



## Green Meeting Policy

Generally spoken Germany is a very environmentally conscious country and ecological issues have a long tradition in Germany. A whole generation of Germans has grown up with the implementation of waste separation, returning resources e.g. glass, corks, paper, plastic and with the avoidance of waste which is for example shown in the extended refundable deposit system implemented in 1991.

CPO HANSER SERVICE takes it as its duty to ensure wherever possible that our suppliers are not only fulfilling the strict German laws on waste management but also are undertaking further efforts to avoid waste and pollution. Among others our achievements have been:

- ✓ General reduction of waste is our aim as well as waste separation. This includes a minimum use of paper in the offices, which is reduced to a comfortable minimum and used paper will be disposed of to be recycled, as well as the re-use of as much material as possible such as folders, signs up to the booths for trade shows.
- ✓ During the IMEX 2008 CPO as the ground handling agency has realised the Anti-Idling Policy for transportation thus reducing the carbon output.
- ✓ Selection of suppliers who have implemented a Green Meeting Policy including hotels e.g. which save energy, caterings provided with porcelain and cutlery rather than disposable paper plates or plastic and restaurants which purchase locally grown and organic food wherever possible.
- ✓ Creation of congress websites for all congresses with the possibility for the participants to register and to submit abstracts online since 1998. In the past years the congress websites have developed and tend to replace handed-out printed matters at pre-congresses.
- ✓ Advising the congress presidents and organisers to arrange ground transportation via public transportation tickets integrated in the name badge rather than arranging bus transfers (although this would be more profitable for our company).

On top of these achievements our **Green Meetings Officer** is continually trying to improve our knowledge and actions in the following categories:

- Energy efficiency
- Quality of air and water
- Water conservation
- Waste minimisation
- Ecological actions and purchasing