



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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1. Singapore Meeting and Technical Seminar – Final Arrangements

With just four weeks to go, final arrangements are now in place for the Singapore Members Meeting (6/7 November) and 1-day Seminar on "Container Coatings Quality" (8 November).

Over 45 delegates have now confirmed their participation in this Conference – the 4th organised by the COA since it was established in November 2004.

The Conference Programme, Registration Information and Registration Form, together with Hotel Booking Details, are all available on the COA website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

2. Conference Topics

The 2-day programme includes a range of relevant topics and presentations relating to container operations and management:

- **Container Shipping:** Benefiting from Supply Chain Management Concepts
- **Container Tagging:** Status Report on RFID (radio frequency identification) Standards for Container Tagging (ISO 10374) and Container Seals (ISO 18185)
- **Container Repair:** Standard Repair Times – Proposed Recommendation
- **Repair Data:** Development of Standard Coding System for Container Repair Data
- **Container Logistics:** Imbalance Container Trades – technology solutions
- **Container Flooring:** AQIS Survey Update
- **Container Messaging Systems:** ISO Status

3. Open Forum – Charting the Way Ahead

The Conference also includes an opportunity for COA members to express their opinions about the COA's future development.

Organised as an "Open Forum", the session will analyse the COA's current topics and activities scheduled for 2007; review the range of topics proposed by Members (through Questionnaires at Members Meetings); and encourage discussion and feedback from delegates: What does the Membership want from the COA?

4. 1-day Seminar: Container Coatings and Surface Preparation

Following the 2-day Meeting, a 1-day Technical Seminar on "Container Surface Preparation and Coatings" will take place on Wednesday 8 November. A full programme, with a range of expert speakers, has been developed. The Seminar will consist of two sessions:

- The morning session will include a detailed update on the work being undertaken by the Container Industry into improving the quality of surface preparation and the coatings, with the opportunity for detailed discussion and question/answer periods
- In the afternoon, a leading independent corrosion specialist will take participants through the latest in anti-corrosion technology, and explain possible applications for the container business

Further details are on the COA website, but companies interested in participating or presenting papers should contact Patrick Hicks on secretary@containerownersassociation.org.

5. Singapore Sponsors

The COA Singapore meeting is kindly sponsored by

Delegate Bags: TT Club – www.ttclub.com

Evening Reception: Carrier Transicold – www.container.carrier.com

Further sponsorship opportunities are still available to Companies wishing to maximise their profile at the important industry event. Contact: secretary@containerownersassociation.org

6. "Container 50": The Film – View it On-Line

To mark the 50th Anniversary of Containerisation, the COA commissioned a specially made film, which was shown at the 50th Anniversary of Containerisation Gala Dinner in Antwerp in June.

The film – together with a write-up on "How the Film was Made" - can be viewed on line. Just go to the Home Page of the COA Website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

7. RFID Networking Forum

A total of 20 Complementary Places have been made available for members of the COA to attend the RFID Networking Forum on 9th November 2006 at the Olympia 2 Conference Centre, London

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, a way of remotely storing and retrieving data, is beginning to be used by a number of large companies for the tracking of cargo and shipments.

Applications of the technology in the cargo industry include the management of assets, security and supply chain visibility.

The RFID Networking Forum, Europe's premier meeting place for those interested in RFID technology, provides delegates with a range of case studies, presentations and discussion groups focused on the use of RFID technology in the cargo management industry. Taking place every six months the RFID Forum provides delegates with the ideal learning and networking environment.

To receive one of 20 complementary places to attend the RFID Networking Forum please contact the organiser, Dominic Matthews, directly at +44 (0) 1883 344 799 or at dom@rfidforum.com ensuring that you make reference to the COA.

Further details of the RFID Networking Forum can be found at www.rfidforum.com/cargo-management

[Please note that the RFID Forum is designed for end-users - and so complementary places are not open to technology suppliers or consultancy representatives]

8. COA Stand at Intermodal 2006, Hamburg – Just 3 Spaces now Available

There are now just three Sponsorship Spaces available for the COA Stand at the Intermodal 2006 exhibition in Hamburg. The COA is one of the Supporting Organisations for Show, taking place from 5-7 December 2006 (www.intermodal-events.com).

Full information, including current Stand Sponsors, can be found on the COA website (www.containerownersassociation.org)

Companies wishing to become one of the Stand Sponsors should contact Patrick Hicks on secretary@containerownersassociation.org.

9. New Member

The COA is pleased to welcome the following new member to the Association:

- **The Valspar Corporation** (www.valspar.com) – manufacturers of coatings and coatings intermediates

10. Further Information

For further information about anything in this newsletter, or if you would like to contribute to the next issue (November 2006), contact Patrick Hicks – secretary@containerownersassociation.org