



At our meetings held in Brussels 20/22 October 2009, Cor Mol (Hoyer-Global) advised he needed time to consider if he would stand as ITCO President.

Cor has now advised the board he cannot be considered as a candidate for President at this time.

However Cor will be happy to continue as a normal board member of ITCO.

At the same meetings I advised the board and the membership that I had not put my name forward for re-election as President.

However if no new President was elected I was willing to remain as ITCO President until a new candidate could be found and elected.

I have now confirmed to your board I will continue as your President until a suitable candidate comes forward.

At these same meetings our long serving Secretary Mr. Willy Freson announced he will retire at the end of this year 2009. bringing to a close 11 years of great service to ITCO and all its members.

We welcomed Patrick Hicks (Oakhill Media) to our meeting and he will now take over the secretariat role as from 1st January 2010 and at the meeting we signed the new contract in front of the all membership present.

Willy and Patrick will now commence the transition process and I would ask members to please copy Patrick on all their future E-Mails message's into Willy

Patrick e-mail address is [pwh@oakhillmedia.com](mailto:pwh@oakhillmedia.com)

Willy will be a very hard act to follow but he has promised to give Patrick his full support during and even after the change over and I would please ask all members to do the same.

Our next meeting will be held in Nice 2/3 March 2010 at which time Willy and his wife Christiane have been invited as guests of honour.

I would please ask all members to try to attend the Nice General Meetings and show their appreciation for the 11 years of loyal service that Willy has given to ITCO and all its members.

Regards

**Reginald Lee**  
**President ITCO**

### **WORKING AT HEIGHT.**

The ITCO board has approved a revised draft protocol for working at height in the UK, this will now be sent to the UK health and Safety Executive (HSE) for their review and if agreed, approval.

### **ITCO's Study "SAFE HANDLING OF TANK CONTAINERS IN CHINA"**

In our recent study Professor Song mentioned 3 tank container manufacturing companies in China but omitted to mention our ITCO member "Nantong Tank Container " who gave this study their full help and support.

I would like to apologize to Mr. Huang the Managing Director and his whole company for this unfortunate oversight.

### **ITCO PROMOTIONAL CD**

It was agreed at the G.M. meeting in Brussels that ITCO will produce its own CD to promote the tank container and our industry.

This project will be lead by Robert Ashmall (NRS Logistics) and with the help of our members he expects to have it completed by mid-year 2010. Robert has received a few responses with Media files but many more members have promised material but as yet not sent to Robert , please send him whatever you can in terms of Photos or media files if you want your company included in the Flash Presentation

### **RUSSIAN ROULETTE**

Under normal market conditions it has always been very difficult to make a profit in our industry but in today's economic market it has become even harder.

What our industry does not need are "Phoenix" type companies who go out of business leaving their suppliers, some of whom are our members unpaid and then start up again the next day under a new name but with the same owners involved.

I would like to remind all our members that they should check the credit rating and the history of any new tank container operator company before entering in new business arrangements with them to ensure they are not a "Phoenix" type company.