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WORD OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first edition of the FEICA NewsFlash.

I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to express my opinion on the challenges our Industry is encountering on a regular basis in this newsletter. Through this I hope to start a dialogue in our industry and of course your reaction and comments will be much appreciated and published in the next issue if you wish.

As of June 1st, we are entering in a new era called REACH, which will radically change our old way of doing business. It will entail a lot of work and new challenges but will also open up new opportunities and drive forward innovation.

Let's make REACH a success for the benefit of all in our industry.

Now that the legislation has come into force and an increased number of RIP guidelines have been published, we realise that REACH is a business rather than an HSE challenge. It will require companies to make major strategic decisions such as: What substances to register? Do I form or join a consortia and with whom? Do I have a REACH multi functional team in place to comply with Reach legislation? What IT system is required to handle the data flow? What is the most appropriate way to protect my IP's? What is my best legal entity structure? How to secure my supply chain, should I delocalised my production? Should I appoint a third party representative? How to handle a SIEF group? How will I best communicate with my up and downstream colleagues? And many more questions will need to be answered in the coming months.

FEICA is committed to support you as much as possible to assist in this difficult task. You will read below about two Technical Working Groups now in place to help you implement REACH.

I would like to complete my editorial by welcoming a new Associated Member to our association, the reputable Japanese Chemical manufacturer KANEKA Belgium SA, Polymer Division, represented by Mr. Kan Okabe.

I will be glad to meet all of you at our yearly FEICA conference, taking place 12 - 14th September in Brussels.

Bonne lecture, *Jean Marc Barki*

WORD OF THE SECRETARY

More than ever, communication is vital for the success of our business.

This electronic NewsFlash is aiming to provide a n overview of what FEICA is doing and highlight the work, progress, achievements and future challenges of the EU adhesives and sealants industry. We intend to produce at least 4 issues per year in a concise and handy format. You will be able to access more detailed analysis or reports on some issues by clicking on the blue hyperlinks in the text.

Since the beginning of the year and after a successful move from Düsseldorf to Brussels, the FEICA Secretariat has been gradually transformed and will continue to do so in the aim to implement the recommendations made at the last General Assembly.

On May 08th the Executive Board gave its green light to implement the [new FEICA organisation](#).

The [NA Forum](#) is aimed at fostering effective communication between the National Associations (NA's). The first NA Forum took place on 9th May 2007 with 14 NA's attending a very productive and candid meeting.

Another NA Forum is scheduled for 3rd July 2007 to review some major changes in our constitution and agree upon the NA representatives for the Executive Board and the European Technical Board (ETB).

Another important change is the creation of a new FEICA body: the European Business Board (EBB) which stands next to the ETB to address the European none technical issues of our industry. Three Business Working Groups (BWG's) have been established: [BWG Communication](#), [BWG Statistic](#) and [BWG Education](#) the last replacing the "Bonding for the Future" Education team.

In order to build a credible European Adhesives and Sealants Industry representation, we need to have as many candidates as possible in the 3 BWG's from all over Europe. Therefore, if you are interested, please send your application to the secretariat as soon as possible.

I would like to finish by encouraging you to visit our [FEICA website](#) and to ask your password if you have not got one already. In the last 3 months we have increased the content and improved the user friendliness. However, there is still a lot of work to do; we are looking forward to your comments and suggestions.

At your service, *Bernard Ghyyot*

What is new in Europe – an update of FEICA's Technical working groups

As mentioned above, FEICA has two TWG's on REACH. The TWG on Exposure Scenarios under REACH with Johannes Tolls as chairman is developing a tool for members to assist in the creation of exposure scenarios for the extended Safety Date Sheets under REACH. A short fact sheet explains the objectives and the key principles of this [FEICA standardised process for the creation of exposure scenarios](#).

To further help FEICA members with the implementation of REACH, the ETB has recently decided to establish the new TWG REACH Implementation. of which Jérôme Durantet was elected as chairman. One of the main tasks of this new group is to help with the creation of generic exposure scenarios using the FEICA standardized process. The group will also help to improve FEICA communication on REACH by generating information and publishing a REACH brief.

Hermann Onusseit, the chairman of the TWG on Paper and Packaging represented the group at this year's annual meeting of the European Recovered Paper Council. As FEICA is a supporter of the [European Declaration on Paper Recycling](#) he reported FEICA members' activities in the area of paper recycling. The European Commission, who was also present at the event, confirmed that this industry initiative has greatly improved the relationship of the European institutions and the paper chain industry.

Adhesives used for food packaging will also remain a hot issue for the Paper and Packaging TWG. With its specialist knowledge,

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEICA European Adhesives and Sealants Conference 2007

12-14 September 2007
Hotel Le Plaza (Brussels)

[\[info\]](#)

ASC Fall 2007 Convention & Expo

7-10 October 2007
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
(Kansas City, MO)

[\[info\]](#)

WAC & EXPO

20-23 April 2008
InterContinental
(Miami, Florida)

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UPCOMING NA FORUM

03 July 2007

FEICA building nr 6
(CEPE Meeting room
– 1st floor)

From 10:30 till 15:30

[See Circ. 15/07 in extranet]

UPCOMING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP Meetings

Indoor Air

04 July 2007
FEICA Building nr 6
(ISOPA Meeting room
– 1st floor)

From 15 :30 till 18 :00

REACH Implementation

05 July 2007
CEFC Building nr 4
(meeting room nr 1
– ground floor)

From 09:00 till 15:00

HAZPRO

29 August 2007
Brussels (Location TBC)

Paper & Packaging

04 September 2007
Brussels (location TBC)

UPCOMING BUSINESS WORKING GROUP Meetings

Statistics

03 July 2007,
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the working group will support FEICA as a consortium member in the **MIGRESIVES** project on migration of substances from adhesives into foods.

In the next NewsFlash, we will explain more about the important role taken by the four members of the MIGRESIVES Consortium (IVK, AFICAM, ASEFCA and FEICA).

The TWG on Hazardous Products and the Environment with Henrik Jansson as chairman is an excellent network of information on a variety of horizontal issues and is actively involved into policy discussions. The group has long been involved into the European Commission Limitations on the Marketing and Use of Dangerous Substances Working Group meetings and is currently discussing with the European Commission and Member States about restriction for cyclohexane and MDI through the Marketing and Use Directive.

The TWG is also represented in different stakeholder groups on issues such as GHS and indoor air as well as on issues related to specific substances such as formaldehyde in order to ensure that the interest of the Adhesives and Sealants Industry are heard.

- Learn more about the scope of the **FEICA Technical Working Groups**.
- All minutes of the Technical Working Groups are available in the circulars on the **FEICA extranet**.
- Learn more about FEICA activities on **REACH**.

This first edition of the FEICA NewsFlash features a short recap on the FEICA TWG. In future this part of the NewsFlash will focus on regulatory issues in Europe. Each issue will highlight some new development that will influence the Adhesives and Sealants Industry.

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From 09:00 till 10:30 AM

Communication

03 July 2007,
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From 15:30 till 17:00

