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Central German Airports Group

## ▶ Dresden and Leipzig/Halle Hosting Aviation and Space Travel Publicists

**At the end of March/start of April, the Dresden and Leipzig/Halle Airports hosted the annual conference of the Aviation Press Club that was set up 50 years ago.**



They were visiting to keep members in tune with the latest developments and plans in subsidiaries of the Central German Airports Group including the region's economic development. Saxony's Minister of Economics Thomas Jurk talked about what makes Dresden top choice for investors while Saxony-Anhalt's Transport Minister Karl-Heinz Daehre attended a forum at Leipzig/Halle Airport.

The aviation and space travel journalists and publicists took a look at the Dresden Airport while the airport CEO Dr. Michael Hupe reported on how

The members of the Aviation Press Club took a look at the AN-124 freight planes stationed in Leipzig/Halle

interest for low-cost airlines has soared in past years. Upwards of 1.788 million passengers were processed in 2005, adding up to a boost of ten percent over 2004. Dr. Hupe called the construction of the new runway starting this year the largest project and greatest challenge in more than 70 years of airport history.



The members of the Press Club also took in EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH on the outskirts of the airport where passenger planes are retrofitted to freight planes and also serviced. EADS also manufactures foot mats and partitions for the interior furnishings of aircraft. Finally, the Club members visited IABG Dresden which is, together with IMA GmbH, putting the new Airbus A380 jumbo jet to long-term tests.

While visiting the building site at Leipzig/Halle Airport Volkmar Stein, CEO and President Central

Saxony's Minister of Economics Thomas Jurk talked to journalists about what makes Dresden top choice for investors

German Airports Group, informed the Club members about the airport extension plans. Eric Malitzke, Managing Director of the Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH, took the opportunity of getting together with the Club members to say that the airport is profiting from the superior infrastructure with access to the freeway nexus and the train. The Leipzig/Halle Airport is showing the Cologne/Bonn or Frankfurt am Main Airports what it's all about with its 24-hour operating permit. After Post World Net announced it wanted to operate its DHL-air freight hub in Leipzig/Halle starting in 2008, the Leipzig/Halle Airport has been inundated with demands from logistics companies. But even before DHL, high-profile companies relocated to the area around the airport. That includes car manufacturers such as Porsche and BMW in Leipzig and VW in south-west Saxony, the mail-order house Quelle in Leipzig and the computer group Dell in Halle. And the fact that Amazon, the world's largest Internet retailer, is planning to relocate to the A 14 Freeway, also bears witness to this prime location in Central Germany.



Fotos: Robert Kluge

The Aviation Press Club has upwards of 400 members these days and its representatives got an impression of the construction work going on at the airport. That not only includes the South Runway running 3,600 meters parallel to the North Runway. DHL has also been building its future distribution center in the southern zone since the start of the year.

After the annual conference was over, Clemens Bollinger, the CEO of the Aviation Press Club, said he was fascinated by the imposing developments and plans unfolding at both airports. The work done in Dresden and Leipzig/Halle in last years made the Club members really sit up and take notice.

Saxony-Anhalt's Transport Minister Karl-Heinz Daehre (in the middle) and Volkmar Stein, the CEO of the Central German Airports Group, (2nd from right) attended a forum at the Leipzig/Halle Airport

Bollinger brought home the point that Leipzig/Halle was working at building a brilliant freight hub and he was optimistic that Leipzig was laying the foundation for Europe's most modern hub. Odds are excellent that Leipzig/Halle Airport could transform itself into a high-profile freight handling location. Bollinger also commented that plans to expand the Dresden Airport made sense because the state capital needs a high-performance airport to handle the major tourist volume.

[www.luftfahrt-presse-club.de](http://www.luftfahrt-presse-club.de)

### ► Fair Advertising for Airports

The subsidiaries of the Central German Airports Group will be making appearances at high-profile fairs at home and abroad this year. After the Dresden and Leipzig/Halle Airports showed their stuff at the International Tourism Exchange in Berlin from March 8 to 12, they will be on an advertising tour for themselves and their region starting in fall.

September 19 to 22	► the Air Cargo fair in China (Shanghai)
October 23 to 25	► the EXPO REAL fair in Munich (co-exhibitor)
October 28 to 31	► the Reisen Caravan fair in Erfurt
November 22 to 26	► the Touristik & Caravaning fair in Leipzig

Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ► The Leipzig/Halle Airport Will Be Home to Two Super Jumbo Transporters

**The Leipzig/Halle Airport has become one of the foremost bases for the super jumbo transports of NATO and the European Union.**



Two of the world's largest transport aircraft were stationed at the Central German airport when the SALIS (Strategic Airlift Interim Solution) was put into service at the end of March. The Antonov AN-124-100 planes were provided to close the gap for transporting large-scale military equipment, fast strike forces and humanitarian goods such as in the aftermath of earthquakes or flood catastrophes. Leipzig/Halle Airport is therefore the only place outside Russia where such aircraft are stationed.

High representatives from NATO and EU attended the inauguration ceremony at Leipzig/Halle Airport

Airport Managing Director Eric Malitzke talked of a good deal for the airport while the Federal Minister of Defence, Franz Josef Jung, brought home the point that Germany could now meet humanitarian and peace-keeping challenges faster. Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Sweden participate in the SALIS project. This gives the nations involved as many as six AN-124 model transporters, of which two planes can be available within three days and the other four within six to nine days.

The deal with the supplier Ruslan SALIS GmbH will go for three years. As of 2010 Airbus A 400M model transporters of the German Army will be made available for the project. However, these planes will not be stationed at the Leipzig/Halle Airport, but the Wunstorf and Hohn Air Force Bases.



Ruslan SALIS GmbH headquartered in Leipzig is a subsidiary of the Russian company Volga-Dnepr that not only has the parent company's aircraft available to it, but has also entered into business relations with the Ukrainian company Antonov. Corporate decisions of the Russian company brought them to Leipzig/Halle.

#### ▶ AN 124-100

- ▶ AN-124-100 is the largest mass-produced transport aircraft in the world
- ▶ it was developed in the 80's by the then Soviet Union
- ▶ the civil version of this freight plane is operated by two Russian, one Ukrainian and one Libyan airline
- ▶ 20 AN-124-100 are in operation
- ▶ this transporter can fly 14,200 kilometres when empty
- ▶ it can go 4,650 kilometres with 120 tonnes on board

## ▶ DHL is Boosting the Number of Flights from Leipzig/Halle

**DHL, a subsidiary of Post-Express, will be doubling the number of flights from the Leipzig/Halle Airport this summer.**

Fives planes are taking off and landing on a daily basis since September. But, as DHL's project manager Michael Reinboth points out, the Leipzig/Halle Airport will be linked up to international freight even before DHL's air freight handling hub will be put into service in 2008. The freight volume was 30 percent above expectations in January, a development Reinboth attributed to the booming Eastern European business.

Reinboth, who is also the CEO of Hub Leipzig GmbH, thinks "DHL has really arrived in this region" and he's sure that DHL relocating here will mean thousands of jobs will be created. Some of the examples named were the fact that the Internet retailer Amazon has announced it's coming to Leipzig.

After the Post subsidiary began construction on this freight handling hub at the start of the year, other important projects are slated for completion by the end of 2006. A case in point is the operations building, where the foundation was poured including the initial supports for a hall 410 meters long and 96 meters wide. In two years they will be sorting and transshipping 2,000 tonnes of freight here every night. The building will be completed at the end of September and DHL's plans call for the hangar to be completed after this year. At 230 meters long, 96 meters wide and 30 meters high, it will be able to accommodate two Airbus A 380 planes. The winter, long as it was, did not put a stop to or delay the building deadlines.



More than 30,000 persons have been applying for the 3,500 jobs DHL is scheduled to create by 2012. In spite of this avalanche, DHL has not stopped receiving applications and most employees will be hired in 2007. The Post subsidiary wants to start with an initial 2,000 to 2,500 workers in 2008.

[www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com)

Dresden Airport

## ► Take-off for a New Season

**+++ Air Berlin Will be Integrating the Airport into the Euro-Shuttle Network  
+++ InterSky is the Fourth Low-Priced Airline to Come to Dresden +++ dba  
Links Dresden with Düsseldorf +++**



The summer flight plan has made the range of domestic and European low-priced flights from Dresden even greater. By late summer, a total of 293 planes will be flying from Saxony's capital every week. 28 airlines are targeting a total of 54 destinations with their aircraft, 9 in Germany and 45 abroad.

dba has added more flights from Dresden to its schedule

- Air Berlin's Euro-Shuttle Network makes it possible: they target cities in Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, France and Austria via the hubs of Palma de Mallorca and Nuremberg while the Balearic Islands are targeted every day excluding Thursday. There are flights to Palma from € 49 and flights via Palma to other destinations from € 59. The Greek capital of Athens is on the flight plan again for the first time for five years. And there's something else that's new: the Greek Mediterranean island Samos – flights are available via Nuremberg to Athens and Samos starting at € 119.

[www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)

- The first Austrian low-priced airline InterSky will be heading for Friedrichshafen on the Bodensee Lake on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday with tickets starting at € 69. After Air Berlin, Germanwings and dba, InterSky is the fourth low-priced airline that flies to and from Dresden.

[www.intersky.biz](http://www.intersky.biz)

- The airline dba is now connecting Dresden, the state capital of Saxony with the state capital of North Rhine-Westphalia and tickets are starting at € 51. This airline has also been targeting Munich for two years.

[www.flydba.com/en](http://www.flydba.com/en)



- ▶ Lufthansa is boosting its number of flights between Dresden and Frankfurt am Main from 6 to 48 in the summer season. Cirrus Airlines also flies more frequently to Zurich and is adding another connection on Sunday.

[www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com)

Dresden Airport

## ▶ They Became Mileage Millionaires in Just Fives Years – The Terminal and Suburban Railway are Important Infrastructure Investments

**The airport terminal put into service five years ago and the suburban railway route to the airport launched in the same month are both mileage millionaires.**



Since it opened on March 25, 2001, 8.2 million passengers have been handled in the terminal alone. In the same period of time, 4.8 million passengers used the suburban railway from Pirna or Dresden to the airport.

After the breath-taking jump in passenger numbers at the onset of the 90's, the airport's limitations quickly became apparent. That's why they decided

The new terminal at Dresden Airport

to tear down the hangar of Dresden's former aircraft factory to its steel skeleton in 1997 and transform it into a generous state-of-the-art terminal made of steel and glass.

Reconstruction began in mid-1999 costing € 164m. Now, the terminal can handle upwards of 3.5 million passengers boarding aircraft via six passenger bridges. The terminal building is 25 meters high and allows fast access for wherever you want to go. A glazed pedestrian bridge gets travellers from the parking garage built for more than 1,500 cars into the terminal with 24 check-in windows for trouble-free handling. But that's not all. This building also reveals the largest travel market in Dresden where 27 travel agencies offer their wares.

You can not only access the Dresden Airport fast via the A 4 Motorway and four-lane feeder road. Since this terminal was opened, the suburban railway has linked the airport with the city centre of Dresden, putting the Dresden Airport on the map in Germany as the seventh airport with direct train connections.

The S2 Line was even extended out to Pirna at the end of 2004. The state-of-the-art air conditioned double-decker suburban railway trains are pulled by electrical locomotives. That means they only need 46 or 48 minutes between Pirna and the airport and 22 minutes from Dresden's main train station to the airport. Last year, more than 7,100 travellers used these trains every day from Monday to Friday to leave traffic jams behind. That was three times as many as 2004. The new suburban railway route and electrification of its 31 kilometres cost € 47m.

[www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de); [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)



Flughafen Dresden

## ► Lufthansa's Jumbo is Advertising for Dresden

**Dresden is celebrating its 800th anniversary and that's why Lufthansa is giving it a special birthday present.**

From now on, a jumbo jet named "Dresden" will be advertising for the state capital of Saxony. Instead of the earlier aircraft christened "Dresden", a medium-haul Airbus A 320, it will be the flagship of Lufthansa's fleet. That's a Boeing 747-400 that will be the flying ambassador carrying the name of Dresden all over the world. After the "Saxony", this new and much larger "Dresden" will be the second jumbo jet that will be representing the Free State of Saxony on intercontinental routes. Beyond it, there are seven more jets that belong to the so called "Saxon fleet".



The Airbus A 320 named "Dresden" took off for the last time from the airport of the Saxon state capital on March 21. The new ambassador will be given the name of "Dresden" in Frankfurt am Main on May 10.

Dr. Michael Hupe, Managing Director of Dresden Airport, (left) says good bye to the "Dresden" Crew

Flughafen Dresden

## ► Airports Generate Jobs – There are 2,400 People Working at the Airport

**The Dresden Airport is an important economic factor in Saxony, as witnessed by the fact that upwards of 2,400 were employed at the airport in 119 companies, tenants and service providers.**

That's a boost of 4.5 percent over the end of 2004. The latest survey of persons employed included people working at EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke. 327 people work at Dresden Airport GmbH and PortGround GmbH, the Dresden-based subsidiaries of the Central German Airports Group.

And upwards of 40 percent of the Dresden Airport's employees work in air traffic including at the airlines, the weather service or out on the apron. 12 percent of all employees work at logistics companies and travel agencies.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

▶ **Heading into Summer with a New Record**

**+++ Non-stop to Paris twice a day +++ To Stuttgart at the Price of a Taxi with Hapag-Lloyd Express +++ Eleven Times a Week to Mallorca with Air Berlin +++ With Futura to Palermo +++**



Eric Malitzke, Managing Director of Leipzig/Halle Airport, welcomes the Air France Crew at the Central German airport

The summer is giving the airport a new record. No flight plan that ever went into force at the end of March and continued to October has ever included as many weekly flights to destinations in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. 32 airlines feature 328 flights to 72 destinations per week. In comparison to last season, that's 17 flights and 8 destinations more.

- ▶ Air France has been connecting the Leipzig/Halle Airport and Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris since the end of March. An Embraer 145 jet flies between the two cities twice a day without stopping in-between. The flight takes one and a half hours in this comfortable 50-seat plane. That makes Leipzig/Halle the tenth destination of Air France in Germany and the second

destination in eastern Germany after Berlin. There are also great connections from Paris via Air France to upwards of 225 global destinations such as New York, Miami, Hong Kong or Johannesburg.

[www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com)

- ▶ Air Berlin is even adding another one to the popular route to Mallorca in summer. Instead of seven times a week, the red-and-white planes take off from the Spanish Mediterranean island eleven times a week while another 14 destinations in Spain and Portugal are available from Palma de Mallorca. Beyond this, the airline heads toward London, Glasgow, Manchester and Belfast on a daily basis.

[www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)

Last year, 442,117 passengers flew with Air Berlin from Leipzig/Halle. That's 31.08 percent more than 2004, meaning that this airline was only able to rack up more growth at the Hannover Airport in 2005. That puts Leipzig/Halle Airport on the ranking in 9th place among German commercial airports for Air Berlin.



- ▶ Hapag-Lloyd-Express is boosting its domestic network of routes for its summer flight plan including a new Leipzig/Halle connection. A Fokker 100 Jet will be taking off for Stuttgart every Monday through Friday in the morning and evening. This airline belongs to the TUI Group and it's pinning its hopes on business and private travellers alike.

[www.hlx.com](http://www.hlx.com)

- ▶ Germanwings is the airline that has been connecting the Central German region with Cologne/Bonn since the end of September 2005 and it has transported 90,000 passengers on this route running at 80 percent capacity.

[www.germanwings.com](http://www.germanwings.com)

HLX has added  
Leipzig/Halle  
Airport to its  
schedule

- ▶ Lufthansa is targeting the major German freight handling hubs in domestic traffic from Leipzig/Halle. Six daily flights to Frankfurt am Main and five to Lufthansa's second international intersection in Munich will spell out short transfer times for connecting flights to destinations in Europe and overseas

[www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com)

Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ▶ With InterConnex Direct to Your Flight

**Soon it will be even easier to access the Leipzig/Halle Airport by train.**

Trains from the private train company InterConnex will be stopping at the airport train station starting at the end of May while trains on the route from Gera to Berlin's Ostbahnhof station will be stopping at the airport Monday through Friday. The time travelling from Gera or Berlin to Leipzig/Halle Airport will be one and a half or two and a half hours, respectively.

- ▶ Trains leaving Gera at 6.10 am will reach Leipzig at 7.16 am and arrive at the airport at 7.44 am. The InterConnex stops in Halle at 7.59 am and reaches Berlin's Ostbahnhof station at 10.18 am.
- ▶ The train will leave Berlin at 6.46 pm, reach Halle at 8.57 pm and arrive at the Leipzig/Halle Airport at 9.11 pm arriving in Gera at 10.40 pm.

You can book tickets and reserve seats by calling 0 18 05/10 16 16 (from Germany).



Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ▶ Stunning Plus in Freight Transshipment

**After DHL, the air freight express subsidiary of Deutsche Post, relocated to the Leipzig/Halle Airport, it's witnessing a stunning rise in freight transshipment.**

2,807 tonnes was transhipped in the first two months, four times as much as in the same period last year. So far, DHL has been handling five freight planes in Leipzig/Halle every Monday through Friday and the number of freight planes will increase to ten over the year.

## ▶ News from the Central German Economy

### ▶ Asians are Building a Warehouse for Cars Spare Parts in Brehna

**The Far East has also discovered what puts Central Germany ahead of the other as a venue for automobiles.**

By autumn they will be building a warehouse for spare parts for cars built in Brehna between Halle and Bitterfeld on the A 9 Motorway. Mobis Parts Europe, the European business partner of the Korean automobile brand names Hyundai and Kia, is investing €10m there, creating at least 80 jobs to supply car parts from Brehna within Germany and to the neighbouring countries starting in November.

### ▶ Excellent Chances for a Third Facility

**Saxony may look forward to another billion-dollar investment.**

The odds are excellent that the American semiconductor manufacturer Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) will be building a third facility in Dresden. The investment of almost two billion euros in Dresden could add up to 1,000 new jobs to the 2,800 already existing at AMD in Dresden. The second facility for the production of 300-millimeter wafers cost 2.4 billion euros. That puts AMD among the greatest single investors in the eastern German states for half a decade.

[www.amd.com](http://www.amd.com)

**▶ World's Largest Internet Bookseller is Building on the A 14 Motorway**

**Amazon, the world's largest Internet retailer is coming to Central Germany to build a shipping centre in the north of Leipzig on the A 14 Motorway (from Dresden to Magdeburg).**

There they will be putting up a hall with 70,000 square meters by autumn to give 400 people work in their shipping centre. The same number of jobs again is planned for peak periods. Amazon employs 12,000 people all around the world and turns over 8.5 billion dollar annually. It sees a major job potential in this region including excellent access to traffic routes.

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**▶ Dresdner Factoring AG Wants to Go Public**

**Dresdner Factoring AG wants to go public in spring, and the Bavaria-based HypoVereinsbank will be the leading company in the consortium.**

Dresdner Factoring AG employs 50 persons to specialise in financing alternatives for small German businesses. It's targeting setting up two branch offices in the western German states for additional operations in Stuttgart and Bonn. To date, this joint-stock company has been offering its services in its Berlin, Magdeburg and Erfurt offices. Dresdner Factoring's core product offers customers immediate liquidity by selling claims including contractual protection from bad debt losses.

[www.dresdner-factoring.de](http://www.dresdner-factoring.de)

**▶ Miscellaneous****▶ The Football's Rolling – Even Outside of World Championship Stadiums**

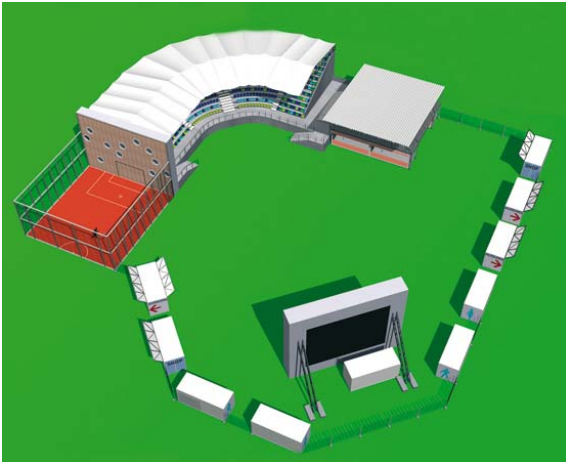
**Leipzig, the only east German city hosting games during the football world championship, has done everything it can to get itself up and running for this major sporting event.**

It's one of twelve places hosting the games with four qualifying rounds and one round before the quarter finale. Leipzig was already the focus of global football interest when the final round was drawn in December last year. It was highly touted for its excellent organisation.

The Leipzig/Halle Airport has also prepared itself for this major sporting event. There's a great demand for more flights during the world championship, as told by Eric Malitzke, Managing Director of Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH.



Photo: www.suedkurve-deutschland.de



Finding the Right Way to the Stadium – An electronic guidance system will guide football fans to the world championship stadium during the games in Leipzig. Eight sign bridges will be mounted on the A 9 Motorway (from Munich to Berlin) and A 14 Motorway (from Magdeburg to Dresden) by the end of March to get drivers additional traffic information after the football world championship.

This dynamic road guidance system will also provide information on traffic jams and other obstructions such as accidents. The electronic display panels are part of a special world championship guidance system that more than €10m was invested in.

“MDR Südkurve Deutschland Halle” will be the only public presentation of games live in Saxony-Anhalt

45 kilometres of power lines and 43 kilometres of data cables were laid in past months to build up the guidance system. After it's started up, it will record the current traffic situation at more than 230 points and forward it to the two management centres in Dresden and Halle/Peißen. Trial operation will be launched in May.

### 1,500 Fans in Südkurve

Fans will not only be getting their money's worth in Leipzig. They'll be able to experience the world championship games live on a jumbo screen in Halle from June 9 to July 9. Südkurve Deutschland GmbH is putting on this outdoors football fest in a joint effort with a wide range of sponsors. They signed the deal for it with the city and operator in Halle at the end of March.

They will be setting up an oval with 1,500 seats not far from the Central German Broadcasting Center near the ships sluice in Halle. “MDR Südkurve Deutschland Halle” will be the only public presentation of games live in Saxony-Anhalt and they'll be replicating the original stadium scenario to give fans a feeling of really being in the stadium. Apart from a roofed-over stand with 499 seats and a VIP zone there will be room for 1,000 people to stand, a state-of-the-art LED projection screen 18 square meter high, a snack and beer stands.

[www.suedkurve-deutschland.de](http://www.suedkurve-deutschland.de)



## ▶ The German Hygienic Museum is Tracking Down the Myth of Dresden

**The German Hygienic Museum in Dresden has been showing a major special exhibition since the beginning of April to track down the myth surrounding Dresden for its 800th anniversary.**

To the end of December, they will be highlighting images and visions and documenting historical events and persons that constitute Dresden's myth on 1,200 square meters of exhibition space. Works of art, everyday objects and rare archive material together with film and sound documents will fit together to form a cultural panorama.

The exhibition on the Myth of Dresden is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm excluding Mondays, and admission is € 6 or € 3.

[www.dhmd.de](http://www.dhmd.de)

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