



## CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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#### **1. COA Business Plan 2007-2009**

The COA has published its 2007-2009 Business Plan. The Plan gives details of the COA's Purpose & Mission, Recent Developments & Current Activities, and its Aims, Objectives and Development Strategy for the next two years.

The document can be downloaded from the COA website ([www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org))

#### **2. COA Technical Consultant**

The COA is seeking a Technical Manager to work on a contracted, consultancy, basis. Applications are invited from individuals who have technical expertise in the shipping, container or intermodal business.

Working in close co-operation with the COA Secretariat and reporting to the COA Board, the Consultant will have the following roles and responsibilities:

- Overall management of the COA's Working Groups (working with WG Leaders to establish WG aims, timetable, participants, reporting procedure, etc)
- Ensuring that the WGs are managed within agreed financial budget
- Monitoring WG progress on a monthly basis, ensuring that the agreed timetable is met
- Reporting (via the Secretariat) to the Board and to the Membership about WG progress
- Responding to technical enquiries from Members; and attending meetings and conferences on behalf of the COA

Further details about the Technical Consultant role can be found on the COA website, or by contacting the COA Secretariat ([secretariat@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretariat@containerownersassociation.org)).

#### **3. COA Regional Branches...**

The COA has prepared a document giving details about the establishment of new Regional Branches – how they can be formed, how they operate, what are their aims and objectives and

how they report to the COA Board and Membership. This Regional Branch document is now available on the COA website.

The establishment of Regional Branches can offer a number of benefits to the COA and its members:

- Opportunity to work on behalf of the COA's Members, to liaise with national and regional organisations to focus on local issues
- Promotion of COA activities to companies who might not be aware of the COA and the work it is doing
- Development and expansion of COA Membership

For a copy of the Regional Branch document, please visit: [www.containerownersassociation.org](http://www.containerownersassociation.org)

#### **4. ...and Korea Regional Branch established**

The COA is pleased to announce the establishment of the COA's Korea Regional Branch.

Mr B J Chun has been appointed to the position of Director of the COA Korea Regional Branch. All companies active in the container shipping business in Korea are invited to join. Further information from BJ Chun ([bjchun@boxjoin.com](mailto:bjchun@boxjoin.com))

#### **5. COA Stand at Intermodal 2007, Amsterdam**

Once again, the COA is one of the supporting organisations of the Intermodal 2007 Exhibition, taking place at the RAI Centre, Amsterdam, 4-6 December 2007.

The COA will be exhibiting on Stand D12

Further information on [www.intermodal-events.com](http://www.intermodal-events.com)

#### **6. COA Questionnaire**

Thanks to all those Members who have responded to the COA Questionnaire, which has provided a wide range of interesting and useful comments.

These comments are now being incorporated into a report, which will be presented to the Board and distributed to Members in the near future.

#### **7. COA Environmental Awareness seminar, Dubai – Event Postponed**

A number of members have proposed the development of a “COA Container Shipping Environmental Awareness” Policy.

To achieve this, a COA Environmental Awareness Conference was scheduled for Dubai in October 2007. However, due to time constraints (on the part of Speakers, Members and Delegates), this Conference is now being re-scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2008.

In the meantime, a preliminary conference programme had been developed and is available on the COA website. The programme focuses on Environmental Issues in the field of Container Shipping, Container Ports and Container Logistics. Comments and suggestions about the programme (themes, speakers, etc) are most welcome!

## **8. 6<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting – Shanghai, June 2008**

As agreed at the last Members Meeting, there will now be one principal COA Members Meeting each year, with regional conferences and technical seminars being organised as required.

The next Members Meeting will take place in Shanghai, to coincide with the *Transport Logistic China* Exhibition (17-19 June 2008, [www.transportlogistic-china.com](http://www.transportlogistic-china.com)) – a major shipping and logistics event, organised by Munich Messe in the alternate years to the *Transport Logistic* in Munich.

Subject to confirmation, the 2008 Members Meeting will take place on Monday 16 June 2008.

## **9. New Member**

The COA is pleased to welcome the following new member to the Association:

- Pelican Worldwide ([www.pelicanworldwide.com](http://www.pelicanworldwide.com)) – Pelican Worldwide manufactures and supplies a wide range of stainless steel tank utilities for the chemical, marine, truck and container industries

## **10. Further Information**

For further information about anything in this newsletter, or if you would like to contribute to the next issue (October 2007), contact Patrick Hicks – [secretary@containerownersassociation.org](mailto:secretary@containerownersassociation.org)