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Construction work at the building site to expand the car park at Dresden International Airport

The commercial airports at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden International can look back on an eventful year in 2009. Despite the decline in traffic caused by the overall economic situation in the global air traffic sector, the two Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding subsidiaries were able to safeguard their position in the marketplace by their ability to maintain services and consistently provided direct flights to new destinations. The airports were also able to maintain their high degree of flexibility and service quality and innovations as a result of ongoing investments in infrastructure and technology.

2,278,063 passengers had passed through Leipzig/Halle Airport by the end of November, which represents a fall of 2.4 percent triggered by the general economic situation when compared to the same period 12 months ago. But in comparison with other German commercial airports, Leipzig/Halle was able to achieve figures above the average for this sector. The decline in passenger numbers was greater at Dresden, where 1,604,292 people had passed through the airport by the end of November,

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adropof8percentaftertherecordfiguresin2008.Michael Hupe,ManagingDirectorofDresdenInternationalAirportssaid: "Theyearhasclearlydemonstratedthatthetrafficfiguresatthe airportarecloselyrelatedtoeconomicdevelopmentinthe Dresdenregion.Thesalesdifficultiesintheengineeringand plantconstructionsectorsandthesemi-conductorindustryare reflectedinthestatistics.TheQimondabankruptcyalone accountedforafallofapprox.10,000passengersperannumasa resultofbusinessstripsthatwerenolongermadeanda declineindemandforholidayflights."

Despitethis,DresdenAirportmanagedtosuccessfullyaddtwo attractivedestinationstoitslistofflights.Aeroflohasbeen providingtwoweeklyflightstoMoscowSheremetyevosincethe summer,whileJetAirnowlinkstheSaxonstatecapitalwiththe PolishcityofWarsawwithastopoverinZielonaGórafivetimes aweek.Overall,therewerereflightsfromDresdento50 destinationsin13countriesinSouthern,CentralandEastern Europe,NorthAfricaandtheMiddleEastin2009.

Leipzig/HalleAirportisalsoabletonumberthesameairportin Moscowamongitsdestinationswithtwoweeklyflightsoperated byBlueWings;Leipzig/Hallehasflightsto51destinationsin13 countriesduringthewintertimetable.

Inordertocontinuallyimprovethethequalityofits services, DresdenInternationalAirporthasnotonlyincreasedits attractivenessforpassengersfromtheneighbouringregionof NorthernBohemia(CzechRepublic)andLowerSilesia (Poland),butithascontinuedtodevelopthesurroundingsinthe departuresandarrivalsareas.Theairporthasnotonly introducedamodernisedinformationdeskandnewautomatic self-check-inmachines,butthebuildingworkontheecarpark, whichisduetobecompletedbyJune,willplayamajorrolein increasingcustomersatisfaction.Interestedpartiescannowfind outmoreaboutthenewfeaturesofthetimetableand services attheTwitternewsservice:(http://twitter.com/dresden_airport).

Long-terminvestmentsinairportinfrastructurehavecontinued tobehighprioritiesatLeipzig/Halle.Theairportispreparingfor futurerequirementswiththeconstructionofthelong-awaited taxiwaybridgeintheeasternpartoftheairport.Following extensivepreliminarywork,thefirstofatotalof192girderswas putinplaceon13October.Workisduetobecompletedonthis nextyear.Theneweasternandwesternfirestations,whichare duetobereadyforusefromthesummerof2010onwards,will alsoguaranteethattheairportwillalwaysmeetthehighest internationalstandardswhenitcomestoprovidingsafe flight operationsassociatedwiththevolumeoftraffichandled.

"AHeartforChildren": Donationsfora GoodCause

Leipzig/HalleandDresdenInternationalAirports abandonedtheideaofgivingtheircustomersandbusiness partnersChristmaspresentsthisyear;insteadthey handed overurgentlyneededdonationstotheUniversityClinicsat LeipzigandHalleandtheAlbertSchweitzerchildren's villageinDresdeningoodtimeforthepre-Christmas



Handingoverthecheque fromFlughafenDresden GmbH totheAlbert

season in order to help children in need. Additional donations were collected earlier during various benefit concerts.

Schweitzer children's village

Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH handed over a cheque for EUR 1,000 to Dr. Siekmeyer, the Head of the Intensive Medical Care at the Clinic and Polyclinic for Children and Young People at the University of Leipzig; Dr. Siekmeyer accepted the gift with gratitude on behalf of the Clinic Director, Prof. M.Dr.med. Kiss. Prof. Dr.med. Körholz, Director of the University Clinic and Polyclinic for Children's and Young People's Medicine in Halle, was able to gratefully receive a cheque for the same amount a few days later. He promised to use these additional funds, which had been made available, in a very precise way.

Dr. Michael Hupe, Managing Director of Flughafen Dresden GmbH, handed over a cheque for EUR 1,500 to the Alb-ERT Schweitzer Kinderdorf Sachsen e.V. on 14 December. The money will be used to support the project to give children a new home if they are no longer able to stay in their original family for various reasons.

The two airports also demonstrated their concern for the welfare of children at various benefit concerts. The central terminal at Leipzig/Halle Airport was the venue for a benefit concert by the Berlin Federal Police Orchestra, which performed on behalf of the "UNICEF Partnership Leipzig 2009" project on 26 November. Dresden International Airport collected donations during a concert titled "International young people play music for children from Chernobyl" in August. This money was passed on to the children's sanatorium in Volkersdorf.

New Record for Handling Freight

Leipzig/Halle Airport has set a new annual record for freight volumes; by the end of November, the figure of 472,114 tonnes had already exceeded the best result in the company's history set last year. This means the airport has not only been able to significantly reverse the trend suffered by other German airports, but also of further consolidate its position as the third most important logistics airport in Germany.

As the airport continues to grow, freight volumes have increased by 17.3 percent in comparison with the same period 12 months ago. The final results for 2008 (442,453 tonnes) had already been exceeded in November 2009. Now that the DHL hub has become fully operational at the Leipzig/Halle site, this development is also largely due to AeroLogic, the first scheduled airline company to be based at the airport.

AeroLogic emerged from a joint venture between DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo in 2008 and has been particularly linking Leipzig/Halle airport with destinations in Asia and North America since it began operating flights in June 2009. The latest Boeing 777 cargo aircraft are used to provide these services. After taking delivery of two other aircraft at the turn of the new year, the airline will have four of these planes in its fleet. The

Leipzig/Halle Airport



An AeroLogic Boeing 777 at Leipzig/Halle Airport

attractiveness of the airport will continue to grow with the construction of a logistics security centre for transporting, storing and transshipping precious goods and high-value industrial goods.

This positive development was also the reason why well-known representatives of the freight sector from all over the world will be gathering for a management summit in Leipzig/Halle from 16-18 May 2010. This will be part of the TIACA (The International Air Cargo Association) annual meeting and the conference programme associated with this. Leipzig/Halle Airport will also have a stand at various international fairs like the eTransRussia in Moscow or the Transport Logistic China in Shanghai during 2010.

Traditional Children's Christmas at the Airport

True to the motto "I come from the skies", Father Christmas will once again be flying into the Saxon state capital in his personal light aircraft this year. The Christmas figure will touch down at Dresden Airport at 10.15 a.m. on 24 December 2009 and cause a great deal of excitement among the children there.

Anyone who would like to watch the landing or meet Father Christmas personally is very welcome to come to the information desk on the arrivals floor in the terminal at 10 a.m. After his arrival, he will first wave to the children from the apron area. Then he will hurry to the children's Christmas celebration where there will be fun and games and songs and poems. Before Father Christmas leaves the airport again, he will hand over Christmas sweeties to children of all ages, who have a sweet tooth.

From the Region

Zwickau Celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Robert Schumann's Birth

The city of Zwickau in Saxony, where the world-famous composer Robert Schumann was born in 1810, is placing the 200th anniversary of the birth of the musical genius of the Romantic movement at the centre of its focus next year.

After the city demonstrated its capabilities as a living memorial site for countless music fans from a wide variety of nations to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Robert Schumann's death in 2006, it will host the Schumann Festival in honour of this important anniversary of the composer's birth on 4-12 June 2010.

This will pick up long-standing traditions and will comprise more than 80 events. The celebrations will reach their climax on 8

Dresden International



Father Christmas landing at Dresden International Airport

June, the exact date of Schumann's birthday 200 years earlier. The Berlin State Opera Orchestra (Staatskapelle Berlin) and its star conductor Daniel Barenboim, who is one of the most significant contemporary pianists and conductors, will pay tribute to Schumann's works in musical form.

The cities of Leipzig and Dresden were just two of the important staging posts in Schumann's life. As a result, the MDR orchestra and choirs in conjunction with the Schumann House in Leipzig will put together a number of concerts and a supporting programme for the period of the celebrations. The Gewandhaus in Leipzig will also be involved and will focus attention on the composer in its repertoire.

Closely linked to these are the Schumann cities, which also include Baden-Baden, Bonn, Bremen, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Heidelberg and Stuttgart. These excellent connections from the commercial airports in Saxony to these regions should prove to be extremely helpful for all the Schumann fans as they travel.

Chemnitz Reaches the Final Round of the "2011 City of Science" Competition

Chemnitz has found itself in the final round pitted against rivals Mainz and Bielefeld in the battle to secure the title "2011 City of Science" since 20 November. Under the motto "1+1=1! Chemnitz – You Will Be Amazed", the city is aiming to attract attention from all over Germany from now on.

As part of their full bids submitted to the Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany (Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft e.V.), which has its headquarters in Frankfurt/Main, the cities have to draw up their final ideas in great detail by 5 March 2010 and then submit them. "The critical phase of their application is now beginning for the cities," said Stifterverband General Secretary and chairman of the jury, Andreas Schlüter. According to Michael Münch from Deutsche Bank, which is sponsoring the competition, it is now a question of "developing convincing overall concepts from the general outlines."

The aim is to carry out detailed planning work in eleven pre-defined project areas and launch a programme of events for the year 2011. The project areas feature issues such as supporting communication between the generations, developing professional perspectives or inspiring people to indulge in lateral thinking and play their part in fashioning things. The primary goal consists of linking science to social and cultural issues at all times.

The winning city will be announced following the final presentation on 25 March 2010. The competition has been held in this form since 2005. Previous winners of the accolade included Bremen/Bremerhaven, Dresden, Braunschweig, Jena and Oldenburg.

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