



I have received a lot of call and e-mails from various members asking the background to Mr. David Jenkins (Multistar) call at the last General Meeting in Brussels for the **next ITCO President** to be a professional.

In addition, the letter Mr. Jenkins wrote to the ITCO board was re-produced in the November 2009 issue of Hazardous Cargo Bulletin with his full agreement.

Mr. Jenkins, as one of the founder members of ITCO states he has a vested interest in the organization and has the right to speak his mind as have all members on a issue that is as important as this.

I would therefore encourage all members to contact their respective ITCO divisional representatives before the next board meeting (19/1/10) and advise them how they would like ITCO to develop.

I have already advised the board and the membership that I am prepared to stay as President for as long as it takes to find an acceptable solution for the long term and I confirm that is still my position today.

With this in mind I see no need to rush the issue of a new President but we should allow the membership to have a full debate at the next General Meeting which will be held in Nice 2/3 March 2010, on the future appointment of a permanent President.

Secretary Change Over

Willy and Patrick are working on the issue's and will meet again in Brussels mid December when they will be discussing control of the website and the changeover of the banking arrangements, as at today all is going well.

Working at Height

I have been advised by John Wilson that our revised draft protocol for UK has been lodged with the HSE but to date no response has been received but John will keep pushing for a prompt reply

ITCO Promotional CD

I have been advised by Robert Ashmall (NRS) that he has been encouraged by the response he has received from a wide selection of the membership for this project.

The project is currently on schedule and they expect to be able to show their draft proposal at the next GM meeting to be held in March 2010 in Nice.

Suggested New Project for Safe Handling of Tank Containers in India

I have contacted Professor De Koster at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam asking for his assistance to select a logistic University in India who could help if this project receives approval and support at the next ITCO board meeting.

By the time some of you received this message you will be looking forward to closing your offices and going home to your families taking a well earned rest and celebrate Christmas according to your own religions

I would like to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful new year.

Regards

Reginald Lee
President ITCO