



I would like to wish all members and their families
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

ICHCA Project

We have still not received confirmation on when this final version will be printed I hope in will be within the next 3/4 weeks to allow our members to use this when talking with port terminals on new handling requirements.

Charm Offensive with the shipping Companies

We have now completed the final draft of our presentation and hope to be able to make the first presentation by the end of January, I cannot yet confirm which shipping company will be the first we will visit as we are waiting for confirmation on dates, I hope to be able to report more next month.

China Study

Graham Wood and I will visit Shanghai 11th to 18th January to select the final two students who will carry out our study under the supervision of Prof. Song at the Shanghai Maritime University.

We are currently completing the questionnaire that will be used for the study and we are trying to ensure that it includes as much up to date information in as possible.

The base of the study will be the same format agreed at the break out group that took place during our General Meeting in Nice October 2008 and can be viewed on our website : www.itco.be

Carbon Footprint Study

The ITCO board has agreed to fund a study to be undertaken by Prof. Alan Braithwaite on the carbon footprint of a tank container compared to Drums, Flexibag and Parcel tankers.

As mentioned in last months report this has now become an important item for many chemical company customers and it is hoped that with this report our members will be able to demonstrate that tank containers have the best carbon footprint for moving bulk liquid chemicals.

We have just started to study and it will take 3/4 months to complete but I feel that we are being pro-active with this study as more and more customers will be asking our members this question going forward.

Munich Logistic Show May 2009

Willy Freson will be visiting with Messe Munich in January to agree final details for this years show.

The good news is that Willy has managed to obtain additional space for a “beer garden” which will be added to our stand thus allowing our members to invite their customers and suppliers to meet them, sit and maybe have a small drink, whilst they talk and discuss business with them.

Regards

Reginald Lee
President ITCO