



# CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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### **1. COA's Singapore Meeting, 2006 AGM and Technical Seminar**

Over 40 delegates have now registered for the COA's 4<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting, taking place in Singapore on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The Conference, which will also include the COA's 2006 Annual General Meeting, will be followed on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November by a 1-day seminar on the subject of "Container Coatings and Surface Preparation".

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

### **2. Conference Programme**

A wide range of topical issues are being addressed at the Meeting:

#### **Keynote Presentations include:**

- Shaping Container Shipping in the Direction of Supply Chain Management
- A status report on RFID (radio frequency identification) standards for container tagging (ISO 10374) and container seals (ISO 18185)

#### **Standard Repair Times – Proposed COA Recommendation**

*This session will be moderated by Mike Downes, Director – Global Equipment Maintenance & Repair, Maersk Line*

Are Standard Repair Times necessary? What is the need for them? What is the most frequent repair work? Do all repairs need to be standardised, or just the most important and most common repairs? Is there a benefit to work with the IICL on developing EDIS? How can key coding systems be identified and standardised? How can Standard Repair Times be implemented

This session will include the viewpoint of the differing industry sectors on this matter (shipping lines, lessors, repair depots, surveyors, manufacturers, etc) and will hear the comments of COA members.

### **Imbalanced Container Trades – Technology Solutions**

*Presentations will be made by International Asset Systems and Synchronet Marine, the industry's two leading specialists in this sector*

The level of global and regional imbalanced container trades is increasing. This session will focus on the technology available to minimise this problem. What is the problem? What data is available? What has been learned in the past? What has been tried? What opportunities are there for technology to provide solutions?

### **Container Flooring**

A review of the progress of the Ensis/AQIS container flooring survey. An update on the various initiatives with respect to flooring quality and new flooring opportunities

### **Container Messaging Systems**

Delegates will be updated on ISO 9897: Container equipment data exchange (CEDEX) – general communication codes, with information about the new structure of the standard, new location coding and message sets

## **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 are on the COA website, but companies interested in participating or presenting papers should contact Patrick Hicks on [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org).

## **4. Singapore Sponsors**

The COA is grateful to its two sponsors for the Singapore event:

**TT Club – [www.ttclub.com](http://www.ttclub.com)**

**Carrier Transicold – [www.container.carrier.com](http://www.container.carrier.com)**

Further sponsorship opportunities are still available to Companies wishing to maximise their profile at the important industry event. Please contact Patrick Hicks on [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org) for further information

## **5. Australasian Regional Branch - Update**

Richard Sykes, Chairman of the COA's Australasian Regional Branch, reports on the ARB's latest developments:

*The Australasian Regional Branch has been very busy behind the scenes, with Working Group members considering our current projects in detail. As we have already met twice this year, it has been decided that we focus our efforts on the next members meeting in Singapore and we are encouraging our members to attend this important event.*

*Our position on the Standards Australia Committee for Cargo Containers has been very active, with many issues to consider. Although quite time-consuming, it is rewarding work and ensures that the COA is kept updated with all the latest amendments to ISO standards.*

*The current ISO or IER draft under consideration concerns the handling and securing of 45ft containers.*

*The Working Group is currently working on a two projects:*

*1. The first of these is an amendment to the R-Series certification, which is standard for domestic containers in Australia, to include the sale of containers and how certification is handled. This is a similar project to Bill Brassington's paper on the sale of containers.*

*2. The second project is to draft an Australian standard for side-door containers, as this type of container is not really covered in any current Australian standards.*

*Both these projects have papers in draft form under consideration; the next step is to submit these papers to the Standards Australia Committee, for consideration and ratification. It is a lengthy process, but will be very rewarding for the COA to start to achieve.*

*We are continuing to develop our membership strategy, and now that we are making some good progress with our working groups, we will be initiating a new membership drive between now and the end of the year.*

*Although Australia is a long way away from the Europe, Asia and North America, we are continuing to work on behalf of the industry – and, in our small way, we believe that the ARB can make a difference and contribute to the industry.*

For further information about the Australasian Regional Branch, please contact Richard Sykes on: (tel) +61 8 8352 8655 or email: [richard@scfcontainers.com.au](mailto:richard@scfcontainers.com.au)

## **6. COA Stand at Intermodal 2006, Hamburg – 5 Spaces still Available**

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](http://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.

We now have just five sponsorship positions remaining. Companies wishing to become one of the Stand Sponsors should contact Patrick Hicks on [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org).

## **7. New Members**

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

- **Containex Container-Handelsgesellschaft mbH** ([www.containex.com](http://www.containex.com)) – suppliers of containers, container modules and container depot services

## **8. Further Information**

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