

Welcome to our
Solvents Industry Association
Newsletter Q2 2022



Busy Q2 for the Association from the SIA Chair – Andrew Ford, Hayman Group



Since we last connected here in the News the SIA has had a packed diary – a lot to report back on.

We attended CHEMUK 2022 at Birmingham NEC, which was a fantastic event and great to see so many colleagues there – speakers and exhibitors alike. See later in this News for our event feedback and report.

Membership wise, the Association remains in very good shape and we gained another new member company since the last news – see our update on Elementrix.

As an Association, we are adding our voice to a number of initiatives and liaising with other organisations such as The European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) and the Alliance of Chemical Associations (ACA), where we have a seat at the table when many topical discussions are taking place which affect our industry and are able to keep our Members up to date with developments.

In 2023 the SIA celebrates its 50th Anniversary – more news on planned celebrations will be announced at the Annual Conference on September 29th.

Do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can help with to support.

Andrew Ford
SIA Chair 2021 – 2023



Member Update – Dr Rob Oades

On April 28th SIA Technical Committee Chair, Dr. Rob Oades was awarded a long service award by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) at their historic headquarters in Burlington House, Piccadilly, London.

Rob joined the RSC in 1982 as an Associate Member whilst studying Chemistry at The University of Hull. He became a Graduate of the RSC in 1983 and a full Member 6 years later, having completed his PhD and 3 years in industry. At this time, he also became a chartered chemist (C.Chem). For the next 22 years Rob worked in the Petrochemical Industry for BP Chemicals, Ineos Nitriles and TOTAL Fluids in various research and technical roles. In July 2011 he was elected a Fellow of the RSC, the highest category of Membership, in recognition of his work as a chemist in industry - an achievement he is rightly very proud of, as it is rare for a chemist who has worked in industry only, to be designated C.Chem FRSC.



In the meantime, Rob has added Shell Product Stewardship to his extensive CV (since 2014) and has thus completed 40 years as a chemist.

The award was presented by Dr. David Small who presented the annual lecture - on the very interesting subject of cannabidiol and its use in medicine.

Rob was accompanied at the event by his wife Debbie, Rob said, 'Without the support of my wife and family, I would not have been able to achieve 40 years as a chemist. I am very proud and honoured to receive this award. Thank you.'

The SIA would like to congratulate Rob on this fantastic achievement and offer many thanks for his outstanding service to the Association over many years.



The Solvents Industry Association recently exhibited and hosted a Sustainability-themed Panel Discussion Session at CHEMUK Expo, held at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham, UK.

Attended by more than 4,000 delegates and exhibitors over the 2 days, CHEMUK is now firmly established as the national trade show for the UK Chemical Industry.

Speaking after the event, SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'CHEMUK Expo was a very successful event for us this year, meeting with many companies handling solvents from manufacturers and distributors to

downstream-users. Despite everything that is going on in the world and the difficulties that businesses and individuals are facing at the moment, the event had a feel-good factor that seemed to rub off on everyone'.

The SIA hosted a feature Panel Discussion Session as part of the 'Sustainability' stage programme, which included topical and thought-provoking presentations from SIA Members Luke Goldsmith of Coryton Advanced Fuels and Dr. Elske Leenders of Shell Chemicals, both highlighting some of the steps that the industry is taking on the road to net zero.



Andrew Norman addressed delegates on the Sustainability Stage on day 1.



Luke Goldsmith of Coryton Advanced Fuels along with Dr Elske Leenders, Shell Chemicals presenting at the SIA-hosted panel session.

The SIA would like to thank Luke and Elske for representing the Association in the session and for providing an insight into what is being done now to help to achieve our collective net zero goals.

Planning for the next CHEMUK Expo is already underway and takes place on the 10th & 11th May 2023, returning to the NEC in Birmingham. Visitor Registration will open in January.

Andrew Norman with the ProDrive Hunter, which runs on 100% Sustainable Fuel supplied by Coryton.



SIA Chairman Andrew Ford addresses guests at the 2022 Spring Dinner

Following a 2-year absence due to the Covid pandemic, the Solvents Industry Association Annual Spring Dinner took place on Thursday 24th March at the Magic Circle in Euston, London.

With Members and guests from 25 companies from the solvents and petrochemicals industry present, this prestigious event was the first event of the calendar year for the Association and the first Spring Dinner for the current SIA Chairman, Andrew Ford of Hayman Group.



Raising more than £1,000 for blood cancer charity, Myeloma UK, the event was a great success. SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'It was great to have everyone back together again and there was a real buzz around the room as people caught up with friends and colleagues after such a long break due to the pandemic. We are very much looking forward to more of the same at the AGM and Conference in September', he added.

With reference to the charity donation from the raffle, Andrew Norman said, "We selected Myeloma UK as the charity of choice for this year's event following the news that one of our Member colleagues was sadly diagnosed with Myeloma last year. The generosity of our Members continues to astonish and we are delighted to support this very worthwhile cause."



Emily Legg, Director of Fundraising at Myeloma UK, said: "We can't thank Solvents Industry Association enough for their generosity and support. We receive no core government funding for the work that we do so voluntary donations and fundraising are the lifeblood of Myeloma UK. It's thanks to supporters like SIA that Myeloma UK can continue to fund vital research into new treatments, and ultimately a cure, as well as essential support services for patients, their families, and those affected by myeloma."

10 KEY STATISTICS

- Around 5,800 people are diagnosed with myeloma every year
- Eight people die from myeloma every day
- More than 3,000 people die from myeloma every year
- 74% of people diagnosed with myeloma every year are over 65
- Half of all myeloma patients will survive their disease for five years or more

The SIA would like to thank Hayman Group Limited and Alcohols Limited for their donations of raffle prizes.

European Solvents Industry Group Members meet in Leuven, Belgium for the first face to face meeting since 2019

After more than 2 years of virtual meetings, the [European Solvents Industry Group \(ESIG\)](#) Steering Committee members have finally met in person! We discussed how to continue our activities to ensure [#safe](#) and [#sustainable](#) use of [#solvents](#) based on sound science and best practice.

You can find more details on the [SIA LinkedIn Page](#).



Membership Update

The Solvents Industry Association is delighted to welcome Cumbria-based business, Elementrix to their growing list of Members.

Elementrix are independent specialists in solvent recovery, hazardous waste and virgin solvent supply.

Laura Newton, Director at Elementrix said, 'We pride ourselves on the highest level of customer service, with health, safety, sustainability and the environment at the forefront of everything we do. Having worked closely with the SIA and its Members for many years, we're excited to join the Association, who will support us with invaluable knowledge, particularly in Health & Safety'.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'Elementrix bring many years of experience to the Association, particularly in the field of solvents recycling and recovery. As we strive for a more sustainable society, the activities of Elementrix and other companies in this field will be a key supply component to our industry. We are delighted to welcome Laura and the team on board'.

Find out more about Elementrix by visiting the website www.elementrix.co.uk



Training

The SIA has recently been working with BASF to deliver Carbon Literacy Training to SIA Members.

Hosted at their UK office in Stockport, BASF's Sustainability Manager, Tony Heslop, presented an engaging and thought-provoking one-day course, resulting in Carbon Literacy certification for the attending delegates, accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project.

Tony Heslop introduces the training course to delegates at the recent Carbon Literacy course

What is Carbon Literacy?

'An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis' The Carbon Literacy training course involves learning about greenhouse gases and their impacts, how the climate is changing and what that means for individuals and society. It then looks at the various choices that we all have in our everyday lives and how different choices may reduce the greenhouse gases we produce. At the end of the course, each participant commits to at least two impactful actions – one to reduce their personal carbon footprint and the other to help to reduce their organisation's carbon footprint.'

Andrew Norman, SIA Chief Executive said, 'The global chemical industry faces many challenges in the coming years to meet our environmental ambitions by 2050. However, the course also highlights the steps that we can all take as individuals to reach our collective net zero goals. I would thoroughly recommend the course to anyone'.



Technical Committee Update

The Technical Committee of the Solvents Industry Association has updated and re-issued their **Guidance Note 60 – Safe Use and Handling of Hoses and Flexible Connections in the Solvents Industry**.

Utilising the expertise of Associate Members Elaflex and Manntek, along with solvents distributor Univar Solutions, the SIA has revised the Guidance to align with updated technologies and legislation. The original document was first issued in 2017.

The updated Guidance offers information on the appropriate types of hose and connections available, along with essential advice on maintenance and Risk Assessment.

This free document is available for download here [SIA Guidance Note 60 – Safe Use and Handling of Hoses and Flexible Connections in the Solvents Industry](#)







The SIA produces a wide range of Guidance and Safety Films, available free of charge for anyone handling solvents and flammable liquids. These can all be found in our [Resource Centre](#)



Films

Our highly successful ‘So, you think you know about solvents?’ film has been translated into French, Spanish, German and Italian with subtitles and these versions are already on the new web site.

[Videos - Solvent Industry Association \(solvents.org.uk\)](https://www.solvents.org.uk)

 <p>SAFETY FILMS</p> <p>Safe Handling of Solvents Multi-lingual Versions</p>	 <p>SAFETY FILMS</p> <p>Safe Loading and Transportation of Bulk Solvents by Road Multi-lingual Versions</p>	 <p>SAFETY FILMS</p> <p>So, You Think You Know About Solvents? Multi-lingual Versions</p>	 <p>SAFETY FILMS</p> <p>Solvents and IBCs Multi-lingual Versions</p>
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Other News Round Up

Russia

In the UK, the 6th package of EU sanctions towards Russia has been published.

[Publications Office \(europa.eu\)](https://publications.office.europa.eu)

The annex II contains 2 lists of substances that are impacted, which include several solvents and other chemicals. It also says on page 16, that the UK is a partner country in the implementation of these sanctions.

European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG)

The ESIG Solvents Human Exposure Database has been updated with data from 2020 and 2021.

The updated version now contains data extracted from 331 publications and includes 3766 samples and 11990 measurement results. This makes the database the largest single source of solvent exposure data available to the industry and a broader audience.

You will find, in the database, detailed information and measurements from the literature on oxygenated and hydrocarbon solvents exposure published over the past 22 years (from 1998 until today), including a quality assessment.

<https://lnkd.in/eRUjg6Pe> #esig #solventsindustry



Why not also take a look at the ESIG report on **Industrial ecosystems in Europe Strategy?**

<https://www.esig.org/key-application/>

INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS IN EUROPE

The Commission's 2021 New Industrial Strategy puts the focus on industrial ecosystems. The Commission has identified 14 industrial 'ecosystems', representing around 90% of the business value added in the EU.

Explore how hydrocarbon and oxygenated solvents contribute to these ecosystems.

In Memoriam

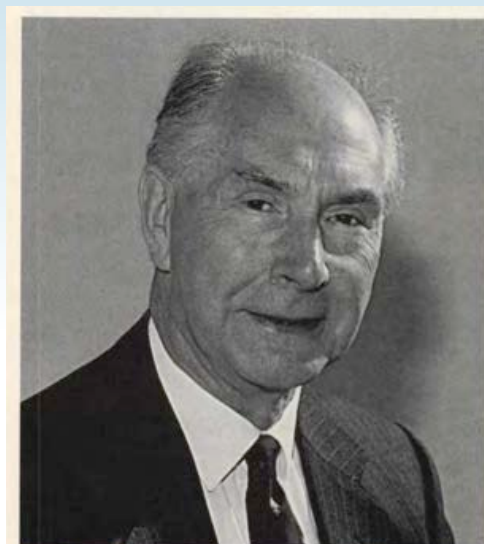
It is with deep sadness to report that former SIA Chairman and General Secretary, Dr. Tom Farmer has passed away, aged 95.

Tom served as a Member of the Solvents Industry Association Board of Directors from November 1982 until 1985, serving as Chairman for 2 years in 1983-1984. Tom was employed by Carless, Capel & Leonard (now known as Haltermann Carless) as Technical Adviser for Solvents at the time.

Tom left the SIA Board in 1985 as, according to our records, he had changed his position within Carless so, presumably, he was no longer directly involved with solvents in his day-to-day role.

However, Tom returned to the SIA as General Secretary from the 1st April 1986, where he held the position until the 1st November 1996, where he then retired fully from the industry.

Everyone who knew Tom professionally, remembers him as a kind and gentle man, who was very well respected in the industry and was very helpful to everyone. The SIA would like to express our condolences to Tom's family and friends at this difficult time.



Dr Tom Farmer received the Eastlake Medal, last presented in 1988. He joined the IP in 1968 and later became a fellow. Seven years ago he received an Award of Council when he retired from the chairmanship of the London Branch. However, when problems subsequently occurred, he again became the branch's chairman and retired for the second time last year. During this time he also served as Chairman of the Branches Committee and as a most effective member of Council. He continues to be a member of both the Membership and Publications and Information Committees as well as playing an active role in many other facets of the Institute's work. He is the General Secretary, Solvents Industry Association.

A newsletter clipping of Tom from the Institute of Petroleum, where he was also a member.

Diary

SIA Board Meetings

Thursday 22nd September	Online
Wednesday 28th September	Mottram Hall, Cheshire
Wednesday 7th December	Make UK, London

36th Solvents Industry Association Annual General Meeting and Conference 2022

Register: <https://www.solvents.org.uk/eventbrite-event/36th-annual-solvents-industry-association-general-meeting-and-dinner-2022/>

Thursday 29th September	Mottram Hall, Cheshire – Joint Meeting with the Technical Committee
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SIA Technical Committee Meetings

Tuesday 13th September	Banner Chemicals Runcorn
Thursday 29th September	Mottram Hall, Cheshire – Joint meeting with the SIA Board
Tuesday 13th December	Hayman Group, Witham

Annual Events

Wednesday 28th September	SIA Golf Day – Mottram Hall, Cheshire
Thursday 29th September	SIA Annual General Meeting and Conference – Mottram Hall, Cheshire

Members

