



EuPR Newsletter

Who's new and what's new in the recycling world?



Peter Bay

- EuPR is pleased to welcome **2 new members** to their **Management Committee: Peter Bay (Danrec)** and **Hans-Jürgen Berenbuch (Freundenberg Politex)**.



H. Berenbuch

- On the 2nd of December 2005 EuPR held its **General Assembly** in Brussels. The following candidates were elected in their functions for the 2006-2008 period in the **Management Committee: Bernard Merx (Schoeller Arca Systems)** President, **Casper van den Dungen (ITW Polyrecycling)** Vice-President, **Silvio Löderbusch (Remondis Plano GmbH)** Vice-President, **Helmut Ogulin (VKRÖ)** Treasurer.

Coming up next

- **On 28-29 September 2006 EuPR** will be celebrating its **10th Anniversary in Paphos, Cyprus!!** All **EuPR** members and company members of the national plastics



recyclers associations should book these dates in their calendars. **EuPR** wishes to organise a major event including a gala dinner and a social program for the partners.

The five star **hotel Almyra** has been chosen for the celebration and a close cooperation with the **Cyprus Plastics Converters Association** and **Green Dot Cyprus** is foreseen. Hotel room rates are at 157 € per room Single occupancy and 183 € per room Double occupancy, including a sumptuous breakfast buffet. Members willing to stay a few days more to visit Cyprus (excellent time of the year) will have the possibility to book early flights to Paphos and will also be contacted by the hotel directly for final arrangements. The social program will include sailing and sightseeing. The draft program will be available in a few weeks.

More information about this event can be obtained from **Bianka Nagy**:

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Noteworthy events to add to your calendar

- **LabelAgriWaste meeting on the 14th of March 2006 in Brussels** (see below for more information).
- Next **meeting** between **EuPR**, **EuPC** and **PlasticsEurope** has been fixed on the **3rd of April 2006 in Brussels**. Interested **EuPR** members can join this meeting and should inform **Bianka Nagy** in due time.
- **APR+** and the **APRICOD consortium partners** are organizing a **Workshop on plastic waste in construction** on the **24th of April 2006 in Brussels!**
- Next **EuPR PVC WG meeting** will take place on **27-28th of April 2006 in Höxter!**

Recytrade

Ten years after coming into existence, the world of plastics recycling exchange on the internet www.recytrade.com needs some polishing. All **EuPR** members are requested to submit their comments to **Bérenice Gigot** by e-mail in order to assess the needed changes to this tool for **EuPC/EuPR**. **EuPR** members will all receive a pre-registered password at request to enter the database (berenice.gigot@eupc.org).

LabelAgriWaste, a new EU funded project involving recyclers

On 19/20 January 2006 the first meeting of the above mentioned project took place in Bilbao with all 19 consortium partners. The objective of this project is to analyse the agricultural plastics waste fractions and to propose a labeling scheme to the EU Commission for improving collection, recycling and recovery of this stream. **EuPR** and **EuPC** will be setting up a **Labelagriwaste WG** in order to provide all industrial input needed into the project. The main plastics products will be PE films and therefore the groups will be coordinated with the **EuPR PE film WG**. One Spanish PE film recycler is a part of the official consortium joined with representatives of Universities, research centers, converters and regional and national farmers' organisations. **Paolo Bocchichio** for **EuPC** and **Susan Strombom** for **EuPR** will be involved in this project. The project timeframe is 3 years.

Autoplastics recycling

On the 9th of February 2006 EuPC will organise a first **brainstorming meeting to increase the mechanical recycling of bumpers and fuel systems**. The whole chain from raw material producers to waste owner will analyse the potential of this waste stream and potentially set up a trial project to increase the waste availability of bumpers and fuel systems. More information will follow in February, but questions can now be addressed to Alexandre Dangis.



News from Recovinyl

2005 was the first year of Recovinyl's concept implementation in Benelux and the United Kingdom. 12.000 tons of post-consumer PVC for recuperation has been registered. **25 recyclers have been appointed and certified within Recovinyl's program**. Since our program started more than 300 collectors have subscribed to Recovinyl's collection scheme. In 2006 we plan to extend and implement the collection program in France and Spain. Our interactive website, www.recovinyl.com is currently under development. It will be used for several purposes. It will serve as a data-center of collected post-consumer PVC volumes. It will also be a useful tool helping to recognize the various sorts of post-consumer PVC manageable by particular certified recyclers.



EU's Waste Framework Directive

The proposal to amend Directive 75/442/EEC (**WFD, Waste Framework Directive**) derives from the Thematic Strategy on Prevention and Recycling of Waste. The legal basis of the revision, taking into account its main objective, namely environment protection, is art. 175 of the EC Treaty; the revision proposes to repeal Directive 91/689/EEC (hazardous Waste Directive) and 75/439/EEC (Waste Oil Directive). In addition, the revision will also aim to clarify and/or introduce new definitions. The definition of "waste" will be kept, however a special procedure will be introduced to make clear when waste ceases to be waste (art. 11); other definitions to be included are: re-use, recycling, recovery (art. 5) and disposal (art. 6). The EU institutions have recognized that poor definitions lead to legal uncertainty (countless rulings of the ECJ) and to multiple interpretations of the law from members State to member State and from region to region, thus creating internal market distortions. The consequence is higher administrative costs for business operators and competent authorities.



REACH evolution

EuPC/EuPR was interested in 2 amendments tabled by MEP Mrs. Dorette Corbey in the Environment Committee of the European Parliament. One amendment was adopted (and subsequently also in the vote of the Plenary Session) and the other one rejected.

Passed! Amendment 65 on Article 2 to exclude from the scope of Reach: 'waste or substances, articles or preparations which are waste'. This means that the raw material entering a recycler is outside the scope of Reach; the recycler therefore has no Downstream User obligations. The recycling process itself remains however subject to the existing waste management legislation.

Rejected! Amendment 996 on Article 29 was intended to permit the use of generic information for the compilation of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) when required or requested. This amendment was rejected by the Environmental Committee:

Background to amendment 996: The Reach Regulation, as currently written, would require plastics recyclers to test on a batch basis in order to create a Safety Data Sheet for their recycled material (a Preparation) which complies with the principles set out in Reach. The cost of this is estimated to be an order of magnitude 10 times greater than the value of the recycled material, with obvious negative implications for the industry. The permission to use generic data to compile safety data sheets, as suggested in amendment 996, would have significantly reduced the cost for the compilation of SDS.

Actions taken for the reinsertion of Amendment 996: EuPR has already sent a letter to the Environment Commissioner – Mr Stavros Dimas – outlining the reasons why plastics recycling should be treated as a special case. EuPR shall continue to press for the re-introduction of amendment 996 in the "Second Reading" of Parliament.

Preparing industry for Reach:

A first draft sample Safety Data Sheet based on generic data has been prepared by Mark Burstall.

EuPR will continue to work on drafting sample SDS-R data sheets for submission to Reach Implementation Project RIP 3.2. The deadline for completion would be in March 2006.

Meeting with PlasticsEurope & EuPC on the 23rd of January 2006

On the 23rd of January 2006 EuPR met with PlasticsEurope and EuPC to discuss market statistics about plastics recycling in Europe.

After a long discussion it was agreed that both organisations would continue to work closer together on data collection. It appeared very clearly that the official figures communicated by the EU Member States are figures about plastics waste collected for recycling and not pure mechanical recycling data. EuPR will in the next weeks present a proposed harmonised European survey to PlasticsEurope which will be launched later this year.

Another subject of discussion was the Energy from Waste Campaign currently led by PlasticsEurope, causing frustration in the plastics recycling industry. The result of the discussion was the fine tuning of words for outside publication and the agreement of working together on specific plastics waste streams for recycling.