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## FEATURE STORY

# CWT Globelink Group

## Annual Conference 2013: Spain



CWT Globelink Group Annual Conference 2013 was hosted in Sitges, a lovely coastal town approximately 35km southwest of Barcelona, Spain. Besides its famous beaches, nightspots and historical sites, Sitges is also renowned for its Film Festival and Carnival.

This year's conference saw one of the largest turnouts with a total of more than 170 delegates in attendance. Other than the usual line up of meetings and discussions, there were many social opportunities for everyone to network and strengthen relationships.

2013 is a special year as our conference is held in conjunction with the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Mr. Joaquim Pueyo, Managing Director of Globelink Spain, a long-time friend to many in the business.

The 5-days conference came to a close with a gala dinner and birthday celebration for Mr. Pueyo at the Codorníu Winery with a magnificent Opera performance to set the mood for the night's entertainment.



Special thanks to our main coordinators of the Spain conference – Andrew and Jane and also the great support provided by Globelink Spain. A big thank you to all who have contributed in one way or another in making the event a success. To all delegates, see you in 2014!

## Fiata World Congress 2013: Singapore

Fiata World Congress 2013 was hosted in Singapore at the Suntec Convention and Exhibition Centre from 15 – 19 October 2013. The theme this year is “Springboard to Asia, Connecting the World...”.



CWT Globelink took this golden opportunity to showcase our business and reach out to the industry’s community as part of the exhibiting companies at the congress. CWT group is the Gold sponsor of the event in Singapore.

This congress provided many opportunities to network with customers and business counterparts based in Singapore and also visiting guests from overseas.



## SERVICE INTRODUCTION

### New Direct Consolidation Service

CWT Globelink group has added a new direct consolidation service in our network.

#### Istanbul to Santos

- ❖ POL: Istanbul, Ambarli Port
- ❖ POD: Santos
- ❖ ETD Istanbul: Sunday
- ❖ Cut-off: Thursday
- ❖ Transit: 22 days
- ❖ Frequency: Weekly

For enquires, please contact Globelink Istanbul – Tel: +90 216 6519393 or email [info@globelink-unimar.com](mailto:info@globelink-unimar.com).

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## **NOTICES – Globelink Offices**

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### **Strike at Nhava Sheva NSICT & GTI Terminal**

Shipping operations at Nhava Sheva port have been badly hit due to wage disagreements between workers and the management at Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT), one of three independent ports in the area since 15 October 2013.

To worsen the situation, workers from the NSICT Terminal have influenced workers from the Gateway Terminals India (GTI) Terminal as well.

The "GO SLOW" Operation is affecting container movements in and out of the terminals.

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## **NOTICES – Globelink Network Partners**

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### **General strike of domestic transportation services in Italy**

A general strike of domestic transportation services in Italy has been planned from week 44. Shipments in and out of Italy will still be processed as per normal, unless otherwise advised.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### North Europe's peak season still disappointing

The Asia-Europe container trades in both directions were disappointing, registering on the slightest uptick from July to August, but still slightly better than last year's lacklustre season.

Westbound cargo flows in 2013 from Asia to North Europe, covering the peak of the peak season in August at 844,000 TEU compared to 837,000 TEU in July and 793,000 TEU in June.

Figures from Container Trades Statistics (CTS) through August shows a one per cent increase in year-to-date volume to 6,183,000 TEU over last year.

Like westbound services, eastbound vessel capacity also increased, but in this case by 3.5 per cent in August to 615,400 TEU, but it fell 1.3 per cent in September to 607,100 TEU followed by another reduction of 1.4 per cent in October, down to 600,000 TEU.

Utilization differed wildly as expected. Asia-Europe routes achieved 100 per cent ship utilization in August, but it didn't last into September, when a slippage sparked a minor rate war as carriers fought to retain market share while worked to fill their ships, said London's Drewry Maritime Research.

Europe-Asia utilization was more pronounced with space on vessels sailing from Northern Europe to Asia declining from 67 per cent in July to 60 per cent in August and with September heading down, taking freight rates with it.

The International Monetary System (IMF) estimates 0.3 per cent GDP growth in Europe this year, compared to last year's 0.1 per cent last year, offering more reason to hope with its prediction of 1.4 per cent growth in 2014.

Ocean carriers' response was to increase overall westbound vessel capacity by three per cent in August, up to 844,300 TEU, managed by simply by not cancelling sailings, said Drewry analysts in London.

But sailings were cancelled in September, including three from Maersk's AE7 service, bringing total capacity down by 1.3 per cent to 834,000 TEU, which was followed by another 11 cancellations in October, reducing capacity by another 1.4 per cent to 822,000 TEU, they said.

There has been no other major westbound schedule changes, only seasonal port pair adjustments and vessel upgrades, including the deployment of Evergreen's first 13,800-TEU ship on its CEM service during September, as well as adding APL's 10,700-TEUer on G6's Loop 6, enabling slow steaming from on a roundtrip of 11 to 12 weeks.

*Source: CSM – The Container Shipping Manager*

## OTHERS

### World Holidays in November 2013



#### Costa Rica

02 Nov All Souls' Day

#### Croatia

01 Nov All Saints' Day

#### Egypt

04 Nov Islamic New Year

#### Guatemala

01 Nov All Saints' Day

#### India

03 Nov Diwali (Festival of Lights)  
17 Nov Guru Nanak's Birthday

#### Indonesia

05 Nov Islamic New Year

#### Kuwait

04 Nov Islamic New Year

#### Malaysia

03 Nov Deepavali\*  
04 Nov Awal Muharram  
(Islamic New Year)

\* Regional holiday.

#### Morocco

04 Nov Islamic New Year  
06 Nov Green March  
18 Nov Independence Day

#### Pakistan

09 Nov Muhammad Iqbal's Birthday  
14 Nov Ashura

#### Portugal

01 Nov All Saints' Day

#### Singapore

02 Nov Deepavali

#### Slovenia

01 Nov All Saints' Day

#### Spain

01 Nov All Saints' Day

#### Sri Lanka

03 Nov Diwali  
17 Nov Full Moon Poya Day

#### UAE

04 Nov Al-Hijra

## INSPIRING QUOTE

**THERE IS NO  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR HARD WORK**

Thomas Edison

CWT Globelink started in 1988 in Singapore. It has now expanded to more than 100 offices in 28 countries, providing comprehensive and high quality consolidation services to our valued customers.

CWT Globelink's presence includes Australia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

For more information about the CWT Globelink Group, please refer to our website: [www.cwt-globelink.com](http://www.cwt-globelink.com) or contact: [newsletter@cwt-globelink.com](mailto:newsletter@cwt-globelink.com)



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