



Members of the TF&PCS committee

The Trade Facilitation and PCS committee convenes

The committee met on 18 December last year in Barcelona, where it reviewed the work programme that it agreed in May

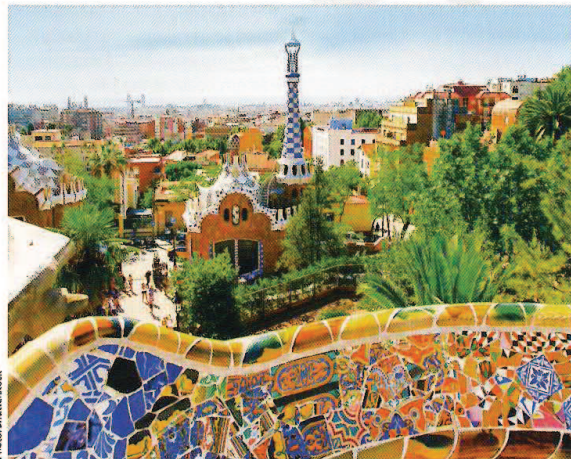
Frédéric Dagnet, chairman of the Committee on Trade Facilitation and Port Community Systems (TF&PCS) and head of the strategy and development department at Port of Marseille, took the meeting through a review of the progress that has been made on the committee's work programme since it was agreed in Jerusalem.

The work programme consists of six items:

- To monitor and report developments of trade facilitation and PCS discussed and resolved in international organisations such as the WCO and UN/CEFACT. Members agreed to update the present version of the trade facilitation terminology by May in time for the Los Angeles conference. It was agreed that definitions of PCS and Cargo Community

Systems should be included and that this would be discussed in forthcoming meetings. Olivier Jean-Degauchy, head of product

at Soget, highlighted the fact that definitions for both systems should be broad and encompass the different systems used



Barcelona's Park Güell. The TF&PCS committee met in the city in December

across the continents.

- To complete the PCS benchmark study, including those outstanding, and extend it to African and South American ports. The budget is being discussed with the IAPH Secretariat. Maite Roman, from Port of Barcelona and member of the committee's secretariat, gave an update of the next stage of the project and explained that 22 ports had been approached by the IAPH Secretariat, but only three responses had been received. It was decided that a different tactic was required and that individual ports should be approached personally by members of the committee so that the objectives and scope of the project could be explained fully. It was agreed that the conference in LA was an ideal opportunity to do this.

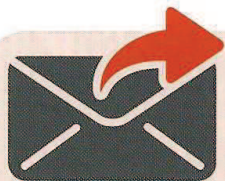
- To launch a study into possible co-operation between ports regarding PCS standards and interoperability. Dagnet suggested – and attendees agreed – that there be an exchange of emails in the forthcoming weeks to clarify the budget and scope of the study.

- To propose a full working session about PCS for the May conference in Los Angeles. Five

speakers were proposed at the meeting.

- To monitor and study the impact of maritime regulation on the evolution of PCS, including regulations from IMO and UN directives. It was suggested that this item be developed within the framework of a memorandum of understanding and signed by IAPH and the European Port Community Systems Association (EPCSA). This would 'establish a regulatory programme for the development of a technical co-operation programme', said Dagnet. The meeting was divided as to whether the MoU was necessary: some felt it was not needed; others believed a 'symbolic' MoU would be beneficial. A vote by all members of the committee via email was agreed.

- To discuss the IT Award 2013. Members were reminded that the deadline had been extended by one month to encourage more entries. At the time of the meeting 13 entries had been received. The award's selection committee is made up of the committee's chair and vice-chair, as well as the IAPH SG. Dagnet called for further volunteers and a number of members put themselves forward. Ole Krebs, office manager for Maritime Cargo Processing Plc, Felixstowe, United Kingdom, was selected to bring geographical balance to the selection committee.



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