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Greetings from The President

Dear Friends,

First of all and before the end of this first month of 2008, I would like to wish you and all your families a Happy New Year with health, happiness, peace and if possible some nice and good business.

FEICA team has been installed for one year in Brussels and be very proud of all the successful work they have already achieved.

I am personally very happy to also see the support from all the members attending to the ETB, the EB and the WG's.

This is the best proof that FEICA is more than never a very strong organisation and that this is important for us to make it working and growing in the next years.

To be successful, we will have to get to several objectives but the main ones are the following:

- 1) Modify the FEICA Financial structure aiming for more
- 2) Enlarge the membership base by demonstrating the value created by FEICA
- 3) Improve the communication to our members (Web site, newsflashes, Reach briefs, producing a general leaflet)
- 4) Manage FEICA Effectively
- 5) Successfully organizing the 2008 Conference (attract >100 SME's)
- 6) Delivering added value to our members (co-operation between all the Members, intensifying working relations with EU Institutions, CEPE, helping our members to implement REACH, improve our Industry understanding.

Jean-Marc Barki



Words of the Secretariat



We can't close the 2007 year without expressing our biggest thanks to all those who contributed to FEICA work and progresses during the past 12 months.

Highlight Figure:
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Is the number of experts from the industry who contributed to the Technical or

UPCOMING EVENTS

Introduction to Pressure-sensitive/Self-adhesive Technology

Workshop
Los Angeles 2008
February 21-22 2008, USA

Website:

<http://www.awa-bv.com>

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4th Afera Technical Seminar 2008

Brussels Marriott Hotel
April 9-11 2008, Belgium

<http://www.afera.com>

E-mail: mail@afera.com

WAC & EXPO

20-23 April 2008
Intercontinental
(Miami, Florida)
[\[info\]](#)

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The First International Conference on Automotive Adhesives, Sealants & Coatings 2008

June 10-11 2008
Stuttgart, Germany
Email: ayates@rapra.net
<http://www.rapra.net>

Euradh 2008- Adhesion '08

3-5 September 2008,
Oxford, UK
[More info](#)

5th International Conference on Fracture of Polymers, Composites and Adhesives

September 7-11 2008
Switzerland - [info](#)

Business FEICA Working Groups in 2007

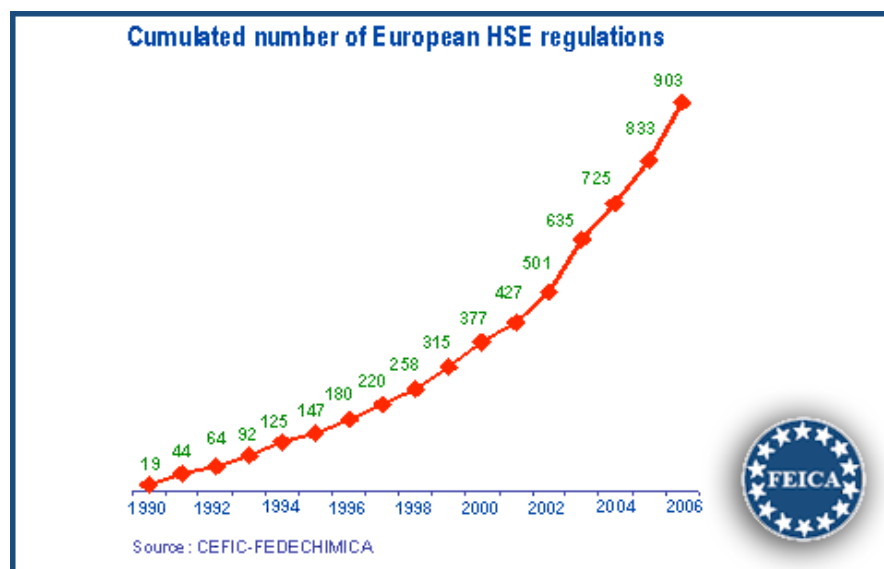
Bernard Ghyoot,
Secretary General

2008 year of consolidation

2007 was a year of implementing many changes (closing of FEICA Dusseldorf, moving to Brussels, hiring and training of the new staff, constitution amendments and many others), 2008 will be the consolidation year.

The construction quality of any building is measured by its foundations. Likewise to ensure efficient operation providing maximum value to its members but also meeting the future FEICA challenges, we need to enlarge our membership base (multinational manufacturers) and to streamline our working procedures.

One of the most critical challenges we are facing is the increasing number of EU Regulations (see the graph).



In 2008 we will have many Regulatory and Technical issues on our radar screen:

REACH:

Finalizing the generic exposure scenarios' and developing user friendly implementation tools,
Evaluating the technical guidance issued by the EU Commission,
Developing member support for dealing with up and downstream safety information.

Food Contact:

Supporting the Migresives project (3 years),
Start up of the new EU funded FACET project (4 years).
Implementation of various Directives related to Food Contact Materials (GMP).

GHS:

In cooperation with CEPE, supporting our members with tools and training to facilitate the move to the new classification and labeling system.

Indoor Air Quality:

Ensure via relevant bodies that test conditions and methods are realistic and feasible.
Ensure that a possible Green Paper on Indoor Air won't harm our industry.

Market and Use of substances by our Industry:

MDI, Organo Tin Compounds, Cyclohexane, SVOC and many others.

Responsible Industry:

DiBP Statement approval and follow up,
European Declaration on Paper Recycling.

The FEICA secretariat counts on your active support in 2008 and wishes you a Happy and Successful New Year.

MEETINGS

UPCOMING DM FORUM

Call Conference
3 March 2008
From 10.00 till 12.00

UPCOMING EB

6 March 2008
FEICA Building nr 4
(ISOPA meeting room)
Brussels
From 12.00 till 17.00

UPCOMING ETB

12 March 2008,
The Confederation of
Danish Industries,
Copenhagen,
From 10.00 till 17.00

UPCOMING NA President FORUM

8 April 2008
FEICA Building nr 4
(ISOPA meeting room)
Brussels
From 09.00 till 15.00

UPCOMING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

WG ES & raw material suppliers Workshop

7 February 2008
FEICA building,
(CEPE meeting room),
Brussels
From 10.00 till 17.00

HAZPRO

28 February 2008
CEFIC Building nr 4
Brussels
From 10.00 till 17.00

REACH Implementation

5 March 2008
FEICABuilding
(CEPE meeting room)
From 10:00 till 17:00

Paper & Packaging

7 May 2008
FEICA Building,
(CEPE meeting room)
Brussels
From 10.00 till 17.00

REGULATORY ARTICLES

Food contact issues

Commission regulation ([EC](#)) 2023/2006 demands that companies comply with GMP. In order to explain what GMP actually means and help FEICA members comply with the regulation a small task force developed a first draft GMP guide. The document has been sent to the Paper and Packaging Working Group. If approved the paper will be sent to the European Technical Board for approval by late February and be ready in time for the implementation of the regulation in August 2008.

The Paper and Packaging Working Group has also finalised a draft of a Food Contact Status paper to help members comply with regulation ([EC](#)) 1935/2004 on articles intended to come into contact with food.

Responsible Care

After finding high levels of DiBP in recycled paper used for food packaging, the German authorities and industry have agreed on a voluntary statement to phase out the use of DiBP in all packaging applications and eliminate DiBP in recycled paper.

The European Technical Board has decided to draft a [FEICA statement](#) on the basis of the German voluntary paper. This draft paper was sent to the ETB in December and will be discussed at the next National Association Forum on 30 January 2008.

TECHNICAL NEWS

Jana Cohrs
Regulatory Affairs Manager

Projects with the European Commission



FACET

The FEICA Executive Board has decided that it is politically very important to be part of the [FACET](#) (Flavourings, additives and food contact material exposure task) project, which is a way to positively influence future legislation as well as to signal to the European Commission that FEICA and its members are actively trying to ensure the safety of our products. The aim of the project is to assess not only the migration of substances into food but also to assess the real consumer exposure of a given substance into foods.

In order to participate in FACET it is essential that industry experts can actively input into the project and thus help to steer it. If your company is interested in being actively involved, please contact the FEICA secretariat.

REACH

The FEICA Exposure Scenarios

Working Group will organize a Raw Material Supplier workshop on 7 February 2008 to explain the FEICA approach to exposure scenarios to a group of substance manufacturers. The main objective of the workshop will be to make sure that our suppliers and our member companies speak the same language and ensure good cooperation for the implementation of REACH.

Market and Use

Cyclohexane and MDI

In the summer FEICA managed to convince the European Commission and member states not to publish a proposal limiting the packaging of contact adhesives containing 11% cyclohexane to 134g, but rather to stick to the original proposal of 650g packaging size. However, the proposal is now being discussed by the Council and the European Parliament. FEICA has sent a [position letter](#) to the Dutch government which had argued for a packaging size of 134g.

The same Commission proposal includes a section on MDI. FEICA is closely cooperating with ISOPA (The European trade association for producers of diisocyanates) to follow this proposal through the co-decision procedure. A joint [ISOPA - FEICA-AKPU position paper](#) has been sent to the rapporteur in the European Parliament. Additionally FEICA sent its own [position](#).

The outcome of the proposal containing MDI and cyclohexane is still unclear and depends on the discussions in the European Parliament and the Council.

Tin organic compounds

The European Commission's Scientific Committee of Health and Environment Risks found that the daily intake of tin organic compounds in Europe was too high, mainly because of the high content of tin organic compounds in fish.

Therefore, the Commission is now aiming to reduce the daily intake of consumers by restricting certain consumer applications that either pose a risk of exposure or that are relatively commonplace i.e. contribute significantly to the daily intake. Risk Policy Analysts developed an [Impact Assessment](#) and made suggestions on which consumer applications to restrict. One suggestion was a 3-year phase out for DOT compounds in RTV-1 sealants.

FEICA has sent a [position paper](#) and attended the last meeting of the responsible Commission Working Group, attended by member states, industry and Commission representatives. At the meeting, FEICA also spoke up to highlight flaws in the Impact Assessment relating to frequency of consumer use of RTV-1 sealants.

FEICA is also cooperating with other stakeholders such as CES (the CENTRE EUROPEEN DES SILICONES) and ETINSA (European Tin Stabilisers Association) to seek a dialogue with the Commission to try to positively influence the Commission proposal.

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