

Krakow Poland



The first step towards more data and members from Central and Eastern Europe

TAPA EMEA in partnership with SASMA (Security and Safety Management Association), held its first regional conference in Central and Eastern Europe in Krakow on June 4th, which coincided with the 20th Anniversary of Democracy in Poland.

The regional conference, supported by a grant from the IBB (Institute of Business Security) attracted some 50 guests from across Poland as well as from companies in Denmark, Germany and the United Kingdom that has business interests in the Central and Eastern Europe region.

The day provided an opportunity for delegates to network with TAPA members and to hear a series of informative presentations from industry experts.

Mark Schwarz, TAPA EMEA's Conference Lead opened proceedings and was joined by Ilona Sobul, PR and Marketing Specialist for SASMA, the Security and Safety Management Association, in giving an overview of the two Associations and the benefits they offer to their members.

The participants were given briefings on FSR from Leszek Sitkowskis of Lloyds' Register

Quality Assurance (LRQA), one of TAPA's FSR audit bodies and Mark gave a briefing on TSR. Sebastian Blazkiewicz of Dell gave a manufacturer's perspective on how Dell addressed some of the unique regional challenges while Przemyslaw Dutkiewicz from GE VeriWise gave an informative presentation on Telematics.

The day concluded with a lively question and answer session, which followed what turned out to be the keynote presentation from ex-Police Officer Miroslaw Gruszczecka, who recently retired from the Polish police force, specializing in fighting cargo crime. Miroslaw shared a number of statistical analyses, which revealed the increasing trend of serious crime, notably armed robberies and assaults against drivers.

Mark Schwarz said: "We were pleased with both the number and calibre of delegates

that took part in the event. Miroslaw Gruszczecka helped to highlight the growing level of cargo crime in the region and our speakers were able to offer plenty of advice on ways to tackle these losses. Central and Eastern Europe is an increasingly important area for manufacturing but the ability to sustain a secure supply chain is a key part of a company's thinking when it decides to invest in such markets. As a result of this day, we hope we have started a process that will see our data on cargo crime and membership increase in this part of the world."

New member

Please join us in welcoming another new member of TAPA EMEA; MTS Spedition & Logistik in Germany.