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## Media Information

### FIATA World Congress 2009 in Geneva

**The 2009 FIATA World Congress was held from 21-25 September 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland. The attractive congress program and the concurrently running exhibition attracted 650 participants from 78 countries.**

At the Opening Ceremony Swiss Federal Councillor U. Maurer and Geneva State Councillor F. Longchamp were addressing the attendees. Mrs Alina Wenzel from Germany was announced as the overall winner of the "Young International Freight Forwarder Award 2009".

The main forum "Emergency Case: How are International Organizations acting?" with presentations from representatives from international organizations - such as World Trade Organization WTO, International Committee of the Red Cross, United Nations Headquarters for Refugees, and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation - was certainly a highlight of the congress. All meetings of the Institutes, Advisory Bodies and Regional Committees were well attended and offered interesting presentations by speakers from Geneva based UN-ECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) and UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development).

At the General Meeting the delegates approved admittance of two new Association members from Mongolia and Zimbabwe. As previously decided next year's FIATA World Congress will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) was founded in Vienna in 1926. Today it is the largest and leading non-governmental organization in the field of transportation, representing 40'000 forwarding and logistics companies employing up to 10 million people in 150 countries. FIATA has consultative status with several United Nations bodies and is recognized by many governmental and private organizations worldwide. The Federation's main objectives are to promote and protect the interests of the freight forwarding industry, to improve the quality of freight forwarding services, to assist with vocational training and to familiarize the business world in particular and the public in general with the wide range services rendered by the industry.



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