



European Composites Industry Association

An EuPC Sector Group

Newsletter

European Composites Industry Association Newsletter Activities and Issues Overview

• News from the Board

This term "Composite (Video-) Signal" belongs to the (older-) TV and Video world, where the Composite Video TV signal was modulated to a high frequency signal. The signal then gets transferred to the End user, in this case the TV Screen.



What else is a Composite signal? A "Composite signal" is a message to the market of COMPOSITE manufacturing companies and associations, that EuCIA is getting stronger. More members, higher frequency in the media and more intense visibility to the COMPOSITES markets. We want you to feel EuCIA. Feel and see that there is an European organisation that will take the lead for COMPOSITES and make sure, that COMPOSITES are fairly treated on European level. The signal has been sent out from the board. The transmitters are working.

• News from the member states

It's the time of the year again: AVK, the German Federation Germany is asking for participants of the 2007 AVK Innovation Award. The Prize will be awarded to superior work in 3 categories:

- Industry: New Ready –to-market products or process technologies which lead to new technologies, new markets or retains a significant cost/performance ration.
- Environment: New Ready –to-market products or process technologies which leads to significant environmental improvements
- University Award for extraordinary scientific work with a high degree of practical application potential.

The prizes will be awarded on 5 and 6 November 2007 during the AVK Congress and COMPOSITE Europe show in Stuttgart. Don't wait too long.

Closing date is 4 May 2007. Interested in winning? Why don't you apply? Call AVK + +49 69 271077-10 for further information. Or just email your application to AVK: email: info@avk-tv.de

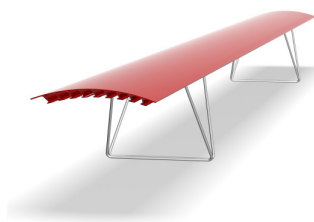
• News from EuPC: REACH Helpdesk

EuPC Services CVBA has set up a helpdesk to assist you in your preparation for compliance but also to help you in the tasks you will be performing in the next few years. Online consultancy is also provided to answer any questions you may have related to REACH. Please look inside the brochure for more details on our services www.eupcservices.org. EuCIA will soon offer this service specialized for COMPOSITES.

• Composites - on - Tour-2 and International Composites Design Competition

The presentation of the International Composites Design Competition awards took place on 15 February 2007 in Brussels. This award salutes designs in which composite materials have been used to the best and in an intelligent and innovative manner. On the same day the international travelling exhibition, showing a variety of creative objects in composite materials to general public, had its grand opening. The exhibition will be travelling from Brussels to Paris, Barcelona, Budapest, Ljubljana and Eindhoven.

The winner in the products category is the *Big Bench* by Danish duo Poul Christiansen and Boris Berlin (Komplot Design), a sofa that can be extended to a length of 6 metres. The composite materials used in the design gives the sofa excellent support characteristics, despite its slim and elegant appearance. The basis of the bench is a pultruded, glassfiber reinforced polyester profile.



Big Bench

The winner in the Prototype category is Sébastien Dubois from Canada, who designed a *prosthetic foot*. The main consideration in the design of the artificial foot was to keep production costs as low as possible, so that it can be used in developing countries.

The design competition and the travelling exhibitions are part of the Composites-on-Tour 2 science communication project, a joint project of Design Flanders and the university KU Leuven. This project follows from the first composites-on-Tour (2002), which was awarded the European Commission Descartes Prize for Science Communication.

For more information please visit www.compositesontour-2.be

• Number of the Month

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Can you imagine this Number? 10 Bio Euro?

Unbelievable. This is the profit expectation of Toyota Motor Corporation for the business in 2006/7. Toyota expects to sell close to 8.5 Mio.cars and will very likely be the biggest car producer in the world. Despite the fact, that quality issues and defects at security parts have caused issues, Toyota will continue their growth. Capacity extensions in Europe, Asia are

planned. Toyota will open their 7th plant in the USA in 2008.

• Did you know?

... that Germany took over the Presidency of the EU and the G8 States?

This will mean that all discussions ongoing in Brussels such as REACH, WFD and other topics will be led under the German presidency. The German Government made sure in several statements, that next to the creation of the new impetus for the process of European unification, a main topic will be the Climate Change issue. According to the German Chancellor, Dr. Merkel, Europe should assume a leading role in discussions of Green house gas emissions that cause the climate change. Let's see how this will effect our regulations and directives for COMPOSITES in the future. EuCIA will keep you updated.

... that EuCIA is redesigning its website. The new website needs pictures to make it more attractive. Please send pictures to Bianka Nagy (bianka.nagy@eupc.org).

... that EuCIA is looking for a sector group manager? Interested, send your CV to Bianka Nagy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

14 February 2007	Workshop Regulated Substances	Brussels, EuPC Centre
27 March 2007	EuCIA Board Meeting	Brussels, EuPC
3 - 5 April 2007	JEC Composites Show	Paris, France
18 April 2007	EuPC Cocktail	Brussels, EuPC Centre
27 April 2007	REACH Workshop for Recyclers	Dublin
3 May 2007	REACH Workshop for Calendering & Coating	Brussels, EuPC Centre
6-9 June 2007	EuPC Annual Meeting	Noordwijk aan Zee, the Netherlands
19 June 2007	REACH Workshop for Injection & Blow Moulding	Brussels, EuPC Center
23 -26 September 2007	Baekeland 2007: Thermosets: 100 years after Bakelite	Ghent University
16 October 2007	REACH Workshop for Extrusion	Brussels, EuPC Center
24-31 October 2007	K2007	Düsseldorf
5-6 November 2007	AVK Conference	Stuttgart
6-8 November 2007	COMPOSITE Europe	Stuttgart

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