



## ITCO May 2018 Newsletter & Technical Secretary Report

### A. ITCO May 2018 Newsletter

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#### **1. Successful Tank Container Village in Shanghai...**

- In mid-May, ITCO successfully organised the Tank Container Village at the *transport logistic China 2018* exhibition.
- With 28 exhibition stands, it was the biggest Tank Container Village organised in Shanghai.
- Feedback from exhibitors was very positive, with a higher level of visitors than previous years.

#### **2. ...and ITCO celebrates its 20th Anniversary**

- During the Shanghai exhibition, ITCO held a Cocktail Reception to celebrate its 20th Anniversary
- Those who attended the Reception (and survived the “tropical” temperatures in the Exhibition Hall) enjoyed a chance to relax and network with their colleagues

#### **3. Photo Album available to view**

- To view Photos of the Exhibition and Reception, click here: [SHANGHAI](#)

#### **4. ITCO Tank Container E-Learning – Two Free Courses for Each Member**

- As announced in the April newsletter, the ITCO Board has agreed that ITCO will offer all its Members TWO FREE COURSES each
- Companies who have not yet taken up this offer, but who wish to benefit from it, should contact the Course manager, Exis Technologies – contact: [Melanie.Stephenson@existec.com](mailto:Melanie.Stephenson@existec.com)

## **5. 2018 Members Meeting: Antwerp, 24/25 September – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

- Next week, registration will open for the 2018 ITCO Members Meeting taking place at the Hilton Hotel, Antwerp, on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 September.
- The event will commence with an Introductory Keynote Presentation on the evening of Monday 24 September, followed by a Welcome Reception for all participants
- Conference Sessions will take place on Tuesday 25 September – Plenary Sessions in the Morning, followed by Divisional Meetings and Break-out Sessions in the Afternoon
- The Meeting will conclude with a Cocktail Reception and Dinner in the evening

## **6. 2018 Regional Meeting: Singapore (21 November)**

- Later in the year, ITCO's 2018 Singapore Regional Meeting will take place at the Amara Hotel on 21 November 2018.
- Further information will be published in the coming months.

## **7. Members Meetings: Presentations available to download**

- Members are reminded that PDFs of presentations made at recent ITCO Members Meetings are available to download from the ITCO website.
- Further information, go to: <https://international-tank-container.org/en/events>

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## **B. ITCO May 2018 Technical Report**

### ***This month:***

- **UN FRP Tank Work Group**
- **RID-ADR Tank Operator**
- **RID-ADR Dual specification UN portable tanks**
- **UN Corrosive substances relief device inspection**
- **UN Corrosion allowance**
- **INDA (CEFIC regulatory affairs group)**
- **ISO 1496-3 tanks.**

### **1. UN FRP tank work group**

- This group is tasked to develop regulations to permit deep-sea use of fibre reinforced plastic portable tanks.
- ITCO provided comments to the planned structure.
- A meeting is scheduled for June in Geneva during the UN meeting but mostly this project will be a correspondence group.

### **2. RID-ADR Tank operator**

- The subject was discussed at the ADR March meeting and ITCO was invited to prepare a proposal for formal discussion at the September session.
- The proposal is to be agreed with the Dutch Ministry, IL&T prior to submitting to ADR.

### **3. RID-ADR Dual specification UN portable tanks**

- Moves are underway within the regulatory bodies to prohibit the construction of dual RID-ADR 6.8 and UN portable 6.7 tanks.
- ITCO will oppose the proposed paper. Over the coming weeks, ITCO will seek member support and request that they raise their concern with their respective government bodies.

### **4. UN Corrosive substances relief device inspection**

- Existing regulations require an annual inspection of relief devices fitted to tanks transporting corrosive substances. The regulation as drafted is commonly interpreted to refer to an in-situ visual external inspection.
- A paper submitted to the June meeting proposes to amend the regulation to include the interior of the device. This will mean removing the valve from the tank with consequential need for prior cleaning and a leak test on reinstatement.
- ITCO will oppose the amendment and over the coming weeks and will seek ITCO member support by raising the issues with their respective government bodies.

### **5. UN Corrosion allowance**

- Existing regulation requires a corrosion allowance (CA) to the shell thickness of special gas tanks used for UN1017-UN1079.
- A paper submitted for the next session debates whether the minimum CA should be present at all times, meaning that a greater shell thickness would be required at manufacture to compensate for any loss of CA during service.
- Whereas the issue is currently confined to relatively few special gas tanks, ITCO oppose the proposal because of the precedent it might set to other tanks where a CA is required.

### **6. INDA (CEFIC regulatory affairs group).**

- ITCO submitted a paper to the INDA meeting raising concerns with the aforementioned RID-ADR and UN papers.

### **7. ISO 1496-3 tanks.**

- The revised edition passed through the ISO voting process but with the proviso of edits concerning mostly details of titles to other standards referenced within ISO1496.
- The technical content has been accepted. ITCO plan to re-submit the edited document.

*For further information on any of the points raised in this Report, Members should contact the Technical Secretary or the North American Technical/Regulatory Consultant:*

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