

IAQ – QiLTT – Quality in Logistics

Minutes of 2nd Meeting

Date: June 15th, 2022.

Present members: Miroslav Drljača, Juhani Anttila, Ayed T. Alamri, Pál Molnar.

Time: 07:00 – 08:30 EDT (New York)

Absent members: Catherine Y. P. Chan, Elizabeth A. Cudney, Hesameddin Aref Kashfi, Pedro M. Saraiva, Grace D. Brannan, Hu-Chen Liu, Benson Tendler, Patricia C. La Londe, Luca Urciuoli.

Topics:

1. Information on the implementation of the conclusions from the last meeting
2. Co-Chair election
3. Actual global logistics situation - Case study (Pandemic; Ever given - blockade of the Suez Canal; war in Ukraine) – pp presentation Miroslav Drljača
4. Conclusions

Discussion:

Ad 1)

- Miroslav reported on his participation in the IAQ - GM in Anaheim, Los Angeles, CA, USA, on May 18 and 19, 2022, where, among other things, he submitted a report on the work of the IAQ - QiLTT.
- A QiLTT website has been established and is located on the IAQ website along with other TTs. The website contains basic information about QiLTT, as well as a presentation and minutes of the 1st QiLTT meeting. The website will contain information on all QiLTT activities.
- Miroslav reported that in the meantime he had sent the Invitation Letter to 50 IAQ members and that three Academicians had so far responded, expressing their willingness to participate in the work of QiLTT. These are: 1) Hu-Chen Liu-China; 2) Benson Tendler – Austria; 3) Patricia C. La Londe – USA. Now QiLTT has a total of 13 members of which 12 are IAQ members and 1 is an external expert.

Ad 2) Grace D. Brannan was elected for the IAQ - QiLTT Co-Chair

Ad 3) Miroslav had a presentation on the actual global logistics situation - based on three case studies (Pandemic; Ever given - blockade of the Suez Canal; war in Ukraine), which had an impact on logistics processes and supply chains on a global scale, at the way they caused significant disruptions that affected the global economy. Each of these three case studies represents a circumstance that significantly influenced the context of logistics processes and supply chains in a way that caused their significant disruption. The impact of each of them on the development of logistics processes and supply chains and the consequences for the global economy are analysed. It was found that in all three case studies there are certain common, exactly the same consequences for the development of logistics processes and supply chains, which may facilitate research and modelling of the future generic model of logistics processes in future crises.

Juhani Anttila, Ayed T. Alamri, Pál Molnar made a great contribution to the discussion on this issue, pointing out other examples from practice and their opinion and views on these case studies.

Ad 4) Conclusions:

1. The debate on this topic will continue.
2. In order to use the time between meetings, each member of QiLTT between meetings will cover a specific topic relevant to the issue of quality in logistics and supply chain development and present their thinking and solution at the meeting.
3. It is also possible to hire experts in the field of logistics in certain sectors of the economy, who are not IAQ members.
4. The focus of IAQ-QiLTT will be on determining the role of quality in all components of logistics processes.
5. Work will be done to find a generic model of implementation that should enable the smooth running of logistics in the function of supply chain stability in a crisis situations, too, in order to maintain a balance of supply and demand that contributes to the quality of life of all on the planet.

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