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## ABOUT UFO

Established in January 2000 by Rachel Crawford (UK Registered Company No. 3966794), the Universal Freight Organisation (UFO) connects independent freight forwarders through a trusted, professional network governed by a strict Code of Conduct.

Now ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified, UFO supports 120+ members in 100+ countries, with an exclusive **Two Members per Country** policy (except in the USA, UAE, and China). Members are carefully selected for their reputation, industry accreditations, and commitment to quality.

Our online tools — including a Quality Control Survey and Payment Monitoring System — ensure high standards are maintained. Members are encouraged to actively collaborate and attend our Annual Meetings, fostering global partnerships and sustainable business growth.

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Welcome to the latest edition of our eMagazine — the official publication of UFO.

Inside, you'll find member news, recent joiners, useful reminders about membership tools, and important network updates. For the most up-to-date stories, visit the **News section** on our website. We're proud of our continued growth — now spanning over **95 countries** worldwide. Scan the QR code to see the strength and scale of our global network.



But what truly makes us proud is the **collaboration between our members** — working together on shipments around the world. That spirit of partnership is at the heart of everything we do.

Enjoy the read!

Rachel Crawford FCILT  
CC President/C.E.O.

The UFO Team  
From left: Tom, Judith, George,  
Rachel, Sam, Wendy



### MEMBER SUPPORT

Judith manages the network on a day-to-day basis, assisted by Wendy. Together they ensure that all systems are up-to-date and are the first stop for any Member queries. In addition, they also secure collaborations with the **world's top industry exhibitions**.

### RECRUITMENT

Sam manages membership recruitment, selecting companies who will become active Members. His current aim is to expand our global coverage filling our **vacant territories** and emerging markets.

### EVENTS

Judith and Wendy organise and supports Rachel at our **Network Meetings** from sourcing locations to managing the registration process.

### NEWS DESK

Sam runs our **News Desk**, publishing our **online articles**, and also manages the company social media including **X** and **LinkedIn**.

### PUBLICATIONS

George is responsible for the production of our **colourful eMagazines** (packed with Members news!) and all brochures, marketing and sales material available to Members.



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## CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL CARGO RECOGNISED WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD

UFO members in the Dominican Republic, **Caribbean International Cargo** are proud to share they were recognised by their client, Argos Dominicana with the '**Excellence in Performance**' award at the Creciendo Juntos Awards 2024. It was the **second consecutive year** they have been recognised with the important honour!

*"This award continues to reflect our ongoing commitment to quality and the effort we put into providing exceptional services. The trust our client has placed in us and the recognition of our contributions to their success highlight the strength of our collaborations."*

*We're incredibly grateful for the support that has made this achievement possible. This recognition inspires us to continue pushing ourselves to exceed expectations and nurture our partnerships."*

The event was held at the end of last year and Caribbean International Cargo are now looking forward to this year's edition! The **photos here** show Caribbean International Cargo President, **Robert Morales Purcell** collecting the award.

## JETWELL LOGISTICS IN CHINA SHARE THEIR 2024 UFO DATA

UFO members in China, **Jetwell Logistics** have taken the time to evaluate their 2024 performance and are delighted to share their UFO data.

Group Operation Manager at Jetwell, **Macarena Wang** explains; "We are delighted to share our 2024 UFO performance data! During 2024, we processed a total of **306** bills of shipments in collaboration with 12 different UFO members. Specifically, 196 of these shipments were from our fellow UFO members and 110 came from Jetwell."

As always, we would like to take this opportunity to give our thanks to the UFO network and members for the ongoing cooperation and support. It is truly rewarding to collaborate with the UFO members and we're thrilled that our efforts align with the network's growth trajectory. We share the UFO Head Office's optimism and confidence in 2025's progression."

*The Jetwell team is photographed at their annual party.*

**The UFO Head Office gives our upmost appreciation and congratulations to Jetwell Logistics for consistently being a reliable and trustworthy member since 2006 - almost 20 years!**





# NUNNER WITH BREAKBULK SHIPMENT FROM INDIA TO NETHERLANDS



Nunner Logistics are pleased to report on a recent breakbulk shipment they completed from Nhava Sheva, India to Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Shipment Details

- **Origin port:** Nhava Sheva, India
- **Destination:** Rotterdam, Netherlands
- **Cargo type:** Breakbulk
- **Number of packages:** 2
- **Dimensions:** 12.50 x 5.20 x 5.30 meters
- **Total weight:** 31,400 kilograms

Upon arrival in Rotterdam, the two units were carefully discharged onto two mafi trailers at the terminal.

*"To ensure seamless logistics, we chartered a barge and coordinated the loading schedule with the terminal."*

Logistical Execution

The packages were loaded onto the barge and transported overnight without delay, arriving at the quay the next morning.

A pre-arranged crane was in place, which allowed for smooth unloading from the barge. After a successful discharge, the consignee took receipt of the cargo, marking the completion of the transport.

Conclusion

This project once again demonstrates the company's expertise and capability in managing breakbulk and complex shipments efficiently, from departure to delivery, regardless of the size and weight of the cargo.

*"We would like to thank our team for their professionalism and dedication."*

# A WARM WELCOME TO SURROUND WORLD FREIGHT CAMBODIA!



We are pleased to approve new membership in Cambodia with Surround World Freight. Located in Phnom Penh, they come recommended by UFO members as local experts with a helpful team.

**Mr. Theara** (Business Development Manager) introduces the company; "Surround World Freight was established in 2019 and specializes in sea, land, air & rail freight, customs clearance & documentation, consolidation, cross-border, door-to-door, consultation and all related transport logistics. We ensure our clients get what they need!"

We take care of our clients and partners and always keep good relationships, offering honest services, reasonable prices, safe cargo handling and a friendly team.

Our experience has seen us successfully handle a wide range of different cargo, both import and export, including DG, garments, automobiles & trucks, project cargo and many containers & LCL general cargo."

**We wish Surround World Freight in Cambodia a warm welcome to the UFO family!**





# WELCOMING ANTWERP GLOBAL SHIPPING IN THE GATEWAY TO EUROPE

We are pleased to welcome **Antwerp Global Shipping** as new members in **Belgium**. The company are FIATA certified with a team of freight forwarding and shipping experts.

**Yavuz Baskan** (CEO) says; "Antwerp Global Shipping is a dynamic and ambitious company, founded in **2006**. Antwerp is the perfect gateway to Europe and in today's demanding and international world, we have managed to become a global player."

"We are the next generation of freight forwarder and our success is based on the awareness of needing to diversify. We offer a **'one-stop-shop'** where the whole logistic flow is handled by experts in logistics."

Antwerp Global Shipping specialise in container shipments & FCL/LCL, land & multimodal transport solutions, airfreight & air charters, barge transport, project & breakbulk cargo handling, and many additional services including warehousing, port & terminal operations, packing, and customs clearance.

**"With Antwerp Global Shipping, your cargo is in safe hands"**

# ship.energy summit 2025

**11-12 June | Barcelona, Spain**

Explore the critical role of energy, port, and technology stakeholders in solving the 'last mile' challenge for shipping's energy transition. As regulations tighten and decarbonisation accelerates, the ship.energy summit in Barcelona will feature expert insights, case studies, and the latest technological advancements.

**REGISTER NOW**

**#SES25**







# OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & CONFERENCE WAS HELD FROM 27-29 APRIL 2025

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration & Conference was held from 27-29 April 2025 at the beautiful Azia Resort & Spa in Paphos, Cyprus.

Bringing our global Members together in one location helped save them valuable time away from their offices and significantly reduced travel costs through efficient, face-to-face meetings.

- Official Group Photos
- Welcome Dinner Photos
- Meeting Room Photos
- Team Building Photos
- 25th Anniversary Evening

Cyprus provided an ideal setting for our international event — located at the **crossroads for Europe, Asia, and Africa** and where **ancient history meets modern culture**. With direct flights to over 100 destinations, the island is well-connected and accessible for our global community.



## 1-2-1 Meetings

Delegates arranged their 1-2-1 meetings ahead of the event using our online platform, ensuring they arrived fully prepared with mobile-friendly schedules and relevant details. The live system also allowed last-minute changes and new bookings on-site, helping delegates maximise networking opportunities and productivity.





Jeep Tour

To enhance networking beyond the conference room, we organised an **optional tour of Cyprus's hidden gems** — from the scenic Akamas Nature Reserve to charming villages, complete with a relaxing coffee stop to enjoy the local hospitality and views. The turnout was fantastic, with almost every delegate joining the outing — and we all had a fantastic time!

Teambuilding Activities

Held on the hotel's sea-view lawn, our team-building session offered 10 exciting rounds of games and challenges designed to build trust, promote collaboration, and unlock creative problem-solving. Whether solving puzzles or competing in physical challenges, the event fostered a true sense of camaraderie across our global network.



25th Anniversary Dinner

To commemorate our milestone anniversary, we hosted a magical evening at **Paliomonastiro**, surrounded by dramatic rock formations, a waterfall, and ancient olive trees. A Cypriot band set the tone as guests enjoyed dinner, drinks, and a speech by UFO Founder Rachel Crawford, who honoured our Founder Members (see below!). A surprise guest saxophonist got everyone dancing, followed by a lively limbo competition — the perfect end to a memorable evening of laughter, and celebration.

FOUNDER MEMBERS:

The following companies have been with us since the very beginning - through every twist and turn!

- Express Al Arabia** (Egypt)
- ALLSTA Spedition** (Germany)
- KS Global Air And Sea** (Hong Kong)
- Barshan International** (Israel)
- Express Air Freight** (USA)
- Logistics Network** (Vietnam)



COMMITMENT AWARDS

The following companies have attended at least 75% of our meetings since joining - showing incredible commitment:

- Spark Global Logistics** (Belgium)
- KS Global Air & Sea** (Hong Kong)
- Fairplay Shipping** (Denmark)
- Platinum Shipping** (Ghana)
- Eastway Global Forwarding Ltd** (Ireland)
- Barshan International** (Israel)
- ABM Logistics** (Panama)
- R-Cargo** (Slovakia)
- Express Air Freight** (USA)

And finally, we have two companies that have attended 100% of our meetings since joining UFO - a truly remarkable achievement!

- Atlantide Logistics** (France)
- Plaza Forwarding**, Spain

Plus, a big shoutout to **Speed Sped** for sponsoring the band - your support truly added something special to the evening!



# WELCOME DINNER

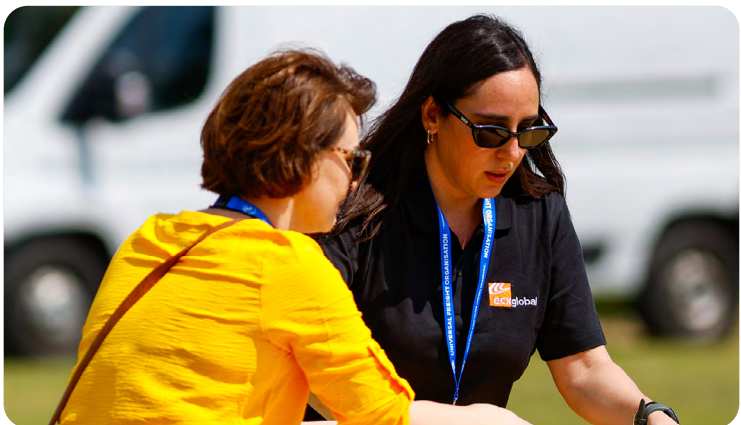


# MEETING ROOM





# TEAM BUILDING



# 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER







# 23RD NETWORK MEETING!

Our first ever gathering was held in London and 25 years later we are back ... with a bang! Book now so your place is secured.

Our event will be held from 19-21 April 2026 at the Victory Services Club in the heart of London, close to Marble Arch, Hyde Park and Oxford Street.

## Sunday 19 April 2026

10:00 - 14:00 Private London Highlights Tour  
18:00 - 20:00 Drinks Reception & Games  
20:00 - 21:30 Welcome Dinner

## Monday 20 April 2026

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome Tea/Coffee  
09:30 - 09:50 Official Opening Session  
09:50 - 12:30 1-2-1 Meeting Sessions  
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break  
14:00 - 16:50 1-2-1 Meeting Sessions  
19:00 - 23:00 Special UFO Dinner

## Tuesday 21 April 2026

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome Tea/Coffee  
09:30 - 09:40 Opening Session  
09:40 - 12:30 1-2-1 Meeting Sessions  
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break  
14:00 - 16:50 1-2-1 Meeting Sessions  
19:00 - 22:30 Farewell Party

## LONDON HIGHLIGHTS COACH TOUR

London boasts a rich history stretching back over 2,000 years, making it one of the most exciting cities on earth. Join this optional tour and you'll see the major sites, a few hidden treasures with time for photos at your favourites. Our expert guides will bring the city's history to life, sharing stories and fascinating insights along the way.

## WELCOME GAMES & DINNER NIGHT

Dive into an evening of entertainment with Roulette, Blackjack and Wheel of Fortune, a Magic Mirror, and an incredibly skilled character artist. Plus, an open bar and a delicious dinner in The Carisbrooke Hall, which radiates classic glamour.

## DINNER AT THE SHAKESPEARE GLOBE

Hop on the coach to enjoy the dazzling London lights on our way to indulge in a fantastic feast at the Balcony Bar at the Underglobe. Get ready for a very special evening!

## FAREWELL EVENING AT AN ENGLISH PUB

We're wrapping up our event with a night out at a traditional English pub within walking distance to our venue.. Indulge in delicious bite size treats and pizzas alongside an array of cocktails, wine, beer and spirits. The highlight of the evening will be a lively pub quiz.

Registration Fee £850. **Book your place today!**

# 25 YEARS OF MEMORIES



*"Our first meeting in 2002 was my most unforgettable trip, because it was my very first trip to London (pictured above). I have never imagined that I could have a chance to travel so far to experience a long journey flight, I was proud of myself! I received many awards from UFO and I had the last one which I received myself from you was the most happiest one was in 2024 in Thailand. I wish you and your staff and all family members of UFO wonderful celebrations!"* **Dorothy, KMS Logistics (Singapore)**

*"I'm so excited for the 25th Anniversary, as you know I joined in 2000 and I'm so proud that I'm part of this successful network! Actually I have many good and funny memories from our meetings, but I really enjoyed 2009 Siam Reap, Cambodia - it was really interesting to know about this culture. And I had much fun also at 2012 Dominican Republic, the beach activities were amazing."* **Said, Express Al Arabia (Egypt)**

*"The most remarkable time we spent over the years was in 2019 Botswana. Meeting fellow member from Russia and having a long night with funny stories in our private and professional experience, much laughing with bottles of red wine. In one word: exciting!"* **Ivan, Veslam Shipping Ltd (Bulgaria)**

*"We have been associated with the UFO Group for 23 years now and we don't regret a single day of being part of this family. Within our UFO family, I value the friendship, trust and our common interests in consolidating and maintaining our companies on the market. We also stick together in times of need, for example when donations are needed to help with natural disasters, when we see that children in Cambodia need support, or a child in England needs a wheelchair. I was particularly moved by our willingness to help when our African friend, Oluwole was diagnosed with cancer. The UFO family is something very special for me. As I already wrote, friends in daily business and also partly in private life. A group like this can't be compared to anything else. My thanks to the group mother Rachel and hopefully many more years to come ..."* **Martin, ALLSTA Spedition (Germany)**

