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Gib Port delegation attends top international bunkering event in Germany

A delegation from the Gibraltar Port Authority led by Captain of the Port, Commodore Bob Sanguinetti, is currently participating in a high powered international bunkering event in Hamburg, Germany. The annual convention of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA), the representative organisation for the sector worldwide, brings together global players from leading commercial entities and port authorities.

The local contingent includes representatives from the wider shipping industry in Gibraltar including members of the Gibraltar Port Operators Association (GPOA).

The Gibraltar Port Authority is the Gold Sponsor for this event, and in addition John Ghio, Bunkering Superintendent for the Port Authority, will be making a presentation at the convention explaining the regulatory regime in place for the local industry under the Bunkering Code of Practice. This regime is internationally accepted as being at the forefront of regulations for the industry, and a number of other ports are seeking to emulate this approach.

Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port Neil Costa yesterday welcomed the presence of the Port Authority at such a prestigious event. Mr Costa said: "The participation at this convention is an integral part of the marketing drive being carried out by HM Government of Gibraltar to promote our maritime industry, and active collaboration with IBIA is a key element of this approach."



Photo Caption (from Left to Right): GPA CEO, Bob Sanguinetti and Bunker Superintendent John Ghio, together with members from Gibraltar's shipping community at the IBIA conference in Hamburg.