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Dear ITCO Member

A Happy, Healthy and Safe 2021 to all our Members

At the start of a New Year, please let me firstly take this opportunity – on behalf of the ITCO Board and Secretariat – to extend my very best wishes for 2021 to all our Members.

The last 12 months have been tough, challenging and uncertain for everyone – and we have all had to learn new ways of living, working and communicating. I hope that, during the coming year, substantial progress is made worldwide in the fight against the pandemic; and that – before too long - our business and personal lives will return to normal, whatever that might look like.

For ITCO - while we cannot organise Members Meetings for the foreseeable future, the Board has agreed that we can still work hard to provide real value to our Members.

We plan to increase ITCO activity in 2021 - with new Technical Guidelines and Information Bulletins, as well as regular Webinars and the 2021 Global Fleet Report. The forthcoming Virtual Divisional Meetings will also provide an opportunity for Members to give feedback and suggestions that they would like ITCO to undertake in the coming year.

2021 Global Fleet Report – we are currently researching data for the 2021 ITCO Global Tank Container Survey, which will be published next month.

Shanghai Maritime University – it is planned to commence training using the tank container at the Shanghai Maritime University in the next few months after Chinese New Year. This is an important initiative to enable students to have a better understanding of the tank container business

Tank Container Village – at the time of writing, we have not had confirmation about the status of the Transport Logistic 2021 Exhibition in Munich. We will keep Members informed about this as soon as we have any news.

Divisional Meetings – as mentioned above, we are organising Divisional Meetings this month. We ask all members to participate in their Divisional Meeting if available and contribute their feedback and proposals for future ITCO projects.

Laurie Maclachlan – on behalf of all ITCO Members, please let me take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Laurie Maclachlan, who is standing down as ITCO Vice-President. Laurie has made a huge and valuable contribution to ITCO from the very first days of the Organisation – willingly giving his time and expertise to promote the industry.

Thank you for your continuing support

I would finally like to thank all our Members for their continued support of ITCO. We will continue to communicate regularly with you – and if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me personally, or Patrick Hicks, the ITCO General Secretary (hicks@itco.org)

Yours sincerely

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