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Welcome shower at Leipzig/Halle Airport

The largest passenger aeroplane in the world caused a sensation in the skies over Central Germany during the first two days of June.

Thousands of visitors used the opportunity to get a closer look at Lufthansa's new flagship. Political leaders from Saxony also welcomed the inclusion of the Central German airports in the airline's training programme.

Leipzig/Halle Airport was the centre of focus for Lufthansa's new high flyer on 1 June: the pilots on board the 73 meter long and 24 meter high aeroplane completed several take-offs and landings at the airport as part of their training programme – which was essential for the company to acquire the license for this type of aircraft. The A380 could be seen above the roofs of Leipzig until the late afternoon.

To mark this event, the weekly cabinet meeting was directly moved from the Dresden State Chancellery to Leipzig Airport for the first time during this legislative period. State politicians were keen to draw attention to the increasing economic significance of Leipzig/Halle Airport.

The plane with its remarkable wing span of 79.8 metres also

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made a stopover in Dresden Airport as part of the airline's training programme on 2 June. The level of public interest was much greater than for the first five landings of an A 380 in Dresden in 2007: Approx. 3,000 interested people were able to gaze at the aircraft from every point of the compass. Some visitors took advantage of the opportunity to follow events directly from the apron area during one of the special airport tours arranged to coincide with this occasion.

ILA International Air Show Moves to Selchow

The ILA international air show will remain at its Berlin/Brandenburg location. The German Aerospace Industries Association (BDLI) made this decision on 5 June.

"Our good concept enabled us to get into the final round and beat off competition from places like Cologne/Bonn, Stuttgart, Hanover and Oberpfaffenhofen," said Martin Buhl-Wagner, Managing Director of the Leipzig Trade Fair company. "This demonstrates the quality of our application and the assessment of our achievement potential." Berlin-Brandenburg had to make major improvements to its bid because of our convincing concept in order to meet the contractual conditions set by the BDLI."

"The airport infrastructure and the modern trade fair site gained huge recognition in the eyes of the BDLI," said Markus Kopp, CEO of Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding. "The application procedure has demonstrated that we are a competitive location."

Kopp added that the commitment of all those involved was also praised in the application procedure. "The states of Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt, the cities of Leipzig and Halle, Leipzig/Halle Airport and the Leipzig Trade Fair company all managed to pull together in one direction," Kopp stressed. "A region with a huge level of commitment was backing this project," Buhl-Wagner added.

The Leipzig trade fair company and Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG will continue to work closely together in the market place. Both partners have modern infrastructure, good ideas and plenty of innovative expertise and will continue to advertise Leipzig as a centre for major events.

Transport Ministers from All over the World Meet in Leipzig

This year's international transport forum of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) brought many qualified people in this sector to

Leipzig on 26 - 28 May. Under the heading “Transport and Innovation – Unleashing the Potential”, the participants and high-powered speakers discussed complex problems related to mobility, transport and logistics.

Leipzig has hosted the annual international transport forum since 2008. The event, which was backed by German Transport Minister, Dr. Peter Ramsauer, and the Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung, took place in the congress centre at Leipzig Trade Fair Centre. More than 50 transport ministers from all over the globe and leading experts from business, society, the academic world and the public sector attended the meeting. One of the subjects that triggered intense discussions focused on how to network various means of transport in a sensible way.

The cancellation of international flights as a result of the clouds of ash from Iceland was one of the highly contemporary topics on the agenda. Jack Short, Secretary General of the International Transport Forum, made the following comments: “It is essential for safe and efficient air traffic operations to learn the lessons of the worst disruption to services since the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. We should not just restrict ourselves to the air traffic sector, but keep in mind risk management for all means of transport.”

Leipzig/Halle Airport as the Hot Spot for the Cargo Sector

Top representatives of the international air transport sector met for their main meeting and the annual conference of the TIACA (The International Air Cargo Association) air freight association in Leipzig on 16 - 18 May. More than 200 participants from all over the world accepted the invitation issued by Leipzig/Halle Airport, which officially opened the event on 16 May in its role as host.

Current issues affecting the sector topped the conference’s agenda – ranging from the economic crisis and the general situation in global trade to the brand new security regulations for air freight checks or the profitability of alternative fuels. Top managers in the sector, including representatives of airlines, airports, freight forwarders and ground services providers, courier and express service providers, general sales agents, brokers, shipping agents and training centres, were all invited to attend.

Dierk Näther, Managing Director of Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH, stressed the following: “In organising the TIACA events, the site has once again become the focus of the international sector and this provides it with an opportunity to present itself as a modern and intermodal freight transshipment location at the heart of Europe.”

Leipzig/Halle Airport



Show programme at the opening of the TIACA conference at Leipzig/Halle Airport

Airport Fire Brigade in Action

More than 150,000 German and international guests came to Leipzig during the period 7 – 13 June 2010: the city was host to the 28th German Fire-Fighters' Convention at this time. The Leipzig Trade Fair Centre also opened its doors to INTERSCHUTZ, the world's leading fair for rescue, fire and disaster protection and security at the same time. Leipzig/Halle Airport not only had a stand at this event: the airport fire brigade also presented its new training centre to trade experts on 7 June.

Leipzig/Halle Airport was classified as category 10 in terms of fire protection by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in June last year. Since that time, the airport fire brigade has consistently been working on introducing a new fire protection plan. The final touch will be provided for the building constructed for the eastern and western fire brigades in conjunction with this project when it opens with a special celebration on 18 June. The construction work at the fire brigade practice building on a site measuring 4,000 m² has already been finished. The training centre with its impressive fire simulator was officially put into operation in the presence of Saxon Interior Minister Markus Ulbig on 7 June.

More than 1,300 exhibitors caught a glimpse of the latest products and services at the 2010 INTERSCHUTZ fair – not just at the Leipzig/Halle Airport stand. The spectrum ranged from well established tools to highly complex medical equipment and the latest information technology. Interesting meetings organised by the German and international top fire brigade association took place alongside the fair as part of the 28th German Fire-Fighters' Convention: German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Saxon State Premier Stanislaw Tillich were among those attending the delegates' meeting on 11 June, alongside leading politicians and top fire brigade officials.

The Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung, made the following comments on the breadth of the supporting programme: "I am particularly proud that Leipzig had the honour of being the German city to organise this important event for fire-fighters for the third time, following similar events in 1865 and 1913. I am sure that the people of Leipzig and its fire brigade did all in their power to ensure that all the visitors to the fire-fighters' convention felt at home in our city and will remember the great atmosphere at this unique festival for a long time to come."

Celebration to Mark Launch of Route

The new direct link between Dresden and London Heathrow was marked by a celebration on 17 May. The first A319 Airbus operated by the Lufthansa partner British Midland (BMI) was supposed to land at Dresden at approx. 3.30 p.m. on 19 April. But the first flight was not able to take place until 22 April, because European airspace was



The fire brigade at Leipzig/Halle Airport is ready for action

Dresden International



Celebration to mark the state of the route on 17

The crew of flight number LH 4766 was officially welcomed by representatives of the airport and Lufthansa on 17 May – after the aircraft had received its traditional shower from the airport fire brigade. Load factors on this flight in the early stages are promising. The plane takes off on its flight in a north-westerly direction at 4.05 p.m. and lands in the British city on the river Thames about two hours later. The plane leaves London at 12.35 p.m. and reaches the Saxon state capital at about 3.30 p.m. in the opposite direction.

Official Start of Operations at the Car Park Extension

The extension to the car park at Dresden International Airport was opened for business on 3 June following building work that lasted nine months. Guests and visitors to the airport now have access to 2,900 covered parking spaces in all.



The building work in April 2010

The people of Dresden celebrated the opening of the extension in the presence of the Mayor of Dresden, Helma Orosz: the new building means that almost twice as many visitors and passengers can now comfortably reach the terminal through the glass skywalk and benefit from additional services.

The airport is focussing on an increase in customer orientation. People have been able to book parking spots from home since 1 June by using the online booking system. Depending on how long people wish to park, customers have access to the particularly cheap “Special” and “Low cost” rates through the airport’s home page and they allow travellers to park their vehicles for a period of seven to eleven days for as little as EUR 25. Travellers can even park their vehicle on the P3 outside car park for the same period for an unbeatable price of EUR 15. While the “Classic” tariff retains the old price system, the high-quality “Premium” tariff provides guests with a marked increase in comfort. The parking spaces are very close to the skywalk and are not only wider and brighter, but also monitored by video and have a display screen showing the timetable.

The car park also has good environmental credentials: there is a solar power unit measuring 640 square metres on the roof and this feeds in as much as 70 megawatt hours of power into the airport’s electricity supply system every year.

From the Region

Traditional Schumann Festival in Zwickau

The Saxon city of Zwickau, the birth place of the world famous composer, Robert Schumann, has been making extensive preparations for this year's Schumann Festival for weeks. Many events and ceremonies took place here to mark the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth until 12 June.

The idea was born during the composer's lifetime: as Schumann's music increasingly attracted recognition abroad, the people in his home city honoured him in a very special way. Various music ensembles and choirs from the region acclaimed his skills during concerts and festive ceremonies.

This year's celebrations reached their musical climax on 8 June, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Robert Schumann. The Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim led the official festive ceremony. Visitors were able to enjoy the event, which was a sell-out, at a live transmission in the "Neue Welt" park.

The colourful and varied programme also includes specialities like the premiere of the opera "Genoveva", a song matinée by Anne-Theresa Albrecht, the prize-winner of the international Schumann competition, or the opening of the "Life in Schumann's day" special exhibition.

59th Handel Festival Opens in Halle

The 59th Handel Festival opened in Halle on 4 June with a ceremony in honour of the composer George Frideric Handel, who was born in the city.

Handel's opera, "Orlando", with its rich traditions, is the major focus of the series of events this year; this opera was performed when the festival was launched in 1922. Visitors can enjoy opera performances, concerts, exhibitions and musical reading sessions until 13 June. Dagmar Szabados, Mayor of the city of Halle, said: "Handel lives in Halle – and not just when the festival is taking place." This also demonstrates the increasing nationwide response to his music.

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