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NewsFlash

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FEICA News

- FEICA has 2 new members. We welcome [Dow Corning Europe](#) and [Soudal](#)
- The 2008 FEICA market report will be available in June. FEICA members pay a reduced fee (for more information [click here](#))
- 2 new FEICA guidance papers for the paper and packaging sector have been published the [Food Contact Status](#) Paper and the [Good Manufacturing Practice Guide](#) for adhesives in contact with food

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Greetings from the President

Dear Friends,



The challenges facing our Industry are numerous and complex. I am of the firm opinion that the best way of meeting them is to stay united; keep sharing our experience and pull together to defend our interests at both national and European levels.

The summer is on our doorstep, and so is our annual FEICA Conference. Such an event presents an ideal opportunity for you to take a break from your daily problems, share your experience with your industry colleagues, be inspired by new ideas, learn new technologies or business practices and, above all, enjoy being together at an exceptional venue. You deserve it!

The conference will take place in Marseille on September 11th & 12th in the prestigious Palais du Pharo located by the sea.

This year we are changing the programme in response to the wishes of participants.

On Thursday (11th), one full day will be reserved for three sessions of quality speakers running in parallel, covering Technology, Legislation and Services. The exhibition will take place throughout the day. In the evening a gala diner is organised for networking.

On Friday (12th), a half-day Business Forum will take place. A large panel of senior Industry leaders will present their perspectives on how Innovation can meet our Industry challenges, how to turn Innovation into

UPCOMING EVENTS

European Coatings Conference
June, 12&13, 2008, Berlin Germany
[More info](#)

The First International Conference on Automotive Adhesives, Sealants & Coatings 2008
June 10-11 2008
Stuttgart, Germany
ayates@rapra.net
www.rapra.net

Euradh 2008- Adhesion '08
3-5 September 2008,
Oxford, UK
[More info](#)

Introduction to Pressure sensitive Self-adhesive Technology Workshop
October 1-2, 2008, Miami, FL - 2008
www.awa-bv.com

ASC 2008 Fall Conference
Waterfront, October 12-15 2008, Baltimore Marriott, MD
bob.willis@ascouncil.org
www.ascouncil.org

European Coating Show
March 31-April 2 2009,
Nuremberg, Germany
www.european-coatings-show.com

5th International Conference on Fracture of Polymers Composites and Adhesives
September 7-11 2008
Switzerland
[info](#)

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profitable business and on the advantages of sustainable competitiveness. We trust that such a Forum will stimulate you to explore new concepts.

With such a program I am sure that many adhesive and sealant formulators will wish to attend what I confidently expect to be a memorable event.

See you all in Marseille.

Jean Marc Barki.

For more info on the Conference, please click on the banner



Words of the Secretariat



To ensure that REACH remains on the radar screen of all chemical raw material suppliers, the European Commission is displaying a 35 metre-long billboard on the headquarter building in Brussels.

Although the pre-registration process is starting on June 1st, we are confident that your suppliers are all well prepared and that you have initiated the dialogue with them.

With 1000 delegates and 110 exhibitors, the World Adhesive Conference 08 which took place in Miami on April 20-23d was a great success. More than 140 delegates from Europe attended the conference and 30 European papers were presented. We were honored by the presence of 3 European keynote speakers: Alois Linder of Henkel, Alan Bate of National Adhesives and Andre Ladurelli of Bostik presenting several aspects of the challenges our Industry is facing and the importance of integrating the concept of **Sustainability** in our business.

Bernard Ghyoot, Secretary General



*Mr. André Ladurelli, Managing Director, Bostik and
Mr. Dave Burger, ASC President -(3M)*



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MEETINGS

UPCOMING DM FORUM Web Call Conference

12/6 -Ex. Board 9.00-12.0
16/6 -Direct Members
10.00-12.00

UPCOMING NA Secretar FORUM

3/6 *Le Repos des Chasse
Brussels
12.00-18.00*

UPCOMING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

HAZPRO
2/6 - CEPE-Brussels
10.00-16.00

DUCC
13/6 - CEPE-Brussels
10.30-15.30

REACH Implementation
1/7-2/7
*AFICAM-Paris.info will be
provided later on*

WG Communication
June 4-*Le repos des
chasseurs-Brussels
8.30-12.00*

WG Safety
26/6 *CEFIC-Brussels
12.00-16.30*

FEICA Internal meetings - Marseille

Tuesday, September 9

14.00h-19.00h *ETB meeti
ETB Diner*

Wednesday, September

NA Forum 8:30-11.30



Mr. Alois Linder, Executive Vice President (Henkel) and Mr. Jean-Marc Barki, FEICA President



Plenary Session



Mr. Bernd Burchardt (Sika Services) and Mr. Jean Fayolle (Henkel)



Some exhibitors amongst hundred

Executive Board 11.45-13

Direct Company Member Forum 14.00-15.30

FEICA General Assembly 16.00h-18.30

Members Get together Dir 19:30

We are very pleased to welcome two new Direct Company members, having both their headquarter and main production sites in Belgium and both known for their product and marketing innovation and well established image:

- **Dow Corning Europe sa**, key contact Jean Paul Hautekeer, Construction Industry Manager.
- **Soudal nv**, key contact Dirk Coorevits, Managing Director.

We trust their strong technical expertise will contribute to re-enforcing our working groups.

GHS is coming...

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling for Chemicals (GHS) will be implemented by the European Union at the end of the year as the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP).

The new CLP regulation will ensure that the implementation and transition periods for substances and mixtures are harmonised with REACH. The first – and hopefully only – reading in the European Parliament will take place on 18 June 2008. If it is adopted the regulation will be in force by the end of the year.

The transition periods for classification and labelling in the new regulation have already been proposed:

The transition period for substances ends 1 December 2010 and for mixtures it ends 1 June 2015. In addition there is a Council proposal for an extra transition period for substances and mixtures placed on the market with a label according to the existing EU-directives (67/548/EC and 1999/45/EC) before the end of the transition periods. If this proposal is adopted, those substances and mixtures already in the supply chain will not need to be relabelled and repackaged in accordance with CLP until 1 December 2012 (for substances) and 1 June 2017 for mixtures.

What does this mean for the adhesives and sealants Industry?

Most products in our industry are mixtures, but this does not mean that there is no preparatory work to be

done. Among the issues you should be considering now are :

- For manufacturing sites, workers need to be informed about the new labelling, to be used on raw material packaging when the new regulation is implemented
- The data for the raw materials need to be checked, and if necessary completed, to be ready for the classification according the new CLP regulation
- The labelling needs to be planned (because there will be an increase in the number of pictograms on the label)
- In the Safety Data Sheet both the classifications according the EC directives (67/548/ EG or 1999/45/EG) and according to the new classification, labelling and packaging regulation (CLP) must be included until the end of the transition period

This is only a selection of action points - there will be others. Each company is advised to check its own priorities, but it is essential that formulating industries are proactive regarding the implementation of CLP.

- Further information about the CLP regulation will become available when the regulation is adopted.
- Further information about GHS can be found on the UNECE website.

The FEICA TF will keep you informed about the progress of the CLP in the next FEICA NewsFlash

The article was written by Eva Kessler (3M)

FACET

At its last meeting, the Paper and Packaging Working Group invited the FACET Industry Group chairman, Peter Oldring, from VALSPAR to present the [FACET \(Flavours, Additive and Contact materials Exposure Task\)](#) project to the group.

Since the Executive Board and the European Technical Board had already decided that FEICA should play an active role in the project, the working group discussed which members can support FACET with their expert knowledge. Hermann Onusseit from Henkel/IVK and Stephane Fouquay from Bostik will be actively involved in the project. Georg Kinzelmann's (Henkel) participation will be limited to multilayers only.

The four-year project will deliver a risk management tool with concentration data for each food type but there is a lot of work to be done. The first task for all FACET members is to create a substance list of food contact materials used in their sector.

Over the next three months FEICA will produce a provisional substance list. More substances can be added during the next three years and there is also the possibility to update the list further when the project is finished. The Paper and Packaging Working Group agreed that it would be quickest for the multi-national companies to develop the first list which should cover more than 90% of the substances used. The other FEICA members will be invited to review and complete the list.

Hermann Onusseit will explain the FACET project in more detail at the [September FEICA conference](#) in Marseille.

Other news from the Paper and Packaging Working Group

The ETB adopted the [Food Contact Status](#) paper and the [Good Manufacturing Practice Guide](#) for adhesives in contact with food, which had been prepared by the Paper and Packaging Working Group.

Reducing VOC emissions in Europe – review of the Decopaint Directive

VOC emissions in Europe have been reduced over the last few years as a result of the so-called Decopaint Directive 2004/24/EC and the implementation of the VOC Directive 1999/13/EC. Taking advantage of the review of the Directive 2004/24/EC, the Commission now aims to extend the scope to other industry sectors and reduce the overall VOC emissions in Europe even further ([for more detail click here](#)).

The Commission's consultant, Oekopol, has contacted all related industry sector associations, including individual companies, to ask for information about VOCs in their products. They want to know whether there has been a reduction in VOC content in products and whether there could be any further reduction. The aim is to evaluate which sectors that are currently not regulated under the existing Directives should be included into the 2004/42/EC.

FEICA is coordinating the activities for the European adhesives and sealants industry. On 8 May [FEICA met Oekopol](#) to discuss the adhesives and sealants sector. The meeting revealed that Oekopol has based its information on outdated data. To ensure that the investigation into our sector is as transparent and fair as possible FEICA will assist Oekopol in defining and explaining the categories of adhesives and sealants.

In the meantime, our industry must develop solid arguments to defend those applications where we might encounter problems.

If you would like to become involved in this subject, or if you have any other questions or comments, please contact Jana Cohrs on j.cohrs@feica.eu

Tin organic compounds in RTV sealants

In the last NewsFlash we informed you about the Commission's plan to adopt restrictions for certain organo tin compounds in consumer applications. One of the applications under discussion was RTV1 sealants.

After some [clarifications from FEICA](#) regarding the amount of organo tin compounds used in sealants, as well as the frequency with which the consumer uses this product, the Commission Directorate General Enterprise and Industry appears to have dropped the idea for restrictions on RTV1 sealants as can be seen by their [working document from February 2008](#)

However, the process is still ongoing and the results not only depend upon the Commission Directorate General Industry but also upon the other Directorates and the member states. At the moment the Commission is discussing an impact assessment report on possible restrictions internally. It is expected that this report will be published, together with a proposal for legislation, before the next meeting of the Commission and member states on 2 July.

The 2 July meeting of the Commission will include a discussion about the draft proposal for restrictions and will be followed by written votes from the member states. The word is that the Commission currently favour proposal 2 in the working document but we will have to wait for July to see if this indeed materialises.

Borates

Boric acid, boric oxide and sodium tetraborate have [been proposed for classification](#) as toxic to reproduction Category 2 in the 30th Adaptation to Technical Progress of Directive 67/548/EEC. In view of the upcoming classification the European Commission has already subcontracted a consultant to evaluate what kind of restrictions for which consumer applications may be introduced.

Borates are used in several adhesives applications, such as paper and board, and it is important that we monitor this issue and, if necessary, give our input.

FEICA is coordinating the activity at the European level. If you would like to be involved or if you have questions and comments please contact Jana Cohrs on j.cohrs@feica.eu

Walk The Talk

ISOPA (European Diisocyanate and Polyol Producers Association) has launched an industry-wide programme called Walk the Talk, aimed at promoting the safer use of chemicals used in making polyurethanes.

The initiative aims to improve health and safety standards across the European polyurethane industry by raising awareness and increasing understanding of best practice. ISOPA has established a series of recommendations for safely using polyurethane chemicals and offers advice on how to act in an emergency. Core educational modules have been created, for example for MDI and TDI.

As polyurethane adhesives play an important role in the adhesives and sealants industry FEICA recommends that members check whether their company can benefit from the programme. This is important both to decrease the number of accidents and injuries and to help to increase the credibility and reputation for safety within the whole industry.

For more information about the programme <http://isopa.org/walkthetalk/index.htm>

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