



IATA Ground Handling Council

The IATA Ground Handling Council (IGHC) is the major forum of international ground handling executives. The council brings together over 350 organizations providing or purchasing ground handling services as outlined in Annex A of the IATA Standard Ground Handling Agreement to airlines worldwide. Membership is available to:

- IATA Airline Members as well as non-members and their ground handling subsidiaries;
- Airport and Government authorities providing ground handling services;
- Other companies and persons providing ground handling services.

Contributing to the development of standards

IGHC members have the unique opportunity to participate in the standards setting process for ground handling. For example, the Recommended Practices set out in the IATA Airport Handling Manual are developed by IGHC working groups.

Annual IGHC Meeting

The 25th IGHC Ground Handling Conference will be held from 6-9 May 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The IGHC meetings held annually bring together some 650 delegates in a program rich in information sharing and networking opportunities.

IGHC meetings address issues ranging from the use and development of the IATA Standard Ground Handling Agreement (the SGHA), to airlines/airport security, impact of deregulation on ground handling, automation, cost management, airside safety and more.

The event includes an exhibition featuring the latest innovations from the ground handling and airport community in addition to highly focused interactive workshops.

Special Working Groups

IGHC has an ongoing program of three working groups which members may elect to participate in. Their objectives are to develop policies and recommendations on a number of topical ground handling subjects:

- Aviation Ground Services Agreements working group (AGSA)
- Airside Safety Group (ASG)
- Ground Support Equipment & Environment working group (GSEE)

Membership Benefits

- An important network of ground handling companies, IATA member airlines and Strategic Partners, airports authorities
- **Participation of two (2) delegates to the IGHC & Airline Ground Operations Meeting**
- One (1) complimentary electronic copy of the Airport Handling Manual**
- One (1) complimentary hard copy of the Airport Handling Manual**
- Participation in the working groups (AGSA, ASG, GSEE)
- Contact details in the online IGHC Directory
- Use of the IGHC logo in promotional material
- Priority on sponsorship opportunities and exhibition space at the Symposium

Membership fees:

- One-off joining fee: USD 1,000**
- Annual membership fee: USD 2,500**

**** Not applicable to IATA member airlines and IATA strategic partners.**

While the IGHC membership is free of charge for IATA member airlines and Strategic Partners (participating in the Ramp Services & Airside Safety area of involvement), membership renewal must be done annually in order to benefit from the special rates to the IGHC annual meeting.

How to join?

Go to <https://ems.resrunner.com/ighcmember12> and click on 'Add non-member reservation'. For any questions you may have, please contact us at ighc@iata.org.