

## European Composites Industry Association Newsletter Activities and Issues Overview

### • News from the Board

Dear Colleague,

You have not received the **EuCIA** newsletter in the past two months. The reason for this is very simple. July and August are vacation months in Europe and many persons in our industry are spending their vacation.

Nevertheless, not receiving a newsletter does not mean that **EuCIA** was not active for you.

In the meanwhile we have discussed the definition of the waste framework directive a few times and followed closely the outcome of the latest definition proposal. Ab will update you soon.

Furthermore, we had contacts with representatives of APFE and SMC-Alliance in order to discuss further collaborations between the organizations.

Also our latest Board Meeting in Eindhoven was very constructive and the activity plan for 2007 was updated. Initiatives for our three tasks Industry growth, Lobbying, and Education were re-adjusted in order to be more effective. You will hear about this on a later date.

### • News from Europe

Eureka, the European network for Industrial Research and Development

In R&D cooperation with other companies and research institutes is very important.



**EUREKA**

In Europe there is a powerful network in which you can find a lot of interesting ideas for the development of new applications and products. This network is called the Eureka network.

Go there and have a look at their website: [www.eureka.be](http://www.eureka.be)

Eureka brings together companies, research institutes and universities in a powerful network in which knowledge is shared and developed. Anybody can enter a project proposal in the network and start a search for partners.

At the moment there are 700 projects running in which 2760 companies are involved. The majority of these companies are SME's, small and medium size enterprises. Projects can be found in many different industrial activities, many of them are running in the composites world. On the website of Eureka you can find many projects with fantastic ideas where partners are being sought. Have a look and

explore your possibilities to expand your know how and market possibilities! If you have a good idea yourself and cannot find a project proposal, why not set up your own Eureka project and get in touch with the world around you.

All European countries have their local organisations which can help you to explore the possibilities of Eureka. The details of these organisations can be found on the Eureka website.

### • New Board Takes Office at ACMA

The new Board of Directors of the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) formally took office on July 1, with John Tickle, President of Strongwell, serving as President of ACMA until June 30, 2009.

"My goal is to find positive solutions that will encourage growth and success for everyone in our industry," said Tickle. "That is sometimes difficult given the variety of businesses that comprise our association, but I am looking forward to the challenge over the next two years."

Tickle succeeds Immediate Past President Bill Kreysler, President of William Kreysler. Leon Garoufalis, President and COO of Composites One, is Vice President; Gary Hovan, CCT, General Manager of Illinois Tool Works (ITW) TACC, is Secretary; and Harold Visser, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Saint-Gobain, joins the Executive Committee as Supplier at Large

### Hexion Specialty Chemicals Makes Proposal to Acquire Huntsman

Hexion Specialty Chemicals has offered to acquire Huntsman for \$10.4 billion, approximately 8% over Basell's previously announced agreement to acquire the company.

Hexion's proposal is subject to a customary merger agreement, which has been submitted to Huntsman's Transaction Committee together with Hexion's offer. The transaction would be subject to regulatory approvals and the affirmative vote of Huntsman shareholders. The proposal is fully financed pursuant to commitments from Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank.

Hexion's proposal is currently under review by the Huntsman Transaction Committee.

- **The Athens Summit – Global Climate and Energy Security**  
“The Challenge of Change”

**Athens Hilton, Greece, 14-16 October 2007**

The Institute for Sustainable Development (GREECE) in association with Platts, (US), USI Capital Corporation (US) and E3G (UK) are organizing the Athens Summit, to be held in Athens, Greece on 14 -16 October 2007.

It is the first international conference focused on the new paradigm of climate and energy security as exemplified in the UN Security Council meeting in April 2007. Held under the auspices of H.E., the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Karolos Papoulias, this event will bring together top government officials, corporate leaders, academia and analysts from the advocacy arena together for a dialogue on the leading environment and energy issues of our time. Key thought leaders and primary actors in the market will form an essential part of an ongoing platform for debate and discussion in a highly social and educational environment. The ultimate mission of the Summit is to serve as a forum for better understanding and positive action.

More information is available at the conference website [www.athens-summit.com](http://www.athens-summit.com)

- **Innovative Polymers Conference**

EuPC will hold an ‘Innovative Polymers Conference’ on 21 november at EuPC Offices in Brussels, Belgium. One of the speakers will be Jan Verhaeghe from Compositrailer, board member of **EuCIA**. The aim of this conference is to bring resin producers, compounders, converters and end users together in order to monitor new market trends in plastics manufacturing, compounding and processing. The main aim of this platform is to understand:

- End users needs
- Status of the market
- New developments in applications
- New ways or new raw materials for developing new and old applications

Ultimate objective is to foster innovation and market development through the creation of a wide

“innovative polymer network”

It is possible to sponsor the event. For 3,000 EUR, the company logo will be included in any press release and on the conference webpage. Information leaflets will be annexed to the conference map or in displays. The logo shall be included into the “Innovative Polymers Newsletter”:

This newsletter will be issued quarterly as a follow-up of the “Innovative Polymers Conference”. It will bring news on new applications. Any company can post an article in the newsletter describing a new application at a cost of 500 EUR. This Newsletter is distributed within the EuPC and Innovative Polymers Network.

If you want to participate to the conference, please contact Bianka Nagy ([bianka.nagy@eupc.org](mailto:bianka.nagy@eupc.org)). The participation fee for members is 250 €, for non-members 300€.

- **From the General Manager EuCIA**

Dear members,

Holidays are over. I hope you all enjoyed your free days and wish you a refreshed return to your businesses.

At the **EuCIA** office we are gearing up also. We have had a long discussion on the preparation for the Composites Europe show in Stuttgart. **EuCIA** will present itself as the only voice for the composites industry in Europe.

There are still many countries in Europe where the composites industry should be organised in a better way. Our aim is to attract potential new members and to enlarge in this way the foundation on which **EuCIA** is built.

Communication with the outside world is very important. A very important and modern way of communication is the website. We have started the process to upgrade the website of **EuCIA**. We are going to work on increasing the visibility, the functionality and the content of our website. In the coming months you will notice many changes in the website, so keep a regular eye on it!

Ab Kasper  
General Manager EuCIA

## • CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>23-26 September 2007</b>	Baekeland 2007: Thermosets	Ghent University
<b>4-5 October 2007</b>	Composites Innovation 2007	Barcelona, Spain
<b>14-16 October 2007</b>	The Athens Summit	Athens, Greece
<b>24-31 October 2007</b>	K2007	Düsseldorf
<b>5-6 November 2007</b>	AVK Conference	Stuttgart
<b>6-8 November 2007</b>	COMPOSITES Europe	Stuttgart
<b>21 November 2007</b>	Innovative Polymers Conference	Brussels, EuPC Center