



**Solvents Industry
Association**

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Solvents Industry Association Newsletter Q1 2021

Welcome to our first quarterly Newsletter!



Welcome

It's great to have you with us in this first News round up! What a start to the year it has been with the challenges of Brexit and the latest lockdown, ensuring that everyone is still working in their home office no doubt and it seems there is no shortage of work to do!

The Solvents Industry Association is starting 2021 in a strong position with an impressive membership base and further enquiries in the pipeline. In this Newsletter you will find an update on a range of our activities and a summary of what we have been up to on your behalf.

It's good to be in contact with you we hope that you enjoy our News summary – Feel free to get in touch with the SIA at any time at info@solvents.org.uk



Kevin Morgan

Kevin Morgan, Chair of SIA

SIA Board

The Association is managed on a very successful basis through clear strategic guidance by the Executive Board. Over the past 12 months the Board and General Secretary have steered the Association through these challenging times and we would like to express our thanks to the following companies for their support, by allowing their colleagues to dedicate their time to the SIA:

- Alcohols Limited
- Banner Chemicals
- Brenntag UK
- Caldic UK
- Cepsa
- Helm Great Britain
- Kimia UK
- Sasol UK
- Shell Chemicals
- Solventis
- Tennants Distribution Limited
- Total UK
- Univar Solutions

SIA Technical Committee

Our Technical Committee continues to go from strength to strength and is chaired by Dr. Rob Oades (Shell Chemicals). This rapidly expanding group is supported by colleagues from the following companies:

- Alcohols Limited
- Banner Chemicals
- Berry Promens
- BIP Chemical Holdings
- Brenntag UK
- Caldic UK
- Elaflex
- Elmac Technologies
- Expo Technologies
- Haltermann Carless
- Hoover Ferguson
- Innospec
- Kimia UK
- Newson Gale
- Oqema
- PH Europe
- Scully UK
- Suttons Group
- Tradebe
- Univar Solutions

The work of the SIA's Technical Committee is often published as Guidance Notes, relating to topics which are important to our members and solvents end-users. Authored by Technical Committee members, the Guidance Notes share the expertise of individuals within the group and also incorporate guidance associated with amendments to existing legislation, or the introduction of new regulatory compliance.

Our comprehensive Guidance Notes are available free of charge, and can be downloaded from the SIA web site: <https://www.solvents.org.uk/sia-guidance-notes/>

1. Guidance Note 64: Safe Sampling of Solvents
2. Guidance Note 61: Summary Document – Handling of Solvents in Small Packages
3. Guidance Note 62: PPE Selection for Working in Flammable Areas
4. Guidance Note 63: Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) Procedures for Handling Solvents and Flammable Liquids
5. Guidance Note 53: Denatured Alcohols
6. Guidance Note 52: Assessment of Customer Bulk Facilities – Revised 2020
7. Guidance Note 51: Selection of IBCs for Handling Hydrocarbon and Oxygenated Solvents
8. Guidance Note 27: Vapour Return on Road Tankers
9. Guidance Note 43: Portable Tanks Used for Storage of Flammable Solvents
10. Guidance Note 47: Flammable Solvents & the Hazard of Static Electricity
11. Guidance Note 55: Overview of the Classification, Labelling, & Packaging (CLP) System with respect to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS)
12. Guidance Note 57: Confined Space Entry
13. Guidance Note 56: % Fill of Packages
14. Guidance Note 58: Hot Work
15. Guidance Note 60: Safe Handling of Flexible Hoses and Connections in the Solvents Industry

In addition to the documents produced by the SIA, our colleagues in the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) produce further Guidance which may be of interest to members. These can be found on the ESIG Website via the link <https://www.esig.org/resources/publications/>

AGM Report

Following our online AGM in November, we have produced a summary report outlining the key points covered. Copies are available to members via the General Secretary info@solvents.org.uk



More about our Member Companies

We have an impressive list of member companies - Here are two of the latest companies to join the SIA.

The SIA is delighted to announce Sunbury-on-Thames based **Expo Technologies** as the latest company to join the Association as an Associate member.



With more than 60 years' experience, Expo Technologies develops and delivers simple, robust, certified solutions that improve safety when working in hazardous areas.

Expo are experts in electrical protection by purge and pressurisation, having been involved in writing the first standards. Their purge and pressurisation systems provide protection to more than 9,000 large electric motors and generators all around the globe, and have built more than 2,000 pressurised enclosures for panel builders and OEMs.

Expo's work spans a wide range of industries, including oil & gas, chemical & petrochemical, pharmaceutical & biotechnology and power generation.

UK Sales and Service Manager, Alex Brady said, "We are delighted to be joining the SIA; the work that has been done in developing technical and safety guidance is always of such high quality and used by so many organisations as part of their internal training and quality structures. The number of companies manufacturing with, or handling solvents is vast and spans many industries, so being part an organisation that has the reach and resonance to make a difference is exciting'.

The SIA is very much looking forward to working with Expo in the future.

For further information on the work of Expo Technologies, visit the website www.expoworldwide.com

Fluid detection and monitoring systems manufacturer, **Scully UK**, is one of the latest companies to join as an Associate Member.



Established in 1936 in the USA, Scully UK is based in Winsford, Cheshire.

Carl Brooks, Technical Sales at Scully said, "We are delighted to be joining the SIA. As the pioneers and market leaders in overfill prevention and static grounding, we look forward to bringing our knowledge and expertise to the SIA Technical Committee, whilst also learning about the challenges within the industry so we can play our part in supporting the safe and efficient storage and transfer of solvents within the industry".

Andrew Norman, SIA General Secretary said, "The SIA would like to welcome Scully UK to our highly valued team of Members during what has been a difficult year for everyone. We are looking forward to working closely with Scully with our planned projects for 2021 and beyond".

If you would like to read more about Scully and their range of products and engineering solutions, you can do so via the website at www.scully.com

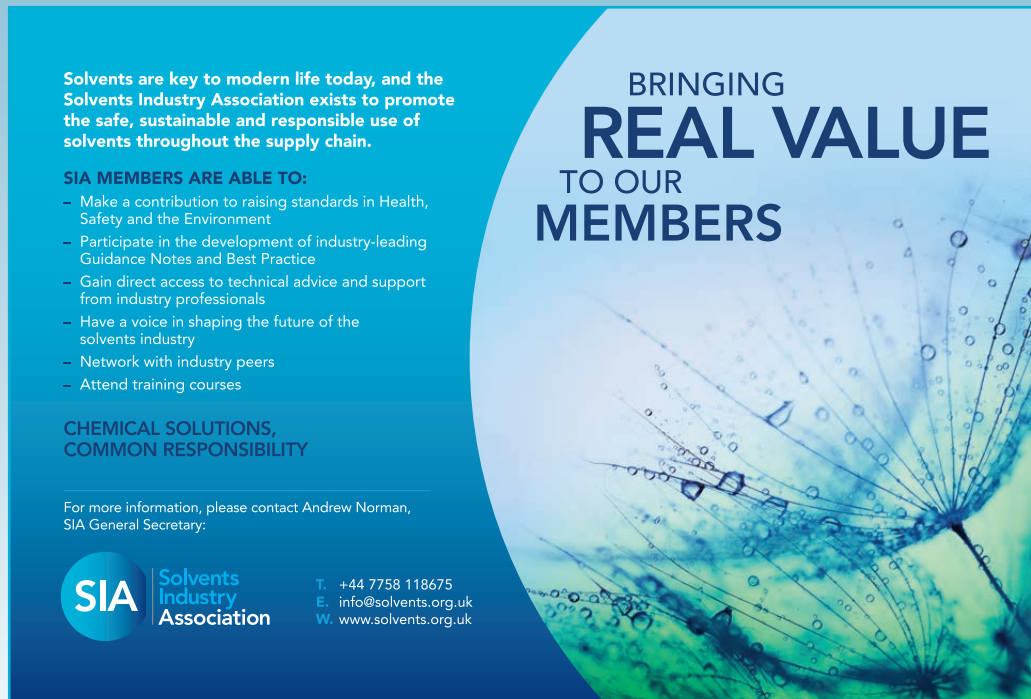
Why not take a look at the long list of member companies here on the Website:

<https://www.solvents.org.uk/sia-membership/>



New Member Companies

New Members - The Association is always looking to grow its membership base. Here is an overview of the benefits of becoming a member of the SIA:



Solvents are key to modern life today, and the Solvents Industry Association exists to promote the safe, sustainable and responsible use of solvents throughout the supply chain.

SIA MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO:

- Make a contribution to raising standards in Health, Safety and the Environment
- Participate in the development of industry-leading Guidance Notes and Best Practice
- Gain direct access to technical advice and support from industry professionals
- Have a voice in shaping the future of the solvents industry
- Network with industry peers
- Attend training courses

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Focus on 'So you think you know about solvents?'

The SIA launched its latest information film in November to highlight the essential applications of solvents in today's society.

Why not take a look at all of the amazing uses of solvents that you never even knew about?

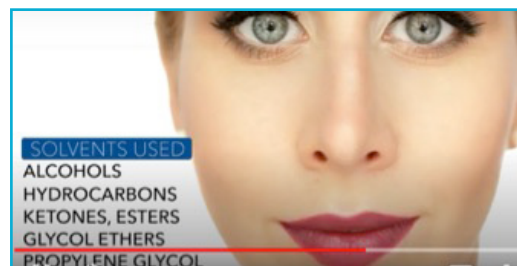
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Here are a few of the amazing uses of solvents the film:

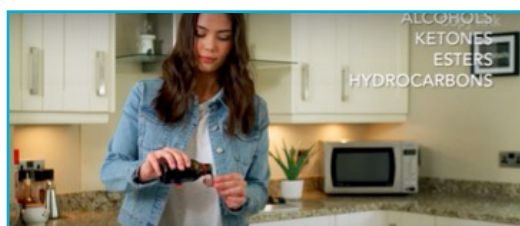
Cleaning and Hygiene Products



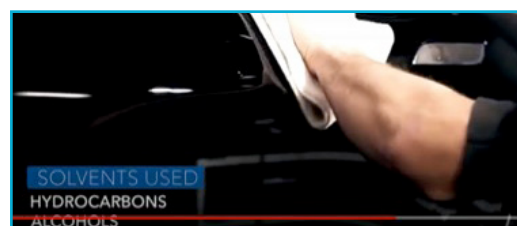
Cosmetics



Pharmaceuticals



Car care



Wellbeing at Work – Update from our 2019 AGM Speaker

At our 2019 AGM speaker Clare Martin gave a hugely interesting overview of Managing Mental Wellbeing and Clare continues to write about these challenges.

Take a look at Clare's latest article - 5 Questions to Focus Wellbeing at Work

<https://www.goldcresttraining.com/articles/wellbeing-doesnt-matter-more-now-than-before>

Collaborations

The SIA continues its collaborative relationship with the European Solvents Industry Group and we recently participated in their Stakeholder Day, which focussed upon Solvents and the European Green Deal. With speakers from the European Commission and Trade Associations representing the detergents, construction and coatings industries, the webinar attracted more than 100 attendees from a broad cross-section of the chemical industry.



For further information, or to obtain details of future webinars, contact info@esig.org

SIA Events Diary 2021

The SIA hosts a number of events in the calendar year for our members and guests and we have recently issued the 2021 Diary of Events – Find out what's going on in 2021!

<https://www.solvents.org.uk/sia-events-2021/>



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