



News from the Companies in the Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding

Go East! Comeback for Traditional Routes between Central Germany and Moscow



The launch of the Leipzig/Halle-Moscow route was celebrated in style on 18 June

After a long break, Central Germany will once again have direct air links with the Russian capital. Two airlines, Blue Wings and Aeroflot, will provide non-stop connections to Moscow from the Central German airports at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden four times a week.

The German airline Blue Wings based in Düsseldorf has been flying to Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport from Leipzig/Halle twice a week since 18 June. Modern Airbus A 320 aircraft are used on this route. The Russian airline Aeroflot is starting to operate flights on the Dresden/Moscow Sheremetyevo route on 3 July 2009 and an Airbus A 319 will be used for this purpose.

Klaus Wurpts, Managing Director of the "Business Initiative for Central Germany" welcomes the new direct flights in "AIRMAIL": "The establishment of direct flights from Leipzig/Halle and Dresden to Moscow is a huge success story for the whole Central German region. This not only underlines the region's new function as a hub in an enlarged Europe, but it also provides small and medium-sized companies with an opportunity to further develop trade and cooperation relations, which have

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AeroLogic Takes Off

The countdown was finished at exactly 11 o'clock: the new freight airline AeroLogic took to the air on 19 June. Frank Appell, Chairman of the Deutsche Post DHL Board, and Wolfgang Mayrhuber, Chairman of the Deutsche Lufthansa Board, were present to watch the start of operations. AeroLogic is jointly run by DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo. The airline's regular services will be launched on 29 June as planned: The first AeroLogic Boeing 777F will take off on the route between Bahrain/Singapore/New Delhi route and Leipzig/Halle.

The company is due to receive three other cargo planes this year – the next one as early as next month. Overall, AeroLogic is planning to purchase eight B777F aircraft. The new freight airline further strengthens existing air cargo and express goods services to and from Asia from Leipzig/Halle. Managing Director Thomas Pusch is confident that AeroLogic will make a profit by 2010 as originally planned, despite the economic downturn.

The company currently employs 80 people, including pilots. AeroLogic plans to provide work for more than 200 people, about 80 percent of whom will fly the aircraft.

New Fire Brigades and a New Taxiway Bridge

Leipzig/Halle Airport is continuing to grow – so it has become necessary to expand the fire prevention services at the airport. New fire stations are being built in the eastern and western parts of the site. Once they have been built, the airport will meet international safety standards that apply in future too.

The western fire station is being built on the former car park number 5 near the western apron area and it will provide direct access to this apron. The fire station will have ten parking bays for large or special vehicles. The eastern fire station is currently being constructed at Kursdorf and it will have direct access to the taxiway and runway system. The fire station will provide space to park nine large or special vehicles. Building firms from the region, e.g. from Leipzig and Taucha, are helping to construct the shells of the two new buildings. The two new fire

Leipzig/Halle Airport



AeroLogic starts
scheduled flights on 29
June

stations are due to have been completed by the middle of 2010.

And another major project will also be finished by the middle of 2010: the construction of a new taxiway bridge. Once it has been completed, it will be 191.05 metres long and 63.50 metres wide. When it has been finished, it will link facilities located between the northern and southern runways. As many as 70 people are working on this mammoth project.

Airport Improves Reputation with Biomonitoring

As part of its concern for the environment, the Leipzig/Halle airport has resorted to using kale as part of a biomonitoring scheme. The air quality in the direct vicinity of the airport can then be measured because kale plants are suitable for use as so-called indicators, particularly to measure any air contamination.

Kale plants cultivated in a laboratory were planted at eight different sites very close to the airport between October and December last year as part of a biomonitoring programme. The good news is that the hardy kale plants have really flourished at the airport. Walter Meier, Project Manager at TÜV Süd, has been looking after the biomonitoring programme: "The measured accumulation of heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons is typical of rural locations. The figures remain far below the top levels found at urban/industrial sites."

The results of the experiments by TÜV Süd were also confirmed by the measurements taken by the Free State of Saxony air pollution station north of the Helios Clinic at Schkeuditz. The data collected there also showed that admissible thresholds have not been exceeded.

Leipzig/Halle Airport is also continuing to examine air quality near the site. A biomonitoring project involving beehives is due to start there in the next few days; beehives will be set up near the airport. The honey obtained here will be checked by laboratory tests to see how pure it is.

Dancing on a High Wire at the Open Day

Come on in, come on in! Two open days are going to be held at the airport on 22 and 23 August. Many airlines, tour operators, associations and companies from the region will be introducing themselves to the public at the central check-in area, the mall and Terminal B from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on both days. Large numbers of visitors are expected to attend: the last open day attracted 80,000 people.

The Grüne Mitte (central green area) will be the setting for a



Biomonitoring has been carried out at quite a height



80,000 visitors came to the last open day

broad entertainment programme for people of every age. And there will be a great stage show on the MITGAS show truck, as there was last year. Visitors will not only be able to enjoy music, many events where people can get involved and the catering facilities, but also a big wheel and Europe's biggest high wire show with the "Geschwister Weisheit" entertainment group. The huge technology exhibition in the individual airport areas and the various aircraft on the eastern apron area will definitely be a magnet for visitors. There will also be various pleasure flights and trips for the general public on both days.

New Service to Warsaw

It will soon be possible to fly to the Polish capital directly from the Saxon state capital. The regional airline Jetair will operate services on the route with a stopover in Zielona Góra Babimost from 7 September onwards. The link between Dresden and Warsaw is not only attractive for tourists: the service is also directed at business travellers, who wish to keep appointments in the Polish capital.

The Jetstream 32 aircraft used on this route will take off from Dresden at 6.35 a.m. on Mondays to Fridays. After a brief stop in Zielona Góra, the plane will leave there at 7.30 a.m. and arrive at the Frédéric Chopin Airport in Warsaw at 8.45 a.m. The Jetair return flight will leave the Polish capital at 6.50 p.m. on Mondays to Thursdays and Sundays and, after the stopover, will land in Dresden at 9 p.m.

Yes, He Came: Barack Obama Landed at Dresden Airport

He came, saw – and conquered the hearts of everyone. The visit of the US President Barack Obama on 4 and 5 June was an historic event for the Saxon state capital. The intensive preparations connected with this visit – including handling all the aircraft – were a special challenge for every department at Dresden International Airport, particularly the traffic department.

Nothing works properly without proper planning: the members of the airport traffic department held talks with key people from the US Embassy, the secret service, the German Foreign Office and the Saxon State Chancellery for four weeks – not forgetting many companies and institutions that were also involved. A high degree of flexibility was the order of the day: there were complex contractual negotiations, constant changes to traffic plans, highly comprehensive security work and not least enormous preparations that the technical department had to provide.

When Barack Obama arrived on 4 June, PortGround handled

Dresden International



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PortGround handling Air Force One

the president's aircraft, Air Force One, and the obligatory US Air Force reserve plane.

From the Region

IATM Conference a Huge Success

The IATM or International Association of Transport and Communications Museums held its annual conference in Dresden and Nuremberg under the title “Transport and Communications Museums – Attractive Offers to the Public” on 15 – 19 June.



The most important Saxon transport companies, ranging from Dresden Airport to the Loessnitzgrundbahn narrow gauge steam railway, were introduced to the participants – some of whom came from Canada and India – over a period of three days. Dr. Michael Dünnebier, the host and director of the Dresden Transport Museum, summed up the event in positive terms: “We were able to present all the major modes of transport from the Dresden and Chemnitz areas to the participants. Above all, the visit to EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke (Airbus aircraft conversion factory) was a real hit with the trade visitors. We can be completely satisfied. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all those companies involved in the conference for their outstanding support.”

Trade Visitor Registration for GAMES CONVENTION ONLINE Launched

Access to every game free of charge, the increasing expansion of broadband connections and the lucrative business of in-game advertising will ensure that this new future market is a success. Online and mobile games are the sector with the strongest growth rates within the games industry. The best address to discover about this enormous potential is the Business Center at the GAMES CONVENTION ONLINE (31 July – 2 August). Interested trade visitors from the entertainment, games development, IT, telecommunications, media, marketing, advertising and consulting sectors can now reserve their tickets at www.gamesconvention.com

The trade visitors' day ticket to the GAMES CONVENTION ONLINE can now be ordered and costs EUR 25 per person, while the three-day ticket costs EUR 60. Combine this with a visit to the GAMES CONVENTION ONLINE CONFERENCE on 31 July and 1 August. International experts from industry and science will also be giving lectures on the special features of the online business and will boost the exchange of experiences within the relatively new online and mobile games sector.

Visitor Record at the Leipzig Bach Festival and the Handel Festival in Halle

The Leipzig Bach Festival attracts more and more visitors every year. The Managing Director of the Bach Archives, Dettloff Schwerdtfeger, says that far more than 60,000 guests came to the city to enjoy the 95 events in 2009. One quarter of all the visitors came from Leipzig and the surrounding area – the remainder from other parts of Germany and other countries.

According to the organisers, the jubilee Handel Festival in Halle also produced a new visitor record. Approx. 57,000 guests enjoyed the 80 concerts and performances at this year's festival, which was held on 4 - 14 June. The average attendance figures meant that 94 percent of the seats were filled and most of the events were a sell-out. This year's festival included two opera premieres and four debut performances.



Bach is still attracting record crowds

European Pentathlon Championships in Leipzig

Higher! Faster! Further! The top athletes from 22 countries are attending the modern pentathlon European championships in Leipzig on 25 - 30 June. So far, 42 ladies and 60 men have registered to take part in the battle for the medals. The men's and women's competitions both feature most of the 20 best athletes in the world.



Olympia champion Lena Schöneborn is leading the German team

The German team is being led by Olympic champion Lena Schöneborn. She is carrying German hopes of capturing one of the top places. She will have to compete against the current world champion Amelie Caze from France and the British athletes Heather Fell and Katy Livingston, who are number one and three respectively in the world rankings. Russia is sending the strongest delegation with 13 athletes.

DRESDEN MUSEUM SUMMER NIGHT on 11 July

The DRESDEN MUSEUM SUMMER NIGHT will welcome its guests for the 11th time on 11 July. 46 museums are expecting to receive visitors from all over Germany in castles and palaces, galleries and salons, farmhouses and estate houses, power stations and canals.



The building site at the Albertinum will be open to visitors for the first time with its spectacular new workshop building, which will cover the inner courtyard and has already won several awards. The tour through the new rooms and high-quality exhibits continues in the castle courtyard, which has recently been

opened, the Hygiene Museum, which is already complete, the City Museum, the Green Vault or the small Micromuseum in the Kästner House on Albertplatz, which fully lives up to its name. The museum on the Windbergbahn railway line, one of the great feats of engineering in Saxony, is new. You can find the full programme at <http://www.dresden.de/de/05/02/03/msn2009/index.php>

Preparations for “SEMICON Europa” Going Ahead at Full Speed



Europe’s most important semi-conductor fair, “SEMICON Europa” is being held in Dresden on 6 – 8 October. Dresden International Airport is actively supporting the most important fair in the microelectronics sector and provides various directions to help people arrive on its home page.

This trade fair will be exclusively held in the Saxon state capital over the next few years too. “As a result of a far-sighted company settlement policy, Silicon Saxony has developed into one of the most important microelectronic centres in Europe. Every second European chip is now produced in Saxony,” Heinz Kundert, President of the SEMI Europe Supplier Association, argues, giving the reasons for the decision to make Dresden the permanent home for the fair.

Zwickau Celebrates Centenary of Audi Factory

Audi AG and the city of Zwickau are inviting people to attend a festive weekend at the end of July to mark the centenary of the establishment of the Audi factory in Zwickau.

One hundred years ago on 16 July, after he had been squeezed out of the company that he founded under his own name, automobile pioneer August Horch set up his second company on Zwickau soil: Audi – and the factory buildings are now home to the August Horch Museum. This cult site in automobile history and the Platz der Völkerfreundschaft (Friendship among Peoples Square) will be the two centres for the festive weekend that will mark this historic development on 25 and 26 July.

The major focus of public interest will probably be the brand’s historic racing cars – particularly a prestigious Silver Arrow. The fast cars will travel round the 500 metre long circuit and people will be able to watch them from the paddock. Silver Arrows on a 1:2 scale, which will be driven by muscle power, will be on hand for motor sports fans up to the age of 12.



August Horch
(1868-1951) founded Audi
one hundred years ago

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