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1. Australasian Regional Branch Meeting: Sydney, Thursday 3 December 2009

A total of 50 delegates will be participating at the 4th Annual Meeting of the COA's Australasian Regional Branch, taking place at the Amora Hotel, Sydney, on Thursday 3 December 2009.

The Conference will include presentations on a wide range of issues relating to international and regional container and intermodal transport.

The Meeting is being sponsored by: SCF Containers International, Gavan/Secure A Load, Hempel and Freightquip.

Further details, including the Event Brochure, Conference Programme and Registration Form, are available on the COA website. (www.containerownersassociation.org)

2. Korean Regional Branch Meeting: Seoul, Friday 11 December 2009

The COA's Korean Regional Branch will organise its 2nd Annual Meeting in Seoul on Friday 11 December 2009.

Topics to be covered in the meeting will include: CSC Inspection Regulations, Flexitank Code of Practice, Common Interchange Criteria, Intelligent Containers, Equipment Interchange and new container technology.

Further information from secretary@containerownersassociation.org or from bjchun@boxjoin.com

3. COA Flexitank Meeting: Rotterdam, Thursday 19 November 2009

About 100 delegates attended the COA Flexitank Meeting in Rotterdam on Thursday 19 November to discuss the development and implementation of the COA's Flexitank Code of Practice.

The Meeting included a wide range of presentations, giving the viewpoint of shipping lines, flexitank companies, container terminals, cargo owners, safety organisations and classification societies. These presentations are now available to COA Members to download from the COA Website.

In addition to the presentations, there was a lively discussion amongst participants about the Code of Practice, which is being formally adopted by the COA from 1 January 2010. An interim report of the Meeting is available on the COA's website. (www.containerownersassociation.org)

4. COA Report on Alternative Flooring Materials: 2009 Revision

Members are reminded that the COA's "New Materials" Working Group has published the 2009 Revision of its "Report on Alternative Materials for Container Flooring". COA Members can download the Report and Comparison table from the COA website

The publication summarises developments since the WG's last report in August 2008, while also providing information on the current market for alternative floor materials. A comprehensive list of alternative floor materials and suppliers is published. In addition, the report also provides a comparison table of alternative materials.

5. COA 2010 Members Meeting: Shanghai, Monday 7 June 2010

The 7th COA Members Meeting will take place in Shanghai on Monday 7 June 2010.

The Meeting will take place the day before the 4th Transport Logistic China Exhibition (www.transportlogistic-china.com), which is being held at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre from 8 – 10 June 2010.

Subject to demand from Members, the COA will once again be organising a Container Pavilion at the Exhibition. Further information from secretary@containerownersassociation.org

6. New Members

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

- Contralo (www.contralo.be)
- Flexpack (www.flexpack.com.ar)
- Linerbulk