

THE LARGEST LOGISTICS CONGRESS IN LATIN AMERICA WILL BE HELD
AT THE SIL 2023

ALACAT and CZFB work on the final details for SIL 2023

- The 39th edition of the Congress of the Federation of International Freight Associations and Logistics Operators of Latin America and the Caribbean (ALACAT) is expected to bring together more than 400 Latin American professionals in Barcelona.
- The president of ALACAT, **Moisés Solís**, the Special State Delegate to the CZFB, **Pere Navarro**, Chief Executive Officer of the CZFB, **Blanca Sorigué**, the general director of Fundación ICIL, **Xavier Rius**, and the general director of FETEIA, **Blanca Guitart**, held a working meeting this morning at the DFactory Barcelona.
- SIL 2023 will celebrate its 25th anniversary from the 5 to 8 June, in a very special edition that will continue to focus on the internationalisation of the fair, which is already a world benchmark in the sector.

Barcelona, 16 March, 2023. – This morning, the president of the Federation of National Associations of Freight Forwarders and International Logistics Operators of Latin America and the Caribbean (ALACAT), **Moisés Solís**, the Special Delegate of the State in the Consorci de la Zona Franca de Barcelona (CZFB), **Pere Navarro**, the Chief Executive Officer of the CZFB, **Blanca Sorigué**, the general director of Fundación ICIL, **Xavier Rius**, and the general director of FETEIA, **Blanca Guitart**, met with the aim of finalising details in view of the organisation of the 39th edition of the **ALACAT Congress** to be held within the framework of SIL 2023.

During the meeting, the three representatives discussed the most important aspects of finding synergies between the two events and focusing on the most current and interesting topics for the sector on both continents. The initial agreement to hold this event in Barcelona was signed during the last edition of **ALACAT** in Mexico.

This Congress is the largest event in the sector held in Latin America and this year it will coincide with the special 25th anniversary edition of **SIL**. This way, bridges of business and exchange of knowledge and experience will be built between Hispanic and European logistics with the presence of more than 400 professionals from 16 countries.

After the meeting, **Pere Navarro** expressed his satisfaction, stating that ***“with this meeting we have been able to share our ideas with a view to organising the ALACAT Congress at SIL, which will be held from 7 to 9 of June. We are sure that we will bring together professionals and companies from both continents, generating understanding and new business at an international level”***.

As for **Blanca Sorigué**, she stated that ***“we have very positive expectations with the joint celebration of both events, after the success of the SIL 2016 and 2019 editions, which also hosted the ALACAT Congress. This way, we will once again become a point of reflection on topics such as Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and blockchain, which are influencing the improvement of logistics processes with the arrival of Industry 4.0”***.

Similarly, **Moisés Solís** highlighted the positive aspects of the meeting, stating that ***“this way we have defined some key points for the event that will take place in less than three months’ time. The Federation is already working to address the logistics and supply chain issues that are most in demand by more than 400 professionals who will be attending the event, as well as SIL visitors. We are sure that we are going to experience something historic”***.

All attendees of the ALACAT Congress will also have free access to the SIL Knowledge programme, as well as interesting logistics visits in a full programme of pre-congress activities. In addition to the ALACAT Congress, SIL will also be the venue for Eurolog – the annual congress of the European Logistics Association (ELA) -, MedaLogistics Week and the CSCMP’s European Conference & European Research Seminar, all events that will establish and strengthen collaboration links and international business and networking opportunities.

About the Consorci de la Zona Franca de Barcelona

The CZFB is a public company that is financed entirely by its own funds, such as the industrial leases of the Barcelona Free Trade Zone Industrial Park and its asset management. Although its main field of activity is the industrial estate and its customs free zone, it also promotes buildings, urban and industrial land, acts as a driving force for business transformation towards the 4.0 economy and organizes events of economic interest for Barcelona such as the SIL logistics show, as well as major events of reference with an innovative format such as the Barcelona New Economy Week (BNEW) or the Barcelona Woman Acceleration Week (BWAU).

Its plenary has representatives of the Spanish government, the Barcelona City Council, the Generalitat de Catalunya and the main economic entities of the city.

About ALACAT

ALACAT is the Federation of National Associations of Freight Forwarders and International Logistics Operators of Latin America and the Caribbean. Founded on June 12, 1982. Conceived with the intention of achieving objectives and goals such as the hierarchy of the activities of Freight Forwarders and international logistics operators, the defence of the rights and interests of its members within the framework of the strictest business ethics and strict compliance with current legislation. The common interest of its founders in the development of international cargo, especially in the area covered by the Federation, in collaboration with national and international institutions for the improvement of transport and the improvement of its infrastructure. To strive for the facilitation of logistics processes, secure trade and the development of management systems that support operations by means of increasingly developed and reliable electronic systems. The training of personnel and the generation of new professionals has been and will continue to be a constant maxim of work and common interest. The central objectives of its activity are the reliability of its processes for exporters and importers and the control authorities in an area of growing competitiveness to ensure the productivity of their companies, allowing to improve day by day the trade, being aware of this challenge.

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