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ASSOCIATIONS' AFFAIRS

1. FIATA is Pleased to Announce the YIFFYA 2017

The YIFFYA demonstrates recognition by FIATA and its participating sponsors of the need to develop quality in the forwarding industry and to reward young talent with valuable training opportunities. The award is open to any young freight forwarder who will be no more than 32 years old in the year when the dissertation is written, with 2 years' full-time forwarding experience, the latter being preferable but not mandatory. The award comprises two weeks of practical and academic training, one week of academic training and one week of practical training based in one of the TT Club's regional centres (London, Hong Kong or New Jersey) plus one year's free subscription to the International Transport Journal (ITJ), Switzerland and International Freighting Weekly (UK).

Each FIATA Association Member is entitled to present one candidate and we hope that a large number of FIATA Associations will make every effort to take part in this Award. Please visit the link: <http://fiata.com/index.php?id=437> for further information on the rules and procedure, topic, and registration form. The usual deadline for nominating candidates is 31st of January 2017. And do not miss videos of the 2016 Regional Winners on the Irish Association's Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo3FMfluDmTSfSx-KUeIE7w>

2. ICAO FIATA Welcomes the Costa Rican Association as new Training School

Following the 1st ICAO FIATA DG Train the Trainer Program (DG ToT) held in September 2016, FIATA's Costa Rican Association, Asociación Costarricense de Agencias de Carga (ACACIA), have successfully joined ICAO FIATA's line of dangerous goods training centres.

The DG ToT programme paved the way for ACACIA to have their local industry experts trained in delivering dangerous goods training. This affirms the success of the DG ToT in expanding dangerous goods training throughout Central America and is a significant step in FIATA good practice and compliance programmes. To read more about the 1st ICAO FIATA DG Train the Trainer Program please visit: <http://fiata.com/media/press-releases/2016/6-september.html>

3. Reading tip, Starr Forum, Innovation and Its Enemies

The FIATA Logistics Academy invites you to a book talk with Calestous Juma, Professor of the Practice of International Development and Director, Science, Technology, Globalisation at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. The book is titled Innovation and its Enemies. It explains the roots of resistance to new technologies - and why such resistance is not always futile. It draws on nearly 600 years of economic history to show how the balance of winners and losers shapes technological controversies and it outlines policy strategies for inclusive innovation to reduce the risks and maximise the benefits of new technologies.

Watch it on November 17th on Facebook live:

<https://www.facebook.com/MITCenterForInternationalStudies/> and on-demand on Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo3E2h2KZsZD3S8ThEn_UxA.

4. FIATA Logistics Academy Chairman Issa Baluch named Chair Professor at NTOU

Issa Baluch, FIATA Logistics Academy Chairman and 40-year logistics veteran, was recently named Chair Professor in the College of Maritime Science and Management at the National Taiwan Ocean University effective from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018. The certificate of appointment was awarded by none other than NTOU President C.F. Chang at the NTOU campus and witnessed by Deans and Professors.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

5. UNCTAD Publishes Review of Maritime Transport

UNCTAD published this year's Review of Maritime Transport, which takes the view that the long-term growth prospects for seaborne trade and maritime businesses are positive.

There are ample opportunities for developing countries to generate income and employment and help promote foreign trade. It can be found at this link:

http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/rmt2016_en.pdf?utm_source=UNCTAD+Transport+and+Trade+Facilitation+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1f38241f9e-Review_of_Maritime_Transport_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f6141a63dd-1f38241f9e-44494137

6. World Trade Outlook Indicator Suggests Modest Pick-up in Trade

The WTO's latest World Trade Outlook Indicator (WTOI) suggests that global trade will pick up slightly in the fourth quarter of 2016. Air freight in particular has shown quite strong recent growth, while export orders and container shipping have recorded more modest gains. The WTOI measures short run performance against medium-run trends. A reading of 100 indicates trade growth in line with trend, while readings greater or less than 100 suggest above or below trend growth.

To read more please visit: https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news16_e/rese_08nov16_e.htm

7. WTO Issues New Editions of Trade Profiles and World Tariff Profiles

The revamped [Trade Profiles](#) provides a series of key indicators on trade in goods and services for 195 economies. For each economy, the data is presented in a handy two-page format, providing a concise overview of global trade. The profiles begin with a snapshot of the importance of trade for each economy - indicating its world ranking for trade in both goods and commercial services.

[World Tariff Profiles](#), produced in cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre (ITC), has been expanded to provide information on tariffs and non-tariff measures imposed by over 170 economies.

8. WCO SG at the Symposium on Traceability and Customs Compliance

WCO Secretary General Kunio Mikuriya mentioned recent developments in three areas of: (1) pre-arrival information which is now available and has moved borders upstream; (2) enabling tracking and tracing technology used by Customs; and (3) traceability systems developed by the private sector and their potential compatibility with Customs systems.

Dr Mikuriya then spoke about the challenges faced by Customs in their coordination efforts with other public stakeholders, both domestically through the Single Window supported by the WCO Data Model and internationally, through potential facilitation by the Unique Consignment Reference for identifying consignments.

To read more please visit: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2016/november/wco-attends-an-international-symposium-on-customs-and-goods-traceability.aspx>

9. Commissioner Malmström in EU Parliament on Future Trade Policy

Speaking at the European Parliament's Trade Policy Day, EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström argued that while the signature of the CETA agreement was a major achievement for the European Union, efforts were needed to forge a new European consensus on trade, including by Member State governments and Parliament.

To read more please visit: http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/november/tradoc_155082.pdf

10. EU VAT rules - Cross-border Transactions

The Council adopted [conclusions](#) on improvements to VAT rules for cross-border transactions. The conclusions come in response to certain issues raised in an April 2016 Commission action plan.

To read the notice please visit: http://dsms.consilium.europa.eu/952/Actions/Newsletter.aspx?messageid=8672&customerid=24087&password=enc_3830393839313538_enc

11. UN/CEFACT Recommendation on Public-Private Partnerships in Trade Facilitation

Recommendation on Public-Private Partnerships in Trade Facilitation has been submitted to the Heads of Delegation for intersessional approval by 25th of December 2016. To view the recommendation please see:

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/documents/ECE_TRADE_C_CEFAC_T INT_2016_1_Rec_41_PPP.pdf

12. ICAO, TIACA accelerate collaborative efforts for more efficient air cargo facilitation

ICAO and TIACA have identified a number of important initiatives to streamline the ongoing replacement of paper documentation with electronic communication for air cargo shipments. One example of this is the deployment of electronic Consignment Security Declarations and Air Waybills. The two organisations will also be working together to develop a technology platform for the support of Pre-Loading Advance Cargo Information (PLACI) systems.

Read more at: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO,-TIACA-accelerate-collaborative-efforts-for-more-efficient-air-cargo-facilitation.aspx>

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY

13. 2016 UNEP Emissions Gap Report

This week the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) released its annual 2016 Emissions Gap Report, an assessment of the world's progress toward achieving the goal to limit global warming to well below 2DS above pre-industrial levels. The report asserts that even with the pledges made last year to support the Paris Agreement, the world is on course for a 2.9DS to 3.4DS scenario, and predicts that GHG emissions will reach 54-56 gigatonne (Gt) CO₂ equivalent in 2030, far above the 42 Gt limit required to meet a 2DS goal. The report underscores the need for a COP22 that results in stronger action on climate change, including for transport.

To read more please visit: <http://web.unep.org/emissionsgap/>

14. UNCTAD - Freight Transport Growing Fast Need Climate Efficiency

Trade-related freight transport is expected to grow by a factor of 4.3 between 2010 and 2050, but addressing climate change requires that it becomes more energy efficient, an UNCTAD official said, outlining a series of solutions ahead of an UNCTAD meeting at COP 22 on freight efficiency. Freight transport - which includes road, rail, sea and air transport - is said to account for roughly 7% of global greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and emissions from trade-related are expected to increase by a factor of 3.9 between 2010 and 2050, Ms. Frida Youssef, head of UNCTAD's transport section, said.

To read more please visit:

http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1368&Sitemap_x0020_Taxonomy=UNCTAD Home;#1721;

15. ICAO Council President Inspires COP22 on Aviation Emissions

ICAO Council President Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu brought an inspirational message of hope and progress on environmental action to help kick off COP22 in Marrakesh this week, citing the momentum generated by the landmark international aviation emissions mitigation decisions forged this October at ICAO's 39th Assembly.

"The Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) endorsed at our Assembly will be the very first global market-based measure to address CO2 emissions from any industry sector," President Aliu reported to the COP22 Plenary.

To read more please visit: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-Council-President-inspires-COP22-with-positive-updates-on-international-aviation-emissions.aspx>

16. IMO Plans for Developing Emissions Reduction Strategy

Negotiators met in London 24-28 October for the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), aiming to take steps that would help tackle the climate-warming risks from a growing demand in the maritime sector.

The UN body [agreed](#) last week on a mandatory data collection system on fuel oil consumption, which would apply to all ships that are of at least 5,000 gross tonnage and would take effect starting on 1st of January 2018. Notably, the committee also agreed last week [to cap](#) the level of global sulphur in marine fuel - set at 0.5 percent mass/mass (m/m) - which would take effect at the beginning of 2020.

To read more please visit: <http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/un-shipping-agency-announces-plans-for-developing-emissions-reduction>

17. ADB - Pakistan Highway Promotes Growth and Connectivity

A four-lane road linking Faisalabad to Multan is under construction. Once complete, this part of the National Trade Corridor will help connect Pakistan's deep seaports with landlocked Afghanistan and Central Asia. In addition, ADB has approved a \$50 million loan to improve the transport efficiency and safety of the M6 Highway from Vanadzor in Armenia to the border with Georgia at Bagratashen, one of the most strategic roads for internal and external trade.

To read more about Pakistan's project please visit: <https://www.adb.org/news/videos/pakistan-highway-promotes-growth-and-connectivity>

To read more about ADB's initiative in Georgia please visit: <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-help-improve-strategic-road-connection-armenia-georgia-border>

