



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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1. Singapore: Members Meeting, 2006 AGM and Technical Workshop

The COA's 4th Members Meeting, together with the 2006 Annual General Meeting, will take place in Singapore on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November, at the Shangri-La Hotel. In addition, a 1-day seminar on the subject of "Container Coatings and Surface Preparation" is being organised on Wednesday 8th November (at the same venue).

As indicated in the July newsletter, following the COA's first three Members Meetings, the format and contents of these events are now changing and developing, in line with the expansion of the range of activities being covered by the COA.

The aim of COA Meetings is to focus on key industry issues being faced by Members. The Meetings are also intended to reflect the COA's main objectives, which are:

- Lobbying relevant regulatory bodies
- Developing industry standards and recommendations
- Education, investigation and technology initiatives

The new format will enable the Main Members Meeting to cover areas of interest to COA Members (IT, repair, security, safety, refrigeration, logistics, etc); while the 1-day seminar will meet the technical information needs of members, with in-depth coverage of specific technical subjects relating to particular aspects of container design and production.

The provisional Members Meeting programme and 1-day seminar schedule are outlined below. Further information including conference topics, delegate registration and hotel booking details, will be sent out in the September newsletter. Members wishing to propose topics for presentations (either at the Members Meeting or as part of the seminar) should contact Patrick Hicks at the COA Secretariat (secretary@containerownersassociation.org).

For further information on the hotel, please go to www.shangri-la.com or click on: <http://www.shangri-la.com/singapore/shangri-la/en/index.aspx>

2. Provisional Conference Programme

On the morning of Day 1 (Monday 6th November), there will be Keynote Presentations from industry experts, covering areas of common interest to delegates on topical issues relating to container shipping and handling, which should be of interest to both Full and Associate Members.

Following suggestions from delegates who attended the recent Antwerp Members Meeting, the Working Group Sessions on the afternoon of Day 1 will be divided into break-out sessions. The subjects of these will be “Container Logistics” and “Standard Container Repair Times”

Day 2 (Tuesday 7th November) will feature sessions focusing on “Container Flooring” and “Container Legislation and Standardisation”. These will be followed by the AGM.

During the afternoon, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a Technical Site Visit to the Port of Singapore Authority’s container terminals, where they will see the latest in terminal management and container handling technology.

Singapore - Provisional Programme:

Monday 6 November 2006	Tuesday 7 November 2006
09:30 – 12:30 Keynote Presentations	09:00 – 10:30 Container Flooring
<i>12:30 Lunch</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Legislation & Regulations
13:30 – 17:00 Working Group Sessions	12:00 – 13:00 Annual General Meeting
Sessions A & B to be held in parallel:	<i>12:30 Lunch</i>
- Session A: Container Logistics	14:00 Technical Site Visit to PSA
- Session B: Standard Repair Times	
<i>19:00 Evening Reception and Dinner</i>	<i>17:00 End of Members Meeting</i>

3. 1-day Seminar: Container Coatings and Surface Preparation

A 1-day Technical Seminar on “Container Surface Preparation and Coatings” will take place on Wednesday 8 November. This 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 will be sent out to COA members in September, but companies interested in participating or presenting papers should contact Patrick Hicks on secretary@containerownersassociation.org.

4. Ensis Flooring Treatment Survey – Reminder

Members are reminded that their co-operation is requested by Ensis in its survey of exposed timber components in containers, which is being carried out by AQIS (the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service) in conjunction with the CSIRO. Full details of the survey were explained in the July 2006 newsletter (click on <http://www.containerownersassociation.org/20.html> to view it). Ensis needs the assistance of COA Members to supply samples of flooring taken from new production.

Ensis will accept anonymous samples from COA Members - two samples, measuring 150mm (6 inches) square, are required.

The samples should be sent to: Patrick Hicks, COA Secretariat, Suite 27, Isabel House, 46 Victoria Road, Surbiton KT6 4JL, UK. (Tel: +44 (0)20 8398 9048)

Each sample should include the name of the floorboard manufacturer, the name of the preservative used, the production range and the date of production. Samples need to be taken without the knowledge of the floorboard manufacturer.

The COA Secretariat will record the details, provide a Unique Reference (UR) to each sample and send the samples to Ensis for testing.

The aim of the project is to build a joint database of floorboard manufacturers, that records test results. These results will be correlated with data received from chemical suppliers of the preservative. It is intended to complete testing by November 2006. COA Members will subsequently be provided with information about floorboard manufacturers, with regard to their history of supplying compliant material.

For further information, please contact: Jim Creffield, Ensis – Jim.Creffield@ensisjv.com; or Bill Brassington, COA Chairman – chairman@containerownersassociation.org or Patrick Hicks, COA Secretariat – secretary@containerownersassociation.org

5. COA at Intermodal 2006, Hamburg

The COA is one of the Supporting Organisations for the Hamburg Intermodal Show, taking place in Hamburg from 5-7 December 2006 (www.intermodal-events.com).

Following the success of last year's show (see <http://www.containerownersassociation.org/3.html> to see photos of the stand in Bilbao), the COA will be exhibiting in Hamburg. The COA Stand will again be used as a meeting-place for members, while also promoting COA activities and new membership. Refreshments will be available on the stand, and there will be plenty of space for individual meetings.

The costs of the COA Stand will be covered by sponsorship. This year, the COA is offering its members a single sponsorship opportunity, which comprises:

- Two large, “eye-catching”, promotional display panels, positioned prominently on the COA's stand shell-scheme, featuring the sponsoring company's name and logo
- Full page company listing in the COA Handbook distributed from the COA stand
- Opportunity to display promotional brochures on the COA stand
- Company logos and links on the relevant page of the COA website

The fee for this sponsorship package is €2250. Companies interested in becoming one of the Stand Sponsors should contact Patrick Hicks on secretary@containerownersassociation.org.

6. New Members

The COA is pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined since the July 2006 newsletter:

- Immoconsult Asset Leasing GmbH, Austria (Container lease-financing) – see www.immoconsult.at
- New Atlantic Timber/ (HK Ltd)/Nantong New Atlantic Forest Industry Ltd, China/Hong Kong (Suppliers of bamboo flooring for containers) – see www.newatlantic.com.hk

7. Further Information

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