal is important. Anticipating on cargo characteristics is key. **PWCS, by Hennie du Plooy**, will present a system they have developed which identifies and communicates the character of cargoes in railcars from train loading to terminal as well as a trigger action/target plan to anticipate on weather circumstances. The panel discussion will be led by **Gene Taft, Summit Marine Services**.

GRAIN HANDLING

A special panel around the handling and supply chain of grain commodities. Led by **NAEGA President Alejandra Castillo** we will discuss technical, safety and operational challenges with globally operating grain terminal operators, like **Viorel Panait of Comvex, Andrés Gómez Bueno of Grupo GOF** and others. We will have insights from data driven support and showcases how to have a safe and reliable food supply chain. We will as well focus on operational challenges when handling grain.