

Welcome to our

Solvents Industry Association Newsletter Q4 2022



Q4 and heading towards the end of a great year for the Association.

from Andrew Ford, SIA Chair, Kimia, a Division of HG&Co Ltd



It was great to see so many members at our Annual Conference in September – we really appreciate everyone attending and it was a fantastic event.

The speakers gave insightful presentations and much food for thought – resulting in great questions from the audience.

A BIG thank you to everyone who took part. You can find out more about the event in this News.

2022 also saw a return to our very popular training Courses where a further 2 were held in the UK November and we also held 2 courses with our Colleagues at ESIG in Brussels in October.

Our very strong Technical Committee has also been busy and in conjunction with the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) and the European Safety Federation (ESF) they recently re-issued their Solvents and the Safe Use of Gloves safety film.

Find out more later in the News.

Looking forward to meeting with you all again soon and if we don't speak again before the end of the year, I hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas break.

SIA Chair 2021 - 2023



36th AGM and Conference Update

The 36th Solvents Industry Association Annual General Meeting and Conference took place on Thursday 29th September 2022 at Champney's Mottram Hall, Cheshire.

With Conference themes of sustainability, health & safety and challenges facing the chemical industry, a packed programme of invited guest speakers addressed a record number of

Members and guests from more than 30 companies.

SIA Chair Andrew Ford kicked off proceedings with the formal Annual General Meeting, which highlighted the activities of the Association from the past 12 months and detailed plans for our activities and initiatives in the coming year.



SIA Chair Andrew Ford



Focus on the Speakers



Keith Mead, Sustainability Manager with Haltermann Carless, was the opening speaker with his presentation called 'The Path to Sustainability', which highlighted the measures taken by the Harwich based manufacturer to reduce carbon impact and their work in the community.

Keith Mead, Haltermann Carless

The next speaker was Adrian Da Costa, Global Business Development Director with ExxonMobil Chemical Limited, who outlined details of how the company is tackling net zero targets with an insightful presentation of Exxon's 'Advancing Climate Solutions' progress report, detailing carbon capture initiatives.



After a great networking lunch, the afternoon session saw further 'Road to Net Zero' presentations from SIA Producer Members, with Dr. Christophe Hein of TotalEnergies commencing the session with 'Energy is Reinventing Itself', informing delegates of TE's approach to energy transition, with Bio-based feedstocks being a key contributor.

Dr. Christophe Hein, TotalEnergies



After Christophe, Dr. Juan Jose Corral of Cepsa Chemicals detailed the well-established strides being made by his company in carbon reduction, particularly with the introduction of 100% renewable energy supply at their production plants, with his 'A Sustainable Future is Now' address.

Dr. Juan Jose Corral, Cepsa Chemicals



Moving on and in a change to the sustainability theme, we were delighted to welcome John Sutton, CEO of Suttons Group to the meeting. John gave an interesting insight into global supply chain challenges facing the bulk haulage industry and the steps being made to combat the issues.

John Sutton, Suttons Group



Steve Elliott, CEO of the Chemical Industries Association followed up with a detailed look at the how the UK Chemical Industry will need to adapt in the face of many current and future market pressures.

Steve Elliott, CIA



Following the afternoon break, guest speaker Jennifer Deeney gave a unique and deeply personal address on people's attitudes to Health & Safety, which made a huge impression on many of the attending delegates.

Jennifer Deeney

Rounding off proceedings was Dr. Rob Oades, who presented Shell Chemicals' broad approach to sustainability, particularly in the fields of alternative feedstocks and asset electrification. Dr. Oades is also Chair of the SIA Technical Committee.

SIA Chief Executive Andrew Norman said, 'We know that our solvent Producer Members are working hard to introduce new technologies and initiatives to reduce carbon impact and to achieve net zero targets, but the speaker programme for this year's Conference enabled us to

collate all of these activities into a sustainability snapshot for delegates, all in one place at the same time'.



'Today is just the start of our aim to inform people of the great work that is going on in our industry to tackle carbon emissions. Many thanks to all of our speakers, who have each offered a different insight into what can and is being done right now and in the immediate future', he added.

Dr. Rob Oades, Shell Chemicals

2022 SIA Gerald Soane Award

Patrick Keogh of Banner Chemicals, part of the 2M Group of Companies, was awarded the 2022 SIA Gerald Soane Award for his outstanding contribution to Health & Safety at the recent Solvents Industry Association Annual Conference at Mottram Hall.

A member of the SIA Technical Committee for just over a year, Patrick has been the SIA's principal consultant with UK REACH matters, producing the recent SIA UK REACH Summary Guidance and representing the SIA in the UK REACH Shadow Technical Working Group. Patrick has produced summary guidance on changes to legislation relating to chlorinated solvents and also took part in the SIA's training collaboration with BASF, resulting in Carbon Literacy Certification from the Carbon Literacy Trust.

Upon receiving the Award, Patrick said, 'Thank you very much for an excellent event and for facilitating my work through the Technical Committee, I'm very grateful and really pleased with the award.'

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'Patrick is a very impressive young person and we are very fortunate to have him working with us in the Technical Committee and indeed within the industry. The SIA would like thank Patrick for the enthusiasm, energy, expertise and professionalism he brings to the Association and we are looking forward to working together on many more projects in the future. Many congratulations on this well deserved award'.



SIA Members Raise £1,425 for Headcase Cancer Trust

The traditional SIA Charity Raffle, which took place at the 2022 Annual General Meeting and Conference, raised a record £1,425 for brain tumour research charity, Headcase Cancer Trust.

The charity, which raises money for research into Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) is led by Colin Speirs, who spoke to us after the event.

Amazing People Doing Amazing Things.

Headcase was delighted and honoured to be invited, as guests, to the Solvents Industry Association Annual General Meeting and Conference at the end of September. The event was held in Cheshire at the Mottram Hall Hotel. The SIA does brilliant work for its members and the public and raises thousands of pounds for Charity each and every year.

So admit it, solvents are something you vaguely remember from chemistry lessons at school, or something to do with DIY tasks about the house, right? You're not wrong, but solvents become much more interesting when you realise that they are also a key component of things like perfume and gin!



Still, the main reason that Headcase attended the evening dinner was as the chosen Charity and to be presented with the proceeds from the raffle which is held each year (we even won a rather nice bottle of gin!). We're delighted to tell you that after a brief talk about Headcase and its work, Head Fundraiser Colin Speirs was presented with a cheque for £1425, which is a) Amazing! and b) Beat the previous best amount raised by nearly 50%!

Even better is that we also made some great contacts at the event, that could really help with our upcoming first in human vaccine trial next year.



The Future Gets Written Today!

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'It was great to meet with Colin at the dinner and to learn more about this amazing charity and the people performing such ground breaking research. It is an absolute pleasure for our Members to again break all records in raising such an amount for Headcase, which is the only charity in the UK that solely funds research into GBM brain tumours. It really is quite an achievement for such a worthy cause.'

Many thanks also to Champney's Mottram Hall, Alcohols Limited, HG&Co Ltd, Elaflex Limited and the SIA for their kind donation of raffle prizes on the night.

If you would like to learn more about the fundraising work taking place by Headcase, please visit the website via the link Headcase Cancer Trust

<https://www.headcase.org.uk/>

Board Update

The SIA would like to thank 2 Board members: Chris Hall and Roger Collis (both former Chairs) who have left the SIA Board after 12 and 13 years respectively. This is due to changes in their roles with their employers, Banner Chemicals and Caldic UK.

It has been fantastic to have them on the Board and to have benefited from their leadership and their expertise over many years. The positions vacated by Chris and Roger have been filled by Emma Bennett, Business Director of Solvents at Samuel Banner and Richard Ebanks, Managing Director of Caldic UK. We are very much looking forward to working with Emma and Richard on the SIA Board, along with Phill Ellis of Tradebe, who joins as a Non-Executive Director.

We all wish Chris and Roger well in their next steps.

SIA 50th Anniversary

2023 is the 50th Anniversary year for the SIA. We have much to celebrate as the Association goes from strength to strength. Throughout 2023 we will be using our specially designed logo:



Why not join us on March 16th 2023 for our 50th celebration Spring Dinner. Put the date in your diary and tickets will be available via our new online booking system soon.

It's great to look back at what was happening in 1973 when the SIA was 'born'.



Computer



Triumph sports car –
chrome bumpers!



1973 'smart' phone



We had these in
houses...

How life has changed!

Membership Update

Membership of the Solvents Industry Association continues to grow from strength to strength with the addition of Basildon-based IFC Inflow as an Associate Member.

IFC designs and manufactures loading management solutions for all aspects of liquid handling, from flow meters and loading arms to safety platforms.

Operations Director at IFC, Kiran Shaw said, 'Employee safety is our top priority at IFC Inflow. Our mission is to make sure tanker loading operations in the solvents industry are conducted as safely and efficiently as possible. We are thrilled to be working with the SIA and its members to further spread this message as well as learn and continue to improve ourselves'.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'The continued growth of our Membership brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Association and we are delighted to have IFC on board. We are very much looking forward to working with Kiran, Greg and the team to help to deliver further guidance and assistance to the solvents industry'.

For further information on the products and services offered by IFC, visit the website via the link here IFC Inflow

<https://ifcinflow.com/>



Training Update

September

A fantastic 2 days of training at Cefic in Brussels was held with our colleagues at the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG). Delegates travelled from several European countries to attend the Introduction to Solvents, including Germany, France, Spain, Switzerland, Netherlands and of course Belgium! Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Speakers were: Andrew Norman and Dr. Robert Oades, Senior Product Steward at Shell.

During this extensive 2-day introduction to the Solvents industry, participants boosted their knowledge on:

- Where solvents come from
- Types of solvents
- Solvents end-uses and applications
- Safety, health, environment and legislation & solvents.

In November the SIA held 2 Training Courses which were:

1. 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry'

The purpose of the course is to provide a training platform to benefit anyone new to the industry, or for those who are keen to learn more.

Topics covered:

- An introduction to Petrochemicals and Solvents
- Where solvents come from
- Types of solvents
- Choosing the right solvent
- Solvent end-uses and applications
- Safety, Health and Environment, legislation, Safety Data Sheets, REACH
- Transport & packaging
- Introduction to Product Stewardship across the Supply Chain
- Interactive sessions.



2. 'Solvents and Their Applications' Training Course

Designed as the next stage of the SIA training programme to follow the hugely successful 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry' course, 'Solvents and their Applications' is aimed at those who have attended the first course and would like to learn more, or for those who have been around the industry for some time and wish to enhance their knowledge of the industries where solvents are used and how they are vital to today's society.



Further courses are planned for 2023. If you would like to register your interest, email us at info@solvents.org.uk

Ticket prices

For both our training courses the price was:

SIA Members: £199 + VAT

Non-Members: £275 + VAT

Films Update

The Solvents Industry Association, the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) and the European Safety Federation (ESF) have recently re-issued their Solvents and the Safe Use of Gloves safety film.

The current version is in the English language, with German, Spanish, French, Italian and Greek versions to follow.

The film represents Best Practice in the selection of the appropriate type of glove, safe use and inspection, maintenance and disposal. The new film can be used in tandem with the ESIG Best Practice Guidelines and poster – Top 10 Tips for the Safe Use of Gloves.

The SIA would like to thank Alan Murray from the British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF) and Keith Mead from SIA Members, Haltermann Carless for their valuable assistance in the making of this film.



Resources - More Films

We have a range of great films available and some are available in multi lingual versions.

<https://www.solvents.org.uk/videos/>



SAFETY FILMS

Safe Handling of Solvents

Multi-lingual Versions



SAFETY FILMS

Safe Loading and Transportation of Bulk Solvents by Road

Multi-lingual Versions



SAFETY FILMS

So, You Think You Know About Solvents?



SAFETY FILMS

Solvents and IBCs

Multi-lingual Versions



SAFETY FILMS

Solvents and Static Electricity



SAFETY FILMS

Solvents and the Safe Use of Gloves

Extending our Reach

In September, Chief Executive Andrew Norman recently addressed delegates at the British Coatings Federation's Future-Proofing Coatings: Safe and Sustainable by Design Technical Seminar, which took place in Manchester. A big thank you to Tom Bowtell and the BCF Team for the invitation to speak on such a huge topic for the paints, coatings and inks sector.



ESIG Collaboration

In June, after 2 years of virtual meetings, the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) Steering Committee members finally met in person! We discussed how to continue our activities ensuring safe and sustainable use of solvents based on sound science and best practice.

ESIG 25th Anniversary Dinner

Representatives from the SIA attended the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) 25th Anniversary Dinner, which took place on the 18th October at the Comic Strip Museum in Brussels. Chief Executive Andrew Norman, Chairman Andrew Ford and Technical Committee Chair Dr. Rob Oades were among those representing the Association, alongside guests and representatives from the ESIG Membership, Cefic, ESVOC, Regulators and the European Commission.



Diary

SIA Board Meetings – 2022

Wednesday 7th December Make UK, London

SIA Technical Committee Meetings – 2022

Tuesday 13th December Kimia, Witham

Annual Events – 2023

Thursday 16th March SIA Spring Dinner – Armourer’s Hall, London

Wednesday 10th – Thursday 11th May CHEMUK Exhibition, Birmingham NEC

Wednesday 27th September SIA Golf Day – Mottram Hall, Cheshire

Thursday 28th September SIA Annual General Meeting – Mottram Hall, Cheshire

Members

