A call for papers has been issued and the International Harbour Masters’ Association (IHMA) advises that the deadline for submission of abstracts is 19 May 2017

Submissions are invited for abstracts of 400-600 words length in respect of a proposed paper in a potential delegate’s area of expertise.

Addressing the theme **Ports – Essential for Safe, Efficient and Secure Global Trade** the Congress programme will be designed to appeal to all responsible for the safe, secure and efficient conduct of marine operations in ports and industry organisations working with, or within, ports across all levels of the industry.

Here is an opportunity for the presentation of ideas, case studies and technical research on innovations that will promote safe, efficient and secure maritime logistics, improve cooperation between ports and ships, develop best practice, and raise global standards for the safety, security and efficiency of ports.

**Abstract submissions should:**

- Include the broad theme of the proposed paper together with the reason why the topic would be interesting for the Congress and how it addresses the theme, ‘Ports – Essential for Safe, Efficient and Secure Global Trade’.

- Include a short note about the author’s background and affiliations.

- Be written in English.

Abstracts may be submitted online at: [www.globalportoperations.com/2018-call-for-papers](http://www.globalportoperations.com/2018-call-for-papers)

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Papers’ Committee and authors will be notified of the outcome of that review on 7 August 2017.

The Papers’ Committee comprises senior members of IHMA who are committed to developing a balanced and engaging Congress programme with contributions from members and industry that share best practice and stimulate discussion.
If a paper is accepted the author will be sent guidelines for the paper format and presentation, as well as a timetable for the remainder of the paper’s process.

Any questions?
Readers with questions are invited to contact the Congress Conference Manager, Niamh Horan by telephone on + 61 2 9080 4138 or by e-mail at: niamh.horan@informa.com.au

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