

**PRESS RELEASE****TT Club delighted as FIATA's training initiative attracts more participants than ever before**

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***Four regional finalists representing the future of the freight forwarding industry are preparing to travel to Cairo, Egypt for the FIATA World Congress – 16 - 21 October 2011. The four, from the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Hong Kong and Ireland , will each be hoping for selection as the overall Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year 2011 and a prize that includes hands-on training experience at one of TT Club's regional centres in London, Hong Kong or New Jersey.***

The Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year Award is recognition by FIATA, and the participating sponsors, of the need to develop quality in the industry and to reward young talent with valuable training opportunities. TT Club has been a sponsor of the award since its inception and firmly believes in the importance of individual training and development within the industry.

2011 attracted the highest number of participants in the Awards' thirteen year history. Each participant had to select one key import commodity/cargo for their home country plus one key export commodity/cargo. They were asked in their dissertation to consider the complexity of the issues of importing and exporting i.e. bulk cargo, time sensitive delivery, hazardous goods, multi modal moves as well as cross-border issues, regulatory issues and risk management. The award will consist of practical and academic training, including a week based at one of the TT Club's regional centres in London, Hong Kong or New Jersey and attendance at the TT Club's "Insight into Transport Law and Insurance" course in London. Additionally, one year's free subscription to the International Transport Journal (ITJ), Switzerland and International Freighting Weekly in the UK, is provided.

TT Club's European Regional Director, Andrew Kemp commented: "We were delighted that this year's awards proved to be the most successful in terms of attracting candidates from across the globe - the highest number of candidates that we have had since the inception of the award. The topic that we had picked this year was intended to attract more candidates - so the

Steering Committee are encouraged that this aim was met. In terms of the calibre of dissertations, this year's candidates managed to raise the bar on expectations. It was clear that a lot of research, planning and hard work had gone into the production of these papers. The dissertations were of a consistently high standard.

It meant that the judging of the papers was significantly harder than in recent years - but, we are delighted to announce the Regional winners are:"

<b>Region Africa/Middle East :</b>	<b>Mr Niranjan Venkatesh, United Arab Emirates</b>
<b>Region Americas :</b>	<b>Ms Rosa Maria Gallardo Reyes, Mexico</b>
<b>Region Asia/Pacific :</b>	<b>Mr Lai Kin Wong, Hong Kong</b>
<b>Region Europe :</b>	<b>Ms Silvia Valles Barrera, Ireland</b>

Documentation for the 2012 Award will be distributed to FIATA Association members towards the end of August 2011 with the usual deadline for nominating candidates of 15 January 2012.  
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**Note to Editors:**

*The TT Club is the international transport and logistics industry's leading provider of insurance and related risk management services. Established in 1968, the Club's membership comprises ship operators, ports and terminals, road, rail and airfreight operators, logistics companies and container lessors. As a mutual insurer, the Club exists to provide its policyholders with benefits, which include specialist underwriting expertise, a world-wide office network providing claims management services, and first class risk management and loss prevention advice.*

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