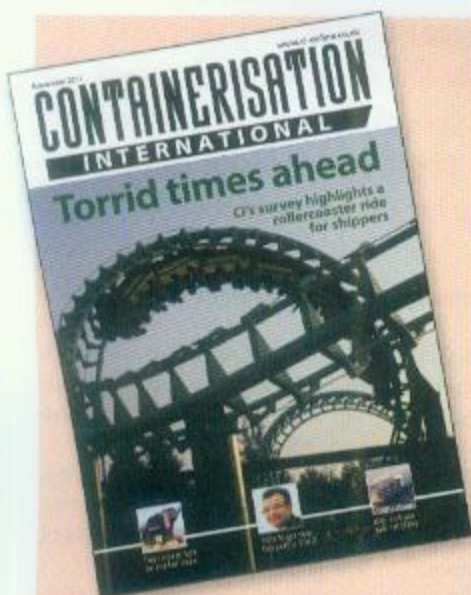


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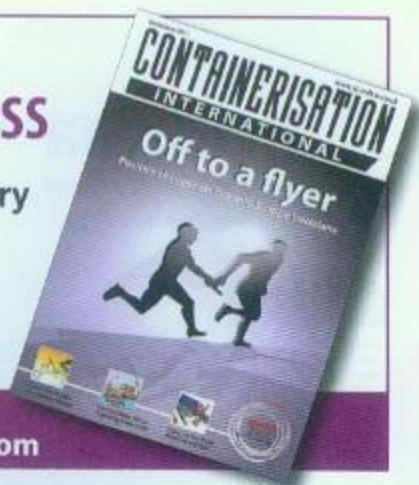
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The North East Asia/Oceania trade has seen seismic shifts in cargo flows in recent years as cargo exchanges have generally gravitated to China and away from the traditional powerhouse, Japan. *CI* looks at what is in store next for this trade and analyses individual carrier strategies in serving the market.

World Shipping Council (WSC) president and ceo Chris Koch, reveals to *CI* the main issues that the organisation are confronted with and the action it would like to see in solving them. Among the subjects he discussed were carbon taxes, port security and overweight containers.

While APM Terminals (APM T) is focusing its attention on consolidating its operations in North America, due to overcapacity in the area's main ports, it is, nevertheless, looking to exploit niche opportunities and tap into the faster growing market sectors of the continent. APM T's president of the Americas Eric Sisco, speaks to *CI* about group strategy.

The *CI* Awards luncheon held in London on October 13 rewarded those individuals and companies that have been innovators and which have shaped the container shipping industry. *CI* profiles the winners and assesses what the event can do to raise standards, improve business practices and lead to further innovation in an industry of global proportions.

The Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia still dream about their ports becoming major gateways into Russia again, and Russia's mighty national railway company RZD seems to want it too, if only to help restore the unity of the old Soviet Union's railway system. *CI* reports.

As more sophisticated and valuable products are moved in reefer containers, effective cargo care and monitoring systems are needed to ensure that the cargo is moved without damage. *CI* reviews some of the products that are available to ensure that this happens.

Turkey has seen its share of the Mediterranean container market increase significantly since the mid-2000s, but volumes in terms of the nation's head count still remain low. *CI* kicks off a series of articles that looks at the opportunities, the risks and the challenges in serving and investing in this eastern Mediterranean country.

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