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Fit and active – members of staff at a volleyball tournament

Members of staff who feel fit and healthy are usually more satisfied and more successful in coping with their working day! This is the main idea seized upon by Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG as it launches a comprehensive programme to promote corporate health in conjunction with the "IKK classic"

health insurance scheme.

The first step will involve both cooperation partners jointly analysing the health situation in the group's various companies. Regular meetings, which an experienced trainer will attend, will in future provide a suitable discussion platform for developing and implementing individual and corporate services for members of staff in the group of companies. A steering committee consisting of representatives of management and workers will coordinate all the health measures centrally in future.

Markus Kopp, CEO at Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG, confirmed the idea behind the new health programme: "First of all, each individual member of staff benefits from more health and safety at the workplace. But health management for us as a company with approx. 1,000 employees also means establishing the future direction of the group. We want to support our employees

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in the best possible way so that they can handle the challenges they face in their working life to an optimal degree. In addition, active and health-conscious colleagues are an important factor in our competitiveness. I am certain that we will jointly benefit from the cooperation arrangement.”

“Any company that pays attention to the health of its employees not only has a small number of staff who are absent because of sickness and therefore low replacement costs caused by their absence,” says Gerd Ludwig, CEO at IKK classic. “The company also achieves a great deal in promoting the satisfaction and motivation of its employees. Both are essential to ensure high levels of productivity and therefore the success of any company.”

2012 International Air Show at Leipzig/Halle?

Leipzig/Halle Airport in conjunction with Messe Leipzig GmbH (Leipzig Trade Fair Company) will participate in an invitation to tender organized by the German Aerospace Industries Association to bid for the right to host the International Air Show (ILA) from 2012 onwards.

The airport is ideally suited as an event site for the show, which is well-known around the world. Leipzig/Halle is ideally equipped to handle the ILA in both logistic and organisational terms: “With Leipzig Trade Fair Association as our locally based partner, we meet all the conditions for holding this international fair,” Saxony’s state premier, Stanislaw Tillich, emphasized.

A successful ILA attracts enormous purchasing power regularly to any region. “A major event like this with many trade visitors and tourists would provide an additional boost to the dynamic development of Saxony and Central Germany. Small and medium-sized companies and the services sector could benefit from the ILA,” the state premier added. “The ILA would be a huge challenge for Saxony and particularly for Leipzig. We will support its bid with all the means at our disposal,” Stanislaw Tillich said.

Leipzig/Halle Launches Its Summer Season

Leipzig/Halle Airport and thousands of visitors celebrated the traditional spring festival for the sixth time in succession – with a new record for visitor numbers – and they used the occasion to welcome the new summer timetable.

The event was a complete success: there was not only a varied programme on the main stage, but also many attractions for younger visitors. Interested parties could also visit various

Leipzig/Halle Airport



Spring festival at Leipzig/Halle Airport

information stands manned by regional associations and institutions.

The airport used the opportunity to provide visitors with detailed information about the latest flights on offer and the very reasonably-priced parking facilities at the air-port, thanks to recent reductions in tariffs. As many as 256 flights each week will link Leipzig/Halle with 53 destinations in 17 countries during the summer period.

A new destination in the summer timetable is Northern Cyprus: Tailwind Airlines based in Turkey will fly to the Northern Cypriot airport of Ercan every Thursday after making a stopover in Antalya. Tour operators and the airlines will significantly increase their flights on well-used routes during the season. The summer timetable includes six new airlines that are flying to popular holiday destinations like Turkey, Bulgaria, Cyprus or Egypt.

Dierk Näther, Managing Director of the airport, stresses: "The tourist flights in the 2010 summer timetable show that tour operators and airlines are once again expect-ing a growing desire among people in our region to travel, in the light of the crisis year in 2009 and the market situation, which is now slowly recovering. Thanks to this on-going commitment, the summer season provides a wide variety of travel opportunities to the most popular vacation destinations for holiday-makers from Central Germany. The connecting flights to the international hubs at Paris, Vienna, Frankfurt, Munich, Düsseldorf, Cologne/Bonn and Stuttgart remain unchanged and this means that passengers from the local region have access to destinations all round the world."

New Training Centre for the Airport Fire Brigade

A training centre for the airport fire brigade measuring 4,000 m² is currently being built in the northern part of Leipzig/Halle Airport. The centre will not only provide training for the unit's own personnel, but also first aid courses and instruction sessions for outside companies.

A mock-up of a Boeing 747, which will be used in future to simulate major fires cover-ing an area measuring up to 100 m² or individual fires in the aircraft's fuselage, forms the focal point of the centre. All the training sessions will be managed from a central control office, which has been located in the former northern fire station.

The centre will not only have a huge preparation room, but also a chemicals storage area and a fire container. This 14 metre long, wood-fired container can be used, for example, to realistically simulate flue gas explosions in apartment or cellar fires. A 50 metre long crawling area has also been placed in a two-storey respiratory protection training unit. There is also a 14 m² fire bowl for training people to put out fires with a hand-held



Delivering parts for the new airport fire brigade training centre

extinguisher.

Dresden International Continues to Expand Network of Routes

The first plane from the Italian airline Air Dolomiti took off for Milan Malpensa on 28 March to coincide with the start of the summer timetable period. Non-stop flights will operate to seven international cities from the Saxon state capital this summer – to London, Milan, Moscow, Palma de Majorca, Warsaw, Vienna and Zurich.

While Air Dolomiti already operates six flights a week to Milan in North Italy, a modern Airbus 319 belonging to British Midland (bmi), which is part of the Lufthansa's Star Alliance network, will take off from Dresden bound for London Heathrow for the first time on 19 April. Passengers then have access to reasonably-priced connecting flights to Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast and Aberdeen. After a one-year pause, Croatia Airlines will recommence its weekly non-stop flight to the Croatian Adriatic city of Split on 1 May.

And the number of flights is continuing to expand: Aeroflot will serve the Moscow air-port of Sheremetyevo three times a week from June onwards with an additional de-parture on Wednesdays. Austrian Airlines and Lufthansa will be using larger aircraft on their routes to Vienna and Düsseldorf.

Airport managing director, Dr. Michael Hupe, underlines the positive developments: "Despite the difficult general economic conditions, we have managed to secure four new city routes in the shape of London, Madrid, Moscow and Warsaw within just over a year. The international accessibility of Dresden is now better than it has ever been. There are now direct flights to seven international and six domestic cities and hubs." And he continues: "Direct links from Dresden to the major European economic regions will continue to be the major focus of talks with airlines in future too. The renewed increase in demand and rising passenger numbers are an important argument for making the services to and from Dresden Airport even more attractive. We are ex-pecting a better business year than in 2009."

Find Your Ideal Car Parking Space without any Stress

Dresden International Airport celebrated the topping-out ceremony for the extension to the multi-storey car park on 16 March. The new building will be commissioned for use on 3 June. This will enable the airport to increase the number of covered car parking spaces from 1,300 to 2,900.

Passengers should be able to set out on their journey in a

Dresden International



The first Air Dolomiti flight on 28 March 2010

relaxed manner. The airport is not only committed to increasing the number of car parking spaces, but also to providing a high degree of service and customer orientation. When the new car park comes into use, for example, an online booking system will be introduced at the airport home page www.dresden-airport.de. There will also be new products and a pricing system that caters for various target groups.



Topping-out ceremony for the car park extension on 16 March 2010

Ready for Take-off: PortGround GmbH Launches a New Training Model

The employees at PortGround GmbH know what it means to work in the business of providing ground services for aircraft: so in order to prepare people for their new career as efficiently as possible in future, the company has seized the initiative in cooperation with DIHK-Bildungs-GmbH and the Leipzig Centre for Initial and Further Training (ZAW) and has developed what is a unique training model in Germany for the company.

The process oriented practical training concludes with an IHK certificate as a "Special-ist in Aircraft Ground Services". The aim is to help participants from the outset and deliberately develop their expertise. One huge advantage of the training scheme is that the huge gap between introductory training and the advanced certificate to qualify as a "Tested Aircraft Ground Services Agent" (IHK), which could not be completed until a person had gained three or four years' experience in the past, has now been closed.

The practical training covers basic instruction and two modules, which are gradually devoted to baggage dispatch and transportation and providing ground services for narrow fuselage and wide-bodied aircraft. Once participants have completed the first module, they receive an intermediate certificate after five months. After passing the IHK practical exams, each participant is handed a certificate qualifying them as a "Specialist in Aircraft Ground Services (IHK)". This can be complemented by special components in the fields of aircraft service, freight dispatch or aircraft de-icing after an orientation and probationary phase of no more than five months, depending on requirements and the candidate's suitability.

Uwe Borrmann, Deputy Branch Manager of PortGround GmbH, was heavily involved in drawing up the concept for the training model: "It was our desire to develop a practical and at the same time high-quality qualification, which is a convincing model because of the high degree of transparency as a result of the various quality levels," says Borrmann. "We would like to strengthen our employees' individual responsibility, link them to

Portground



PortGround GmbH employee loading baggage

our company in the long term and increase our expertise in the market place in a sustainable way.”

A pilot course, which is a precondition for the certification of the course, has already been running since 4 January this year. PortGround GmbH is hoping to start regular training in line with the new concept in the third quarter of 2010.

From the Region

“Leipzig/Halle Airport Region” at the TransRussia in Moscow

Central Germany has plenty to offer when it comes to logistics: the region near Leipzig/Halle Airport is a first-class location for commerce and distributing goods in Central Germany and Europe. Well-known corporations like DHL, Porsche, Amazon, Dell or Bayer have already put their faith in the region.

The “Leipzig/Halle region” led by the Leipzig/Halle Logistics Network will have a stand at the TransRussia Exhibition in hall 8.2 (stand C 325) in Moscow from 27 to 30 April 2010 in order to awaken the interest of new investors and business partners in the region. The partners on the stand include Leipzig/Halle Airport, the city of Leipzig and the EU ChemLog project.

This leading fair for transport and logistics provides an important platform for establishing business contacts with Russian companies in the industry and commerce sectors. With over 450 exhibitors from more than 30 countries and almost 30,000 visitors, the exhibition provides an opportunity to meet important management staff from the sector and industry and commerce companies and intensify business relations. A comprehensive supporting programme also informs people about current developments and trends in this sector.

Commitment to the Next Generation

Dresden International Airport is once again demonstrating its commitment to the next generation within its catchment area in the form of existing school cooperation arrangements. The press conferences on the change of timetable in Dresden and Ustí nad Labem provided an occasion for this.

Four Czech pupils from the bilingual Friedrich Schiller Grammar School in Pirna had the opportunity of taking part in the timetable press conference in Dresden on 24 March with their head teacher and boarding school head. In return, four German pupils at the grammar school will travel to the Czech town of Ustí for the Dresden Airport press conference there on 13 April. The cooperation arrangement is pursuing the goal of

encouraging a knowledge of each other's language by giving the pupils a chance to broaden their perspective and also increasing the level of awareness of Dresden Airport in the north of the Czech Republic.

Pupils from the "By the Airport" 82nd Middle School also attended the press conference in Dresden. The ninth class pupils carried out research for an article, which they are writing for the next edition of the airport's local neighbourhood paper entitled "Rundflug".

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