


# ILTA'S NEW NAME: A NATURAL FIT FOR OUR GLOBAL INDUSTRY



By adding the word “international” to its name, ILTA has selected an accurate label for the broad geographic scope of its membership. Companies based in other countries have been joining ILTA for the past 31 years. Today, 19 of these companies are terminal members. Eleven operate exclusively in their home countries. The remaining eight operate terminals here in the U.S. and are owned mostly by companies headquartered in the European Union. Three other terminal members are based in the U.S. and operate internationally with facilities in both the U.S. and other countries.

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This year's annual operating conference continues another ILTA international tradition. Since 1992, we have called this conference an “international” event, and for good reason. Every year, we welcome a large number of attendees from all over the world. Last year, a total of 152 people from 31 other countries participated in the conference. ILTA's supplier members add yet another international component to our association. Many are either U.S. companies with global operations or U.S. subsidiaries of companies based in other countries.

As global trends create fresh opportunities for ILTA, we are expanding our international focus. One of our goals is to add more international members who can benefit from the informational resources and the networking opportunities we offer. Another ILTA goal is to develop knowledge-sharing partnerships with comparable industry groups in other countries. For example, many countries are now strengthening their safety regulations and their environmental rules, such as controls on air emissions and toxic releases from industrial facilities. Some of these countries are turning to the U.S. as a source of stronger regulatory standards that are readily available and are adaptable to different circumstances. Terminals in those countries need new procedures and technologies that can streamline the compliance process. They can benefit from the fact that terminals in the U.S. have had to comply with aggressive environmental regulation for many years. This is just one of many international opportunities for ILTA. We are looking forward to exploring many others in the months and years ahead as we expand our member services in an increasingly global market.