



## CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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#### **1. COA Projects in 2011**

The COA is continuing to expand its range of projects and activities. Its current 2011 project list is indicated below. Further information from [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)

##### **COA Container Inspection Course**

The COA is this year launching a Container Inspection Training Course, focusing on the CIC and UCIRC container interchange inspection criteria. The Course will provide Classroom and Container-based Training on CIC and UCIRC, and is intended for container shipping lines, leasing companies, repair depots and survey companies.

##### **Joint COA and IICL Sustainable Container Flooring Project**

Recognising a potential shortage of acceptable flooring in the future, the COA has established a working group with the IICL to investigate possible options for a sustainable container floor/understructure of the future – a 4th Generation design of container.

##### **Carrier Incident Notification System**

In a new development, the COA has been appointed to be the host organisation for CINS, the Carrier Incident Notification System, a new information-sharing project initiated by a number of leading shipping lines. Further details about this project will be available in mid-March.

##### **Participation in the IICL's Floor Audit Program**

As in 2008, COA members are invited to participate in the IICL's Audit Program of Container Floor manufacturers, providing important information about container floor suppliers.

##### **Flexitank Code of Practice**

The COA's Flexitank Code of Practice has already contributed to a reduction in flexitank leakages and in container damage. The Code will continue to be enhanced in 2011, with work being carried out to develop a single flexitank rail impact testing procedure, improved reporting of materials testing and a greater focus on incident management reporting.

##### **Study on Alternative (environmentally-friendly) Container Coatings**

At the beginning of January, the COA's New Materials Committee published its "Report on the Availability of Water-based Paints for the Container Industry". The Report focuses on the issues relating to the search for water-based paints, the problems associated with the use of solvent-based paints and reviews the possible options.

##### **Study on Alternative Flooring Systems**

Later this year, the COA will be publishing its 5<sup>th</sup> Report on Alternative Flooring Systems, which has proved to be an important industry reference work.

## **2. COA's Conferences and Exhibitions in 2011**

### **A. COA General Members Meetings**

Two COA General Meetings will be organised in 2011 - one in Asia, one in Europe:

- **Asia:** Shanghai, Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 June 2011
- **Europe:** Hamburg, Monday 28 November 2011

### **B. COA Flexitank Meetings**

There will be two dedicated COA Flexitank meetings in 2011

- **London Docklands:** Thursday 19 May 2011 (final day of London Wine Fair)
- **Hamburg:** Monday 28 November 2011 (day before Intermodal Europe 2011)

### **C. COA Container Pavilion at Intermodal Europe 2011**

The COA will again be organising its **COA Container Pavilion** at the **Intermodal Europe 2011** Exhibition in Hamburg (29 November – 1 December 2011)

### **D. COA at Intermodal South America 2011**

For the first time, the COA will be participating at the Intermodal South America 2011 exhibition, in conjunction with the Brazilian Container Association (CBC).

### **E. Regional Branch Meetings**

The COA's **Regional Branches** will be organising **Regional Meetings**, focusing on local and national issues.

## **3. Latest COA Flexitank Newsletter and Rail Impact Test Reports**

The latest COA Flexitank Newsletter can be downloaded from the COA website. Also available is the updated list of companies which have submitted the COA's Standard Rail Impact Test Report.

## **4. Global Liner Shipping Conference 2011**

COA Members can benefit from a 20 percent discount on the registration fee for the Global Liner Shipping Conference 2011, taking place in London on 4 & 5 April 2011. This conference is attended annually by over 200 senior management executives from a wide range of shipping and ports companies. The conference will be followed by a Workshop on 6 April: "Trading in container freight derivatives: how and why?"

To obtain the discount, members should go to [www.globallinersshipping.com](http://www.globallinersshipping.com) and quote VIP Code: KT0166COA

## **5. Collaborative planning to drive the debate at Cool Logistics 2011**

As global trade patterns shift, matching perishable supply and transport demand is becoming more difficult. Relations between shippers, carriers and freight forwarders to improve collaborative planning will be at the heart of the 2011 Cool Logistics Conference, as will new initiatives for tackling waste and energy inefficiency at all levels of the perishable supply chain.

The event will be held in Antwerp from 26-28 September 2011.

COA Members can benefit from a discount of 10 percent on the Registration Fee. Further information on: [www.coollogisticsconference.com](http://www.coollogisticsconference.com)

## **6. New Members**

The COA is pleased to welcome the following New Members to the Association:

- **Bulk Liquid Solutions ([www.bulkliquid.net](http://www.bulkliquid.net))**  
Manufacturer of flexitanks, container liners and FIBCs, based in India
- **Emirates Shipping Line ([www.emiratesline.com](http://www.emiratesline.com))**  
International container shipping line, headquartered in Dubai and Hong Kong
- **Protecta Woodtech ([www.protectawood.com](http://www.protectawood.com))**  
Singapore-based producer of chemicals for the treatment of wooden container flooring
- **Qingdao Tongshuai ([www.tsflexitank.com](http://www.tsflexitank.com))**  
Manufacturer of flexitanks, based in Qingdao, China
- **Titan Containers ([www.titancontainers.com](http://www.titancontainers.com))**  
International container rental and container sales company