



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

COA Members Newsletter 15 – June 2006

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1. Antwerp: Members Meeting – 22/23 June 2006

Over 70 delegates have now registered for the 3rd COA Members Meeting, which takes place at the Astrid Park Plaza Hotel, Antwerp, on Thursday 22 & Friday 23 June.

Full information, together with the Final Conference Programme and a Participants List, can be found on the COA website: www.containerownersassociation.org

Members Meeting Sponsors:



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2. “Welcome to Antwerp” Reception: 18:30 - Wednesday 21 June

All delegates are warmly invited to a “Welcome to Antwerp” cocktail reception, commencing at 18:30 on Wednesday 21 June. The reception, which takes place at Antwerp’s Stadthuis, the City’s historic 14th Century Town Hall, is kindly hosted by the Port of Antwerp.

3. Focus on Security Policy...

The Members Meeting will include two Sessions on Container Security. The first session (on Thursday 22 June) will focus on Policy issues. Organised in conjunction with BIC, it will include the following presentations:

EU developments: Supply Chain Security Initiatives

Roeland van Bockel, Directorate J (Security of Surface Transport), DG TREN, European Commission

Container security developments

Scott Kirk, Chairman, International Seal Manufacturers Association

Port Security initiatives with the framework of US/Europe regulatory initiatives

Johan Van Daele, Security Manager, PSA/Hesse-Noord-Natie

Standardisation with regard to security devices for containers

Cristoph Seidelmann, Studiengesellschaft für den kombinierten Verkehr

4. ...and Security Technology

The second session (on Friday 23 June) will cover technology developments. It will include the following presentations:

Improving the security of the container

Lars W Lorenzen, Container Business Security, A P Moller - Marsk A/S

Developing a Cargo Intelligent Security System (CISS)

Dr. John Butterworth, Chief Scientific Officer, InfrAegis Inc, Chicago

Container RFID/tagging initiatives

Lani Fritts, Chief Operating Operator, SAVI Networks

5. Industry Presentations

In addition to the Security Sessions, The conference programme will include a series of keynote industry presentations, together with sessions on Container Security and reports on Working Group developments. The Keynote Session will include:

- **An Overview of Global Container Repositioning Issues**
- **Container Box Financing for Shipping Lines and Lessors**
- **Handling Container Insurance Claims for Hurricane Katrina**
- **Flexitanks: Flexible Thinking Inside the Box**

6. Working Group Sessions

The updated COA WG Schedule has been uploaded to the Members Section of the COA website.

The Working Group sessions will cover the following:

WG B - New Materials

- Alternative Floor Systems

An updated report on Alternative Floor Systems for Containers

- Waterborne Coatings

A report of the status and prospects for waterborne coatings, based on a survey of suppliers

WG C – Repair (Standard Repair Times)

The preparation of a COA-recommended Standard Repair Times document

WG D - Container Logistics

Standard Lease Contract

The BIMCO standard lease contract will be reviewed.

Standard Messaging System

The development of a COA-recommended standard messaging system

WG F - Safety and Security

Safety: CSC

A series of Guides to CSC have been prepared and will be presented

7. “50th Anniversary of Containerisation” Gala Dinner – Thursday 22 June

Some 33 tables have now been reserved for the “COA’s 50th Anniversary of Containerisation” Gala Dinner. The Dinner is open to both COA Members and Non-Members - individuals and smaller groups are, of course, warmly welcome.

Taking place on 22 June at the Stuurboord, a converted warehouse in Antwerp with a terrace overlooking the River Scheldt, the evening will commence with a cocktail reception, followed by a four-course dinner. The event is being organised in conjunction with the meeting of BIC National Registration Offices.

Visit: <http://www.container50.org.uk> or email: secretary@containerownersassociation.org for further information

8. New Members

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

- Suraloc (China)
- UES Unit Equipment Services (Germany)
- Unitas Services (Germany)

9. Further Information & Contributions

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