



Freitagsgesellschaft

On the occasion of one of its meetings, the "Hamburger Freitagsgesellschaft" founded by former German chancellor Helmut Schmidt visited Kuehne + Nagel's German headquarters in HafenCity. From left to right: Christine Kuehne, Helmut Schmidt, Loki Schmidt, Klaus-Michael Kuehne.

Ship christening – always a special event

Bettina Schacht, wife of Otto Schacht, Global Head of Seafreight at Kuehne + Nagel, was invited to be a sponsor at the naming ceremony of MOL Celebration at the shipyard of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Nagasaki, Japan. Kuehne + Nagel is the biggest customer of the Japanese shipping company Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL), from whom the invitation originated. In Japan the ship christening proceedings already begin on the previous evening with joint festivities which culminate in the actual naming ceremony in which a bottle of champagne is broken against the ship's hull. MOL Celebration has a capacity of 8,100 TEU and is being deployed in the Asia-Europe trades. It recently made its first call at Hamburg.



Hall of Fame honours for Klaus-Michael Kuehne and Reinhard Lange

The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) has inducted Klaus-Michael Kuehne into its Hall of Fame. Kuehne has received this honour in recognition of his professional leadership and innovative development of one of the world's leading logistics companies. In addition, this award honours the Executive Chairman's outstanding dedication and support to education and the development of future industry leaders through his Foundation.

TIACA established the Hall of Fame in 1997 to recognise and honour air cargo professionals who have played a leading role in the progress of aviation and who through their foresight, performance and dedication have created and grown the industry. The official ceremony in the presence of Prince Joachim of Denmark and many top managers in the industry took place in May of this year in Copenhagen. Since Klaus-Michael Kuehne could not be present in person, the award was accepted on his behalf by Roland Bischoff, Global Head of Airfreight.

Reinhard Lange, COO Sea & Air Logistics and Deputy CEO of Kuehne + Nagel International AG, has also received a major honour. He has been inducted into the Maritime Hall of Fame. Since 1993 the Maritime Association of the Port of New York & New Jersey has conferred this award upon persons who have performed outstanding services to the development of seafreight.



Oldies meeting

The Kuehne + Nagel Oldies Club in Hamburg, whose members meet once every month for an informal and relaxed discussion, has officially existed since 1982. The conversations cover a wide range of topics: They may concern politics, the economy, musical events, and, of course, news relating to Kuehne + Nagel. Group events – visits to factories or museums and many other activities – are regularly on the programme and are organised by the person who has the best knowledge of the relevant field. The club now has 16 members, who show a lively interest in the meetings. At the end of April Klaus-Michael Kuehne, Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kuehne + Nagel International AG, invited the former employees to the Kuehne + Nagel Germany headoffice in the Hamburg HafenCity.

Obituary

Otto Werther died on 22 June 2008 at the age of 85. He spent more than 50 years in the service of the company. As a member of the Management Board, initially in Germany and ultimately with Kuehne + Nagel International AG, he decisively influenced the development of the global forwarding business. Kuehne + Nagel mourns the loss of an exceptional person whose expertise and human qualities won him high esteem among his staff, colleagues and numerous business friends.

