

TO ALL MEMBERS

Rotterdam, 29 January 2016
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Dear Members,

Please find herewith the first circular letter of 2016 of NOFOTA.

A number of events is planned for the first half of 2016. Besides the annual AGM & dinner and golf tournament, NOFOTA will organize a workshop for arbitrators and a seminar on trading rules. More information can be read below.

ARBITRATORS WORKSHOP – 4 March 2016

Together with The Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (Het Comité), NOFOTA will organize a workshop for arbitrators on 4 March 2016 in Rotterdam. Venue will be Meeting & Conference Centre 'Engels' in Rotterdam, just next to the Central Train Station.



Address:
Stationsplein 45
3013 AK Rotterdam

Registration can be done via the NOFOTA website. You will be directed to the registration form on the website of 'Het Comité'.

There will be a few seats available for candidate arbitrators. If someone is not yet an arbitrator, but wants to participate, please contact Mrs. Marja Mann who can be reached at +31 (0)10 4673188 or marja.mann@graan.com.

SEMINAR ON TRADING RULES – 20 April 2016

The day prior to the AGM & dinner, NOFOTA will organize for the 5th time a seminar on trading rules.

This seminar should be of interest for those working in the areas of contract execution, trading, sales, procurement, logistics, legal and operations. Please pass it on to the people in your organisation. The ticket price is € 150,00 for members and € 250,00 for non-members (VAT excluded). Venue will be 'Het Wereldmuseum' in Rotterdam.



Address:
Willemskade 25
3016 DM Rotterdam

If you want to register, please use the [following link](#) for online registration. For questions please contact the NOFOTA secretariat, Mrs. Jolanda van Roon at +31 79 363 43 61.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER – 21 April 2016

As already announced in our December circular letter, the 2016 AGM & Dinner will take place on **Thursday 21 April 2016**.

The Annual General Meeting is planned at 16.30 hours. Members are invited to attend this meeting. The dinner usually starts at around 19.00 hours. Prior to the dinner cocktails will be served. Further detailed information will follow with the next circular letter.



Address:
The Hulstkamp Building
Maaskade 120
3071 NK Rotterdam

The registration is **now open** and is required via [the attached pdf-link](#). Please complete the form digitally (no handwriting) to avoid spelling errors in the participants booklet and send it to info@nofota.com. If you have questions please contact the secretariat of NOFOTA Mrs. Jolanda van Roon +31 79 363 43 61.

NOFOTA GOLF TOURNAMENT – May/June 2016

The organizing committee of NOFOTA is currently working hard on a date for our 26th Golf Tournament, which will be held in the period (end) May/(early) June.

As soon as the date and golf course are known, you will be informed. Details will also be published on the website.

NEW MEMBERS

Herewith I inform you with the new members in 2016:

- Natural Habitats Group B.V., Rotterdam – B-member
- Amsterdam Capital Trading B.V. (ACT), Amsterdam – B-member
- Oil Tankterminal Brugge BVBA, Lichtervelde (BE) – C-member
- Nexo Shipbrokers B.V., Rotterdam – C-member

NOFOTA is proud to announce that with the recent applications the total amount of A-, B- and C-members is 140.

CENTENNIAL BOOK

Earlier this week the editorial committees gathered to read the first chapter of the centennial book.

The first chapter tells about the captains of five of the seven Dutch merchant vessels that were attacked by a German submarine in February 1917. No lives were lost but six ships and their cargoes of grains and oilseeds, with a total value of 150 million dollars (today's money), sank. Chapter 1 of the NOFOTA biography will describe this tragic event and much more. Those who can't wait, read more via the website www.nofota.info.

NOFOTA appreciates your support to make this book a trading bestseller and is still looking for sponsors.

FOSFA MATTERS

As per 1 April 2016 Used Cooking Oil (UCO) and Used Cooking Oil Methyl Ester (UCOME) will be added to the FOSFA List of Banned Immediate Previous Cargoes.

The lack of transparency and traceability of UCO origination is of concern to the trade in relation to vegetable oil shipments and the maintenance of contamination control essential to the edible oils and oleochemical trades.

The 2016 FOSFA Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday 10 November 2016 at 'Battersea Evolution', an events venue located in Battersea Park, SW11 in London UK.

FOSFA announces the appointment of Mr David Bennett as Trade Policy and Development Manager.

Dr John Hancock will be retiring at the end of May 2016 after fifteen years at FOSFA. John is for many years a loyal participant of the NOFOTA Technical Committee. NOFOTA herewith takes already the opportunity to thank John for his efforts and the close cooperation between FOSFA and NOFOTA on the technical matters.

With kind regards,
NOFOTA

Ron van Noord
General Secretary