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Start of Unique Purchasing- and Supply Chain congress

Joint forces of industry, public sector and NGO's for sustainable and effective innovation

Fragile economic recovery in Western Countries, fast growth of upcoming markets, increasing shortage of raw materials and vast increase of the energy consumption does not only result in winners but also losers. The competitive position of companies can be strengthened by sustainable entrepreneurship and supply chain innovation boundary condition for further economic recovery.

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December 2010 the first International Supply Management Congress 2010 will take place in the RAI Amsterdam. A new unique knowledge and network event that will gather the worlds of purchasing and supply chain management around sustainable and innovative business. The congress is a joint initiative of NEVI (knowledge network for purchasing and supply management), Alfa Delta Compendium, AkzoNobel, Rabobank and IDH (Sustainable Trade Initiative).

Through inspiring speakers, new insights, case studies and interaction, the congress will offer participants the chance to gather knowledge, exchange experiences and define actions around durability and purchasing innovation, hence giving an important impulse to the preservation of value chains.

The instigators are bundling their forces and integrate the NEVI Annual congress, the CPO-day and the Sustainable Trade-Congress to THE congress in purchasing and supply (chain) management in the Netherlands.

Increase of knowledge sharing

Through this initiative the organizing parties are facilitating knowledge sharing, exchange of experiences and (inter)action around durable and innovative purchasing, and the stimulation of participants to develop further in these areas.

CPO of the year

During the International Supply Management Congress 2010 awards will be given to the CPO (Chief Purchasing Officer) and the Young Purchasing Talent of the year, for the sixth time this year.

Additional information on the program of the International Supply Management Congress 2010 can be found on the following website: www.supplymanagementcongress.com

NEVI (knowledge network for purchasing and supply management)

NEVI is the leading knowledge network for purchasing and supply management. As knowledge center of and for purchasing professionals and via a network of over 6,500 members NEVI offers accessibility of purchasing knowledge for everyone that is involved in the purchasing process. Among others, NEVI does this by organizing congresses and network meetings, offering educations and trainings, issuing publications and subsidizing academics, assistants and PhD's in the area of purchasing and supply management.



More information: www.nevi.nl

Alfa Delta Compendium

Alfa Delta Compendium is a specialized consultancy, situated in Amsterdam. Our 100+ consultants offer specific purchasing, operations and finance related consultancy services and solutions. Alfa Delta Compendium (ADC) is specialist in the area of purchasing and process optimalization. ADC realizes huge cost savings for organizations based on no cure no pay basis, by fine tuning of operational processes and purchasing. On the one hand by productivity improvement, on the other hand by getting better conditions from suppliers.



More information: www.alfadelta.nl

IDH (Dutch Sustainable Trade Initiative)

Mission of the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) is the acceleration and upscaling of sustainable, international supply chains of commodities like soy, wood, cocoa, cotton and fish. Sector by sector IDH gathers leaders from trade and industry, unions, environmental organizations, development organizations and government in powerful coalitions the jointly overturn the market and standardize sustainable production and trade. IDH escorts coalitions in the implementation of improvement programs, assists in the funding and preserves the results. The IDH learning programme works out field experiences to business cases, best practices, trainings and other knowledge products that inspire, motivate and remove bottlenecks.



More information: www.duurzamehandel.com

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