



# CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## COA Newsletter 14 – May 2006

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

Over 40 delegates have now registered for the 3<sup>rd</sup> COA Members Meeting, which takes place at the Astrid Park Plaza Hotel, Antwerp, on Thursday 22 & Friday 23 June.

The Meeting comprises:

- Four keynote industry presentations
- Two sessions focusing on container security (Policy and Technology)
- Status reports on the six COA Working Groups
- Reports on COA progress and special projects

Visit <http://www.containerownersassociation.org/17.html> to view the following:

- Antwerp Members Meeting Event Information
- Preliminary Conference Programme
- Delegate Registration Information and Registration Form
- Hotel Booking Details and Booking Form

*Members Meeting Sponsors include:*



### **2. “Welcome to Antwerp” Reception: 18:00 - Wednesday 21 June**

All Delegates are warmly invited to a “Welcome to Antwerp” cocktail reception at Antwerp Stadthuis, Antwerp’s historic 14<sup>th</sup> Century Town Hall. The reception, commencing at 18:00, is kindly hosted by the Port of Antwerp.

### **3. Focus on Security...**

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 presentations on: US cargo security developments (container security, container scanning, etc), EU developments and a viewpoint from a major shipper.

The second session (on Friday 23 June) will concentrate on technology developments, including presentations by shipping lines on the physical improvements to containers to make them more secure, scanning technology and the insurance and liability viewpoint.

### **4. ...and 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**  
This will be presented by Dr Maria Boilé, assistant professor of transportation in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, at Rutgers University. Dr. Boilé will also discuss a case study of imbalances and interchange issues for ocean carriers in the hinterland area surrounding ports.
- **Container Box Financing for Shipping Lines and Lessors**  
Bert van Leeuwen, Manager of Aviation & Intermodal Research at DVB Bank, will discuss asset-based financing (what is it and which assets are suitable?). Topics will include: the difference in container financing for liners and for lessors; developments in the container lease market – the role of the banks; key elements: value, liquidity and risks; what is a financier looking for? Suitability of different container types for asset based finance (dries, reefers, specials, regionals, etc) Value volatility of containers, residual value experience, impact of technology shifts. Risks - tracking, repossessing and remarketing containers
- **Handling Container Insurance Claims for Hurricane Katrina**  
George Fawcett, Equipment Claims Manager at the TT Club, will look at the damage caused to containers by Hurricane Katrina, and explain how insurance claims were handled.
- **Flexitanks: Flexible Thinking Inside the Box**  
Brendan McKenna, President and Chief Operating Officer, Trans Ocean Distribution, will discuss the opportunities presented by the global flexitank market and explain current research outcomes re flexitank performance. He will also propose the next steps towards an industry body/working group

### **5. Working Group Sessions**

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

The status and progress of each of the six WGs will be presented at the Members Meeting in the WG Session, with presentations on the following:

### ***WG A - Standard Specifications***

Progress on the development of a COA Standard Components specification

### ***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 E – Quality Management***

*Paint Quality*

GE SeaCo has prepared a document on Painting Quality, which could form the basis for a possible COA-recommended standard. This proposal will be presented.

*Depot Code of Practice*

GE SeaCo will present its Depot Code of Practice to the repair industry for its comments and input. This will subsequently be prepared as a COA-recommended Code of Practice. The BIMCO Standard Depot Contract will also be reviewed and considered

### ***WG F - Safety and Security***

*Safety: CSC*

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

## **6. “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Containerisation” Gala Dinner – Thursday 22 June**

Some 30 tables (of 10 people) have now been reserved for the “COA’s 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org) for further information

## **7. Australasian Regional Branch Meeting – 7 June**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Full Meeting of the COA's Australasian Regional Branch will take place at the Carlton Crest Hotel, Sydney, on Wednesday 7 June 2006. The Meeting will include;

- a keynote presentation on changes in the intermodal/stevedoring structure in Australia
- a paper by Standards Australia and discussion on the COA's possible involvement in the organisation
- Working Group sessions on Container Specifications, Container Security/Safety and Container Re-certification

For further information, click on: <http://www.containerownersassociation.org/25.html>

## **8. New Members**

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

- Dow Chemical (China)
- European Reefer Service Centre Association - ERSCA (Belgium)
- Hansil Industries (Korea)
- H Grosse (Germany)
- Pacific National (Australia)
- Rutgers University (USA)
- TransCore (USA)

## **9. Further Information & Contributions**

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