

Frigoríscope

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Editorial—Exciting times ahead for TI

Dear Readers,

When reading this new edition of the TI newsletter, I hope that many of you are preparing for some deserved holidays in August.

Here in Brussels, the so-called 'Eurobubble' has started to calm down due to the usual Summer recess in the European Parliament until the end of August which also causes a slow-down in the work of the Council and the European Commission.

For TI, August is still one of the busiest months of the year, as the Secretariat and in particular Transfrigoroute Slovenia, is gearing up for our Annual General Meeting on 19-20 September in Portoroz — a very exciting AGM as it will be the first time TI meets in Slovenia!

This year's AGM is not only exciting due to the venue but also because TI will hold a series of elections: the Executive Committee, the President of the FCI Board and the President of the CCT will all need to be elected

by their respective organs. All relevant details should have reached you in mid-July but more details on this topic can be found in the AGM update on page 3.

Of course every national association is invited to put forward suitable and interested candidates until 20 August — please do get in touch with the Secretariat so we can provide you with further details on the procedure.

TI's elections anticipate similar changes in the EU. Next year there will be elections for the European Parliament in May and in Autumn a new set of EU Commissioner will follow.

Due to these changes, the working schedule of the new Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council is quite busy as much of the political decisions still need to be finalised before the end of this year — please see a short update on this on page 4.

So exciting times are lying ahead for TI and also from an EU perspective!

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I hope you will enjoy reading this Frigoríscope and look forward to seeing you again in Brussels or in Slovenia.

With best wishes,

Russell Patten
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On Friday 20th September TI will vote on the next Executive Committee for the term of office 2014-2016.



EU rules on CO2 emissions in the spotlight at TI meetings in June

On 4 June, TI held its marathon meetings, starting with the Executive Committee meeting, continuing with a joint FCI/CCT meeting and ending with parallel sessions of the FCI Board and the CCT Management Committee. Discussions were very much marked by the joint FCI/CCT meeting which provided a forum of exchange on the issue of non-road mobile machinery emissions.

Thinking caps on at the first meeting of the day

With a busy agenda, the Executive Committee started the day, discussing a range of topics relating to the TI AGM and receiving a variety of updates from the TI Secretariat regarding latest internal developments.

Most importantly, the revision of the TI Statutes had been finalised following an extensive membership consultation phase. All national associations have approved and adopted the revised Statutes which are now in the legal registration process.

Highlight of the day: A lunch debate on CO2 emissions of engines

Over lunch, members from the FCI and the CCT attended a joint session to meet Philipp Troppmann, the European Commission Policy Officer handling the [dossier](#) to improve the emission standards of engines used in diesel powered transport refrigeration equipment.



Exchange of views between TI FCI/CCT members and European Commission Policy Officer Philipp Troppmann, DG Enterprise.

To set the scene, the TI Secretariat briefly presented TI's initial reaction to the European Commission consultation on the CO2 emissions of non-road mobile machinery which it had conducted in the beginning of the year.

Mr Troppmann then continued by outlining a few scenarios currently considered by the European Commission on how to address this issue. One of these future scenarios will be to achieve a so-called minimum standard.

This will aim at harmonising emission standards for these non-road mobile machinery engines – anything from a chain-saw to a ship engine – with the TIER 4 standards used in the USA.

Following the presentations, there was a lively discussion during which members had the opportunity to ask questions to Mr Troppmann and to provide their comments and opinions on the issue.

Continued debate in the CCT Management Committee meeting

After the joint FCI/CCT session, the CCT Management Committee convened to discuss its internal work progress for example on the multi-temperature calculation tool which is in its final stages.

However, members were still very much engaged in the debate around the issue of CO2 emissions of non-road mobile machinery and discussed what TI's next steps could be to further contribute to this important topic.

FCI calls for Secretary General meeting

The meeting of the FCI provided the opportunity to exchange best practices within the companies and the associations, notably on the issue of agreements with retailers. The FCI took the decision to get more involved on the F-gas and Weights & Dimensions dossier and a few members volunteered to follow these dossiers more closely.

The FCI also took the view that reviving national Secretary General meetings within TI could help to strengthen internal communications and lead to greater involvement of members.

TI AGM 2013—update on the programme & sponsors

This year's AGM will be organised as in previous years, with the first day dedicated to internal meetings and the second day to interactive discussions during moderated panel debates around important policy topics including two product presentations by the two biggest sponsors of the AGM.

Internal work schedule for the coming year

On Thursday 19 September, TI will start its Annual General Meeting (AGM) with a series of internal meetings: the Executive Committee (EC) will meet in the morning while the FCI and the CCT Management Board will meet in the afternoon. As usual, members will take stock of progress and determine the work agenda for next year.

There will also be a Secretary General meeting before the FCI meeting in the afternoon to provide a platform of mutual exchange for the national associations.

Responding to feedback from previous AGMs, members will be given the opportunity to attend both the FCI and the CCT Management meeting as they will take place successively.

Key topics on the agenda: The F-Gas review & CO2 emissions of trucks

The following day will focus on a series of interactive panel sessions with interesting topics from a transporter and industry perspective. A key panel in the morning will discuss developments in the ongoing review of the F-Gas Regulation and what TI members should expect in the future.

Another important discussion will concern CO2 emissions from trucks, refrigeration units and other auxil-

iarities. The EU has become increasingly active on further limiting CO2 emissions from road transport and this year the Commission will publish a first proposal towards a long term strategy on limiting trucks' emissions.

In this session, Jens Hügel, the IRU's Head of Sustainable Development, Facilitation & Goods Transport Division will join us to share insights from a wider transport industry perspective on this "hot" topic.

It's time to vote: TI elections

On Friday at the joint FCI/CCT plenary meeting the Presidents of the CCT and FCI will be elected. The two current Presidents, Didier Michel of the FCI and Joe Grealy of the CCT, will stand again for re-election.

The EC will be elected by the National Associations represented at the Delegate Assembly on Friday afternoon. Currently, the EC only has 6 members who are all standing for re-election and will present a joint-candidature, but they are still looking for a seventh member to join their team.

After the AGM, the FCI Board and CCT Management Committee meetings in January 2014 will define their internal structures. Both groups are in constant need of members who are able and willing to dedicate time and expertise.

The sponsors of the AGM so far are:



TI sets up awards to recognise transporters' achievements

At every AGM, we hear about new developments, new innovative ideas and new products, from industry members, as well as from our operators. TI wants to award this innovative and entrepreneurial behaviour, and therefore is proud to set up as of this year the TI Awards which will recognise the work in two categories.

What's this about?

Everyone likes a bit of competition, and likes to be rewarded from their peers for outstanding achievements. Each transport member of TI is therefore encouraged to send their submission to be crowned the "Best overall transporter" or the "Greenest and most innovative transporter".

What's in it for the winner?

Winners of this award will not only be able to officially demonstrate that their efforts are recognized by the industry as a whole, they will also receive:

- The possibility to promote their company on the TI website using their corporate logo;
- Media coverage of your company as a press release (including photos) will be sent to the specialised trade press;
- Exclusive right to use the award logo in e-mail signatures for one year; and
- Promotion among peers, as you will get coverage in the TI Frigriscope Newsletter .

How to participate?

Please send your submission back to the Secretariat—the forms and the questionnaire have been distributed to national associations.

Based on this, the Executive Committee will act as jury and award the two prizes (note that EC members are not eligible for the award).

For further information or any questions, contact your national associations' secretariat or the TI Secretariat directly!



The TI Transport of the year logo to be used by the winner of the 2013 TI Award!

Premiere: Lithuania at the helm of the EU

On 1st July, Lithuania, a rather recent EU Member having joined the EU in 2004, took over the Presidency of the EU Council until the end of the year. Lithuania has a fully packed programme for a short and challenging first time Presidency mandate.

The Lithuanians are under huge pressure and have little time to finalise what is on the table due to the long shadow of EU elections in May next year. In practice, this means the legislative slowdown will kick in from March next year and therefore decision-makers want to push through as many dossiers as possible before the end of this year.

Priorities in the road transport area

Looking only at top issues in the road transport policy sector the following topics are high up on the agenda:

- Creating an EU-wide interoperable eCall system will be an absolute priority building on the recent legislative proposals.
- As a second focus, Lithuania will aim to reach an agreement on the debate on alternative fuels infrastructure.

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F-Gas: launch of negotiations with the Council

On 19 June, the Environment Committee in the European Parliament adopted the Parliament's negotiating position on the F-gas revision.

The main points of the vote are below:

- The service ban de facto excludes temperature-cooled transport
- There has not yet been any movement on the pre-charging of equipment
- "Mobile refrigeration equipment that contain fluorinated greenhouse gases" shall be banned as of 1 January 2025

- The phase-down calendar has become slightly steeper.

The rapporteur Bas Eickhout (Greens/EFA, Netherlands) was given a clear mandate to negotiate with the Council and the Commission. The Environment Committee thus voted in favour of a first reading agreement scenario, i.e. where Parliament and Member States would negotiate and agree on a solution without having to go through second and third reading in order to adopt the text before the 2014 elections.

EU consults on Driver Qualification and Training

The European Commission has launched a [consultation](#) on the qualification and training of drivers in Europe (open until 25/10/2013). The views collected will feed into a possible revision of the [Directive 2003/59/EC](#) on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers.

The Commission states that the objective is "to assess how effectively the Directive has met its objectives and what specific action and measures may need to be adopted to improve its effectiveness." and

to "assess what next steps, including a possible revision of the Directive, ought to be taken."

While the IRU will have a key role in defending the sector, TI will certainly have some concerns of its own when it comes to training the refrigerated transport sector.

Currently, national associations are collecting the views of their members companies in order to make best use of the timing and to use the AGM to gather and align views within TI.

Council of the EU adopts compromise on the revised tachograph rules

On 22 July, the Council of the EU officially approved the informal agreement reached with the European Parliament earlier in May on the revised tachograph rules.

According to the new rules, heavy goods vehicles exceeding 3.5 tonnes will be the first to be equipped with these new tachographs, and the rule will be expanded to all lorries, buses and coaches in the EU within a 15 years period. These new tachographs will

be connected to a satellite positioning service, which will decrease manual handling, such as encoding at the beginning and end of the working day, and consequently reduce opportunities for fraud.

This formal approval represents another formal step in the adoption of the new rules. However, the European Parliament will still have to approve the agreement at the plenary session, most probably in September.

Calendar of events & meetings

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Event	Organiser	Venue
2013		
16 September: 3rd IRU/EU Road Transport Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Transport Solutions to Ensure Efficient European Union Markets Market Operations Between the EU and its Neighbors Presentation & Adoption of Ministers' Conference Declaration 	IRU	Vilnius, LT
17 September: Eco Driving Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco-driving Training Managing Driver's "Eco" competence EcoEffect project demonstration 	IRU	Vilnius, LT
19-20 September: TI Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee Meeting Joint FCI-CCT Meeting Interactive sessions with international speakers and experts 	TI/Tr. Slovenia	Portoroz, SI
24-26 September: 5th Cool Logistics Global Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Networking Reception Practical case studies, round-table brainstorming sessions 	Cool Logistics	Rotterdam, NL
08-11 October: Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (69th session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Meeting of the UNECE WP.11 	UNECE	Geneva, CH
19-23 November: Solutrans Exhibition for the Worldwide Road and Urban Transport Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conferences on road transport issues, heavy duty vehicles, cabotage, road safety issues 	SOLUTRANS	Lyon, FR

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