

## European Composites Industry Association Newsletter Activities and Issues Overview

- **News from the Board**

Dear Colleague,

Summer is over and I guess you are all back to work. It is already October, budget activities start all over the companies and year end activities will be launched soon. Also EuCIA has finished vacation and is presently launching the final activities for our end of the year events.

Priority is the COMPOSITES Europe show on 6-8 november 2007, the second largest COMPOSITES show in Europe. Don't forget, we have initiated this show and already the first event has been a success story. Please make sure you visit us. **EuCIA** will appear in a new corporate identity. Secondly, **EuCIA** is preparing the big members Meeting, our General Assembly is on 10 December in Brussels. A lot of topics will be discussed and you will be surprised by the activity reports of **EuCIA** for 2007. So, make sure you will participate. Invitations will be sent out soon.

- **News from Europe**

The European Commission is aware of the concerns surrounding the administrative burdens which result from EU legislation, therefore the European Commission launched an **Online Consultation**, which offers you the opportunity to contribute directly to improving the quality of legislation. This **Online Consultation** is part of the "[Action Programme for reducing administrative burdens in the European Union](#)" launched in 2007 (-25% by 2012). This Programme is meant to identify and suppress unnecessary administrative burdens. It will not undermine the underlying objectives of EU law. There are indeed many cases where information obligations are indispensable, inter alia, for reasons to do with the protection of public health, protection of workers' rights or the environment or the need to protect EU financial interests and ensuring sound financial management. This **Online Consultation** has been created for businesses. It targets their concerns and aims to collect contributions that will

help the EU to design more efficient business legislation. This website does not aim at receiving complaints from private citizens and cannot cater for contributions concerning private administrative issues.

- **The world Solar Challenge Race.**

Every two years there is a major car race in Australia. This year from 21<sup>st</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup> October, 43 cars, powered by solar energy, will challenge each other in a high speed contest driving from tropical Darwin to balmy Adelaide - more than 3000km in some of the most remote and beautiful parts of the country. The race is a major contest for engineering



companies and student teams from all over the world to develop light weight, solar power driven cars. Obviously composites play a major role in the design and construction of the cars.

The European composites industry plays a very important role; not less than 10 European teams will have a car in the race. The teams come from the following European countries: Belgium (1 car), France (2 cars), Netherlands (2 cars), Germany (2 cars), Switzerland (1 car), Wales (1 car) and the UK (1 car). In the last races the team from the Dutch Delft University was the winner for three consecutive times. So, a real challenge for other teams, to chase the Dutch!

More information can be found on <http://www1.wsc.org.au/>



- **COMPOSITES EUROPE off to a successful start into its second year**

200 exhibitors from more than 20 countries have registered for participation in the second COMPOSITES EUROPE which will open its gates from 6 to 8 November 2007 at the premises of Neue Messe in Stuttgart. The international trade fair accompanied by a Forum will present the entire value creation chain of the composites industry – from the raw material to semi-finished, finished and intermediate products to technologies and services.

With a large number of special events such as workshops, live demonstrations and the accompanying AVK Conference, COMPOSITES EUROPE has succeeded in developing into Germany's biggest B2B platform in its second year already. Once again, the trade fair will be supported by the European association of the composite industry **EuCIA** as well as a large number of key players from the industry who have registered for participation in Stuttgart.

#### International AVK Conference

The opener of COMPOSITES EUROPE will once again be the International Conference of the AVK – Industrievereinigung Verstärkte Kunststoffe e.V. From 5 bis 6 November, some 500 international convention delegates are expected. Altogether 29 speakers will deal with the variety of new composite applications in a large number of sectors such as transport, wind energy, rooftop, aerospace and submarine construction. Processes, testing and materials will also be the subjects of critical analysis. The AVK Conference is Europe's most comprehensive conference on the subject area of "Reinforced Plastics and Engineering

Thermosets ". During its conference, AVK will also present its Innovation Award 2007, given by the association in recognition of industrial solutions on the basis of composites and engineering thermosets. The award presentation ceremony will be held during "Composites Night", the networking event for the industry, on 5 November 2007. The award-winning products will subsequently be on display from the first day of the fair at the Product Demonstration Area.

- **AVK announces new Managing Director**  
AVK announces Dr. Elmar Witten to be the new managing Director of AVK , Federation for Reinforced Plastics in Germany. Dr. Witten succeeds Dr. Uwe Buelter, who will retire by the end of 2007. Dr. Witten who has gained a lot of experience at the German TÜV Rheinland Holding will start his job in Frankfurt on October 1st. 2007. Both Buelter and Witten will jointly organise the AVK Congress in Stuttgart and cooperate with **EuCIA** during the COMPOSITES Europe show on 6-8 November 2007.

- **From the General Manager**

Dear members,

The Composites Europe Show in Stuttgart is casting its shadow forward. Everybody is gearing up for a fantastic show. Recently we went through the preparation with the organisers of the show, Reed Exhibitions. The show is fully sold now and will become substantially bigger than the first show in Essen last year. This is a fantastic proof that there is a good reason for such a show and you being present there! **EuCIA** will present itself in a fresh and dynamic, completely restyled way. We really are the voice for the composites industry and want to show that. Looking forward to seeing you on the show!

- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>4-5 October 2007</b>	Composites Innovation 2007	Barcelona, Spain
<b>24-31 October 2007</b>	K2007	Düsseldorf, Germany
<b>5-6 November 2007</b>	AVK Conference	Stuttgart, Germany
<b>6-8 November 2007</b>	COMPOSITES Europe	Stuttgart, Germany
<b>21 November 2007</b>	Innovative Polymers Conference	Brussels, EuPC Center
<b>27 November 2007</b>	The new space race - Burt Rutan	Brussels, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
<b>10 December 2007</b>	EuCIA General Assembly	Brussels, EuPC Center