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The largest specialist Russian aerospace fair, the MAKS, opens its doors for six days at an airfield in Zhukovski near Moscow every two years. The event took place this year

on 18 - 23 August and a delegation from Leipzig/Halle Airport led by Airport Managing Director Dierk Näther was on hand to promote the Central German airport.

In addition to a stand-up displays, which underlined the strong infrastructure available at Leipzig/Halle and were much admired, the presentation focused on a lecture given by Dierk Näther at the “Second European Congress for Transport Aviation”, which took place alongside the fair. The managing director first spoke about the excellent links between Central Germany and Moscow as a result of the direct flights from Leipzig/Halle and Dresden. He then outlined the way that Leipzig/Halle had developed into one of the most important European freight hubs, before he highlighted the excellent level of cooperation with RUSLAN-SALIS and the Volga-Dnepr Group and drew the following conclusion: “Partners have become friends”.

By the way: RIA Novosti is reporting that business contracts totalling at least \$ 10 billion were signed at the 2009 MAKS. According to the organisers, this is far more than at the 2005

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MAKS (\$ 5 billion) or the 2007 MAKS (\$ 3 billion). Overall, 711 companies from 34 countries participated in the fair and the organisers announced that more than 550,000 people had attended the event.

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Trombones & Porsche: PortGround Loads Masterpieces

There was music in the air – thanks to PortGround. The ground services provider at Dresden Airport handled the loading of some particularly valuable and delicate freight on 27 August – the instruments of the Dresden State Orchestra of Saxony (Staatskapelle Dresden).



Loading the Porsche Panameras on 27 July

A truck carrying trombones, clarinets & co., including many priceless items, reached the airport at 4 a.m. Shortly afterwards, PortGround took charge of the musical freight. After preparing the pallets, transporting and loading the valuable instruments on board the TNT freight aircraft, the plane took off for London Stansted at 10.25 a.m. - because of the fast working PortGround this was 35 minutes earlier than planned. The instruments themselves were then used just a few hours later at a legendary BBC Promenade Concert in the Royal Albert Hall: the Dresden State Orchestra of Saxony conducted by Fabio Luisi played works by Chopin, Saunders and Strauss.

Matthias Arnoldt, Branch Manager of PortGround at Dresden said: "Today's operation has demonstrated how broad our range of services really is. PortGround is not only able to load typical air freight, in an efficient and easy way, but can also ship delicate masterpieces safely and quickly."

And the company handled even more masterpieces: PortGround Leipzig loaded 63 sleek Porsche Panamera cars on board three charter flights (on 15 and 22 June and 27 July). The shipments in June went to Shanghai by AirBridgeCargo and the July flight was to Los Angeles (Atlas Air). PortGround handled the complete operation without any problems: ranging from receiving the freight to checking the vehicles, preparing the ULDs, providing special securing in line with airline specifications and carrying out the actual loading work.

EasternAirCargo Appointed Cargo Sales Agent for Blue Wings

EasternAirCargo (EAC) has been marketing the freight capacity of Blue Wings in Germany and the Benelux countries, including its flights to Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Damascus, Istanbul, Karaganda and without forgetting its direct flights from Leipzig to Moscow, since 1 August. The first shipment was successfully transported to Sheremetyevo from Leipzig/Halle on flight number QW1648 on 20 August.

And there was another piece of good news for EAC: South American Airways has now extended its contract with EasternAirCargo from Eastern Germany to the whole of the country on account of EAC's outstanding performance.

More than 50,000 Guests Celebrated the Open Days

It was a full house on the open days at Leipzig/Halle Airport on 22 and 23 August. More than 50,000 visitors accepted the airport's invitation to attend. The real crowd pullers included a demonstration loading of a DHL Airbus A300 and the Antonov 124-100, which visitors were able to enjoy on the eastern apron.

More than 2,000 visitors took part in the visitor service airport tours alone, which were fully booked to the very last seat. The visitors also enjoyed the many exhibitions, children's events and entertainment programmes: the performances given by the high wire artistes "Gebrüder Weisheit" at the Grüne Mitte (central green area) were a roaring success. The presentation of various types of airport technology – e.g. loading or de-icing aircraft – drew huge crowds. The open days were a real hit for people of all ages.

Antonov Lands with Record Load

The huge bird flew in at 11.33 p.m.. The largest freight aircraft in the world, the AN 225, landed for a refuelling stop at Leipzig/Halle for the first time this year on 12 August – spending two and a half hours at the airport.

The plane was carrying a generator weighing 190 tonnes for a gas power station in Armenia. This is the heaviest item of freight ever transported on an aircraft – so the flight also brought with it an entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

Restricted Area for Flights at Night Is Extended

Leipzig/Halle Airport is lobbying for extensive protection for its neighbours. It demonstrated this during the checks that are part of the planning approval procedures for the southern runway. Leipzig/Halle Airport went beyond the parameters set in the ruling during its calculations that are part of the first inspection. The airport extended the forecast for traffic until the year 2020.

Leipzig/Halle Airport



One of the highlights: visitors marvel at the apron area



The AN 225 landed at Leipzig/Halle for the first time this year

The best possible protection for those living near the airport was calculated through the noise levels, which will form the basis of flights in the year 2020. The inspection of this data by the Leipzig state authorities showed that the restricted area for night flights, within which the airport provides passive noise protection, should be extended by about 44 square kilometres to approx. 256 square kilometres. This means outstanding noise protection for those living near the airport. And cargo flights can continue to operate without any restrictions – after all, 24-hour operations represent a crucial competitive advantage for Leipzig/Halle Airport.

Ladies from the Airport Information Service Awarded the Service Quality Germany Seal of Approval

The 14 ladies working at Leipzig/Halle Airport information desk are the airport's angels. And they have now been rewarded for having an open ear, their warmth and helpful commitment – in brief, for their good service provided to visitors and passengers at the airport. The State Tourism Association in Saxony (LTV) awarded the team the Service Quality Germany seal of approval on 22 August.

Those who receive this seal are people who do more for guests and customers and are constantly improving their service – regardless of the problems that a visitor may have, the ladies at the information desk get involved. Maybe a parked car will not start after a person has flown back to the airport in winter? “We have a starter cable under the desk,” says Desirée Perez, Customer Relations Manager. Or if somebody still has some expensive wine in their bag, which would have to be thrown away at the security check? Liquids can be deposited with the ladies at the airport information desk and can be picked up again when passengers return. In short, this is an outstanding award for excellent services.



The ladies from the airport information desk, who have received the award

Major Operation for “2009 Air Emergency” Emergency Drill

The Boeing 737 had taken off in Palma de Mallorca during the morning and was scheduled to fly to Dresden. But at 9.30 a.m. during the landing in Dresden, a disaster occurs: Before the pilot makes his final approach, he reports “smoke in the cabin” – and the “Test Air” plane crashes with 122 passengers on board. 18 passengers are killed and many are seriously injured. 5,000 litres of fuel escape and people living in the vicinity have to be evacuated. That was the scenario that the state capital of Dresden acted out in an emergency drill on 22 August.

Dresden International



Each “injured person” was given excellent care

Dresden International Airport was involved in the scenario and

carried out the drill that is prescribed by the ICAO and has to be performed every two years: the airport fire brigade and an emergency management team have to be involved, care must be provided for relatives, an investigation has to be made into the cause of the incident and media relations work has to be handled.

In all, 310 officials with 73 vehicles took part in the staged disaster. City Mayor Helma Orosz gained information about the situation at the accident site at the airport, at the fire brigade centre in Louisenstrasse and from the management team at the city hall: "I would like to thank all the members of staff for their involvement. I hope that such a situation never actually occurs. But if it does, I know that we are well prepared to handle it." The exercise was also a success in the eyes of the Office for Fire Safety and Civil Defence.

Foundation Stone for Car Park

The car park at Dresden Airport has been absolutely packed more and more often during the past few months. So now something is being done: the foundation stone laying ceremony for an extension will take place on 9 September (construction costs: approx. EUR 9 million).

The extension will increase the number of parking spaces by 1,313 to a total of 2,872. It will occupy almost the same area as the current car park, but will have one more floor – on account of the incline it is possible to build seven floors here. The building work is due for completion by the end of May 2010.

Royal Visit to Dresden

State Premier Stanislaw Tillich and his wife Veronika welcomed the Danish Queen Margrethe II at Dresden International Airport on 22 August. Her Majesty was visiting the Saxon state capital with her sister Benedikte on 22 - 23 August.

The two-day visit from the far north focused on art and culture and was a testimony to the long-standing relations between Saxony and Denmark. The programme for the visit included a performance of "Giselle" at the Semper Opera House and the opening of the "Crossing the Sea with Fortuna" exhibition at the Dresden State Art Collections.



The arrival of Her Majesty in Dresden

Funk & Soul in the Terminal

Dresden International Airport will once again host the



Dresden Jazz Days this year. The “Funk & Soul Night” will take place in the terminal on Saturday 31 October.

The mood was electric at the “Funk & Soul Night” last year

Solo artists and groups including Shakatak, Dorretta Carter, Dictionary of Funk and Freddy Strong will make the evening a real experience. The evening kicks off at 7 p.m. Tickets can be obtained on the Internet from www.jazztage-dresden.de, if you phone 01805/11 40 77 11 or from all the usual advance sales offices.

From the Region

Saxony: the Front Runner in Education

Saxony is continuing to set the pace when it comes to education policy. Saxony was able to defend its top ranking for the fourth time in succession against competition from Thuringia and Baden-Württemberg in the national league table according to the New Social Market Economy Initiative.

The federal state obtained particularly good marks in the sciences. The report adds that pupils are world-class in these subjects. It also says that Saxony continues to be the engineering hotbed in Germany. Saxony has a higher proportion of engineers graduating from universities than any other German state.

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