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Title: The maritime field in humanitarian logistics

Conference associated Topic: Humanitarian Logistics

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Abstract: This interdisciplinary session will combine two different areas; the one is maritime-related activities and the other humanitarian logistics. The term “maritime-related” is preferred to “maritime transport” as the latter refers only to cargo and passenger transportation. Hence, the session incorporates all possible maritime activities and industries that may contribute to the humanitarian sector. The interconnection of those diverse areas is evident in the current migration crisis that takes place in the Mediterranean Sea. Besides the humanitarian operations undertaken by various NGOs, Search And Rescue (SAR) operations are also conducted by commercial and navy vessels (obliged by international maritime law), as well as by fisher boats. Regarding the involvement of the fishery sector, there were cases that fishermen were trained by NGOs e.g. MSF in case of a SAR operation occurrence. It is evident that the aforementioned maritime related activities can be linked to the humanitarian sector.

Hence, this session will foster a wide-range research area focusing on this linkage from multiple perspectives associated with operations management and research, logistics, global supply chains and policy involvement.

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