



There is just over one month to go before the opening on these years "Transport Logistic 2009." in Munich 12th to 15th May.

The organizers Messe Munchen are expecting over 1,600 exhibitors from more than 55 countries to take part in the event and have added one extra exhibition hall to meet the demand.

In 2007 Transport Logistic attracted 47,636 visitors from a total of 118 countries and the feedback they see is giving positive signals that "even in an economic downturn companies are willing to fly the flag for transport and logistics", said Eugen Egetenmeir , a member of Messe Munich's board.

By attending ITCO and its members are sending out a positive message to the market that the Tank Container will continue to be part of the logistic supply chain for the long term.

This year's "Tank Container Village" in hall B5 has an added feature of a reserved area adjacent to the village.

This area can be used by our exhibitors to meet their customers and guests in a quite environment away from the main "Tank Container Village" and enjoy quite drinks or two.

The reserved area will also be used for our three presentation and therefore will be closed 10 minutes before each presentation until they have ended, which we expect will be approx 40 minutes for each.

The presentation will feature the results and conclusions from the three studies ITCO have been working on over the past year or more and are as follows :

Wednesday May 13th at 2pm

"Carbon to Serve" Presented by Professor Alan Braithwaite
Chairman ,LCP Consulting Lts visiting Professor,Cranford University.

This project compares the carbon footprint of a tank container, flexibags in box and drums in a box on a typical supply chain between China and Europe.

Thursday May 14th at 11am

"Charm Offensive with the Shipping Companies"
Presented by Mr. Dave Dawson
Ocean logistic's Consultant, Westbourne Consulting.

This project will help to improve the awareness of the shipping companies on the safety aspects and ease of handling of tank containers when transporting liquids by sea.

Thursday May 14th at 3pm

"ICHCA's safe handling of Tank Containers"
Presented by Mt Bill Brassington
Consultant ETS Consulting

This presentation will show the work that ITCO has done over the last 2 years in association with ICHCA for the safe handling of Tank Containers in Terminals and port facilities worldwide.

Then we have the following traditional ITCO social events :

Wednesday May 13th at 6pm

Perolo offers a gentle Bordeaux wine as Le verre de L'amitié at which customers and friends are invited to attend.

Thursday May 14th after 6pm

ITCO invites its customers and friends to the ITCO party where we hope to see as many of you as possible attending, this is being partly sponsored by the Hoyer Group.

Willy Freson and myself have work together to get as much press coverage as possible for this event and have been assisted by Mike Corkhill who also arranged to distribute the press release to over 40 different magazines ,shipping publication and association partners.

To date we have been advise that EPCA, CDI and CEFIC have included this press release on their own web-site's and Hazardous Cargo Bulletin (HBC) and American Shippers have agreed to write full page articles plus we hope for more coverage as the date for the show draws nearer.

Willy Freson has worked hard and spent a lot of time and effort to arrange the Tank Container Village to ensure that all requirements are covered so I would please ask all our members to make a special effort this year to attend and show your support for ITCO.

Regards

Reginald Lee
President ITCO

China Study.

I am pleased to advise that this project is on target, Professor Song and the students have received back the first set of questionnaires from 85% the ITCO members who agreed to be included.

The students will now select 4/5 of the answered questionnaires and arrange face to face meetings with these companies in an effort to make sure they have understood correctly the answer's given The next stage will be for the University to review all the answers and then produce a further questionnaire which will be sent to Government Depts., Railways Companies, Terminal/Port Operators and river barge companies and this will be the hardest part of the study.

Professor Song has good contacts via the University with many of these Govt depts and companies with exception the Railways which is going to be the big challenge.

This project is due for completion in time for presentation at our October General Meeting in Brussels

I look forward to meeting all our ITCO members at this year's Transport Logistic Show in Munich.