



I am sorry to report that this summer in England has seen the worst weather for years and many peoples holidays have been washed out.

I hope that our members and their families in Europe and other parts of the world have experienced better weather and you are now returning to work rested and refreshed ready for the challenge's ahead.

Amended ACC

This has now been published on our web-site and the Chinese translation has just been completed. It was agreed by the ITCO board that only the English Version (as published on our web-site) will be accepted as the official version and all and any translations will carry a disclaimer.

We have also agreed that ITCO may translate the ACC into other languages provided there is enough interested members but again these translations will carry a disclaimer notice.

More information regarding the ACC and copies of the Chinese translation can be obtained at the general meeting in Nice.

ICHCA Safe handling of Tank Container Project

We have now completed our final draft of this document and it will be presented to the ICHCA board during their board meeting to be held in Finland early September.

We intend to report back to all members at the general meeting in Nice when copies of the final approved documents will be available.

As you all know we enter this project to prove to the Port Operators that all 20' ISO tank containers (beam and framed) are safe to handle and stack in port area's provided they follow standard agreed safety procedures.

Munich Logistic Show 2009

We have again booked a ITCO village at next years Munich show and I am pleased to advised that all available stands have been booked.

Willy Freson is currently discussing with the organizers if it is possible to fit a mezzanine floor over the booths to allow more space for members to have meetings without having the problem of 'freeloaders' taking all the seating area.

We have also agreed to have two separate bars (normal height) in the Village one at each end which should make it easier and quicker for our members and their guests to get a drink.

This issue and many more will be discussed in a breakout group at the general meeting in Nice and also the draw for stand positions will take place at that time.

"4th China International Container & Inter-Modal Transportation Development Forum"

This conference is being held in Tainjin, China 5 and 6 September 2008 and two of ITCO members (based in China) will be attending.

It has been agreed that they will make a presentation that also includes ITCO's "Safe Handling of Tank Containers" and they will report back to the ITCO board the amount of interest this has generated.

As these companies are based in China and were also attending the conference it has not cost our members any money to have the ITCO name included and this will help to get our organization additional press coverage, which was one of the action points from our last general meeting.

Nice General Meeting October 14/15. 2008

Willy Freson is in the process of sending out the agenda for this meeting and I am pleased to advise that we have changed the format to try to make it more interesting for the members who will be attending.

In place of a keynote speaker we are going to have a panel discussion. Full details of this are included in Willy agenda. We will have the divisions' breakout groups as normal but for a shorter time.

Then we have 3/4 breakout groups based on a specific Topic. The Topic should be of interest to minimum 2 divisions and any member can join any group. Name of participants to these sessions will be organized prior the meeting in order to accommodate the meeting rooms and a chairperson appointed.

I hope you agree that it is important to change the format sometimes as these meetings can get a bit repetitive and stale.

I know many of you will be attending the EPCA meeting in Monaco a few weeks before ours and it is not easy to attend two meetings in such a short time but I do believe that we do have something of interest for all stake holders in the tank containers industry.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Nice at our general meeting.

I am pleased to welcome again 1 new member since last month report :

Lloyd's Register Container Services

Regards

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