



**Solvents Industry  
Association**

CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS, COMMON RESPONSIBILITY

Welcome to our

# Solvents Industry Association Newsletter Q1 2022



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## Off to a great start in 2022 – from the SIA Chair – Andrew Ford, Hayman Group



Looking forward to a great year ahead for the Association – as you can see from reading through this update, we are in fantastic shape and have strengthened our industry standing in terms of forging and developing further collaborations and affiliations. We have a seat at the table alongside many other related organisations and this means we have greater opportunities to add our voice to the discussions and promote our members interests.

Membership wise, we gained new member companies in 2021 and have a number of enquiries in the pipeline. These new companies only add great diversity to the mix and it means we are able to benefit from the breadth and depth of member expertise.

As the solvents industry landscape changes and evolves, we are well placed to navigate this to bring the industry challenges to our members and work with other organisations to find solutions and pathways.

Do not hesitate to reach out for anything I can help with to support.



Andrew Ford

SIA Chair 2021 – 2023

## Stop Press!.....SIA Launches Brand New Website!

The SIA is excited to announce that our brand new website has been published!

A link to the new site can be found here: <https://www.solvents.org.uk/>

The new online platform has been launched to support members and end-users operating in the solvents and flammable liquids sector. We hope that you find the new site to be easy to navigate and the updated Resource Centre to be particularly useful.

Websites are very fluid and we have lots of ideas for new features and additions, so there will be exciting developments with the site in the coming weeks and months – watch this space!

The Association would like to thank Phil Hatfield and Team at Pivotal Marketing Ltd in Brighouse West Yorkshire, who took a great of care in developing our new web site – enabling us to have a fantastic showcase for our Association.

Please feel free to share the link with colleagues, customers and solvents end-users as you see fit.



## Membership Update

New members continue to join us and interest in the Association from potential members remains strong. Companies joining since June 2021 include:

Manntek – The Swedish manufacturer of dry-disconnect couplings joined as an Associate Member in July [www.manntek.se](http://www.manntek.se)

Coryton Advanced Fuels – With expertise in the manufacture of sustainable solvents and fuels, Essex-based Coryton joined as a Producer member in August [www.coryton.com](http://www.coryton.com)

Our most recent member was York-based solvents supplier, Leading Solvents who joined as a Distributor member in November.

Leading Solvents was established in 1986 and is a rapidly evolving business supplying solvents and blends to a wide range of industry sectors [www.leading-solvents.co.uk](http://www.leading-solvents.co.uk)

## SIA Spring Dinner - on Thursday 24th March 2022, at The Magic Circle, Euston, London.

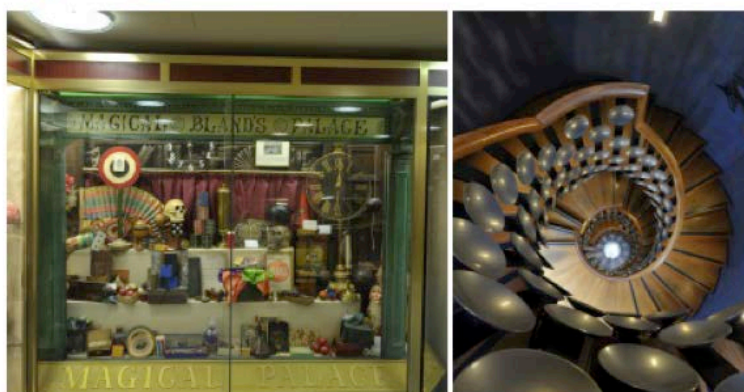
Following a 2-year wait due to the Covid Pandemic, the SIA is delighted to present this unique dining experience at London's world-famous **Magic Circle - The headquarters of the international magic fraternity!**

The SIA Spring Dinner is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the petrochemical industry calendar.

Dinner guests will also be able to enjoy a guided tour of the priceless magic-related artefacts and museum, containing original props and items from the legendary Harry Houdini and Tommy Cooper and sets of the Harry Potter films. If members wish to attend, please contact Andrew Norman, SIA General Secretary, no later than Friday 4th March 2022.

### The Solvents Industry Association Spring Dinner 2022

The Magic Circle,  
London.  
Thursday 24th March  
6.00pm—11.00pm



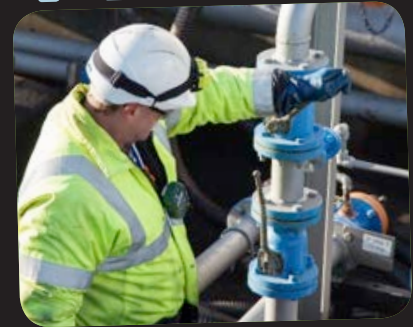
## SIA Training Courses

Despite running two full 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry' courses in late 2021, interest in future courses remains strong. Due to restrictions on indoor mixing being introduced due to the pandemic, we are looking to take the opportunity to resume further in-person training sessions around March, to allow for the current pandemic issues to subside. It is hoped that these will be run in northern and southern geographical locations to meet with current demand. Dates and venues are to be announced shortly.

# Films

## Re-shooting of the Solvents and Static Electricity & Safe Use of Gloves Films

Filming of the SIA Static Film and ESIG Gloves film took place on 22-23 November 2021 at Haltermann Carless in Harwich. The Board would like to thank Keith Mead and the team for allowing us access to the site for filming. A great deal of footage was shot and it is now in the editing phase – here's a glimpse of how the filming went.



### 'So, you think you know about solvents?'

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 - [So, You Think You Know About Solvents? - Solvent Industry Association](#)

In addition, the film was shortlisted for an Award with Association of Association Executives for Best Association Video. Our bid for an Award was unsuccessful this time but our film was well received by the judges!



### SAFETY FILMS

## So, You Think You Know About Solvents?

Multi-lingual Versions

[www.associationalexecutives.org](http://www.associationalexecutives.org)

UK ASSOCIATION  
**AWARDS**  
2021

**FINALIST**  
BEST ASSOCIATION VIDEO

**So, you think you know about solvents?**  
Solvents Industry Association

## SIA Memberships and Collaborations

The Solvents Industry Association is the latest Trade Association from the chemicals sector to join the **Alliance of Chemical Associations (ACA)**, a group which combines expertise and knowledge to collectively meet the current and future challenges facing our industry.

The ACA's objective is to represent the interests of companies operating in the chemicals supply chain by:

- Providing a forum for member associations to discuss issues of common interest and to formulate agreed positions,
- Sharing the expertise and knowledge of the member associations,
- Streamlining and co-ordinating advocacy activities,
- Liaising with other industry associations and organisations.

The SIA has already attended our first meeting with the Alliance on the 3rd December and it is felt that our Members will soon see the benefits of our collaboration, whether that be through the sharing of knowledge with REACH UK negotiations, the forthcoming plastics tax or many other issues that you may be facing through your day to day activities.

For further details, visit the website at <https://www.acauk.org/>



The Solvents Industry Association is delighted to announce a new partnership with the **British Safety Industry Federation (BSiF)**, the UK's Independent Trade Association for the Safety Industry. Following recent collaboration in the production of the Solvents and the Safe Use of Gloves film, the two organisations have teamed up to share resources and to promote safer working practices within the solvents and petrochemical industries.



BSiF provides authoritative information on a range of workplace safety issues, working closely with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Trading Standards, with whom they have Primary Authority partnership. BSiF are the Principal Association for the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulation, having active input across Government departments. Working with Government enforcement agencies, standards making authorities, safety equipment manufacturers, distributors, users and sector associations allows BSiF to have input in educating and providing advice on topical industry issues that affect worker safety and health.

To help give assurances to those that need to procure or use compliant PPE & Safety Equipment, BSiF audit members under the 'Registered Safety Supplier Scheme'. The scheme seeks to improve the quality of products and the capability of suppliers of safety equipment and PPE. Through this scheme, a strict set of protocols are set for members so they can prove alignment with their regulatory / legislative requirements [www.bsif.co.uk](http://www.bsif.co.uk)

## Collaborations

The SIA participates in Chemicals Industry Roundtable meetings every 2 months, which involve our fellow chemical industry Trade Associations, the **DIT (Department for International Trade)** **BEIS (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)** and **Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)**. We encourage SIA members to share with us their current industry issues, so that these can be highlighted to the regulators and governmental bodies. We have already seen some success from these meetings from our recent negotiations on ethanol import licencing.

### UK REACH

The chemical-related Trade Associations met with Defra on the 7th December to discuss UK REACH, where it was confirmed that the UK Government is to review its current position on implementation and will enter into talks with the UK chemical industry to reduce costs and administrative duplication. Full details have been shared with SIA Members and the move was welcomed by the Association as being a positive step.

## Industry News

### Plastic Packaging Tax April 2022

The UK Government is set to implement a tax on plastic packaging containing less than 30% recycled material from 1st April 2022. This has implications for the chemical industry as UN-Approved packaging, which is mandatory for hazardous materials, is not currently able to contain recycled plastic. Through joining the Alliance of Chemical Associations, the SIA has obtained a detailed document from the British Plastics Federation (BPF), which highlights the major issues.

### End of GB Import Licences for Fermentation Ethanol

The SIA General Secretary confirmed that GB import licences for fermentation grade ethanol will no longer be required from 23rd December 2021. However, import licences will still be required for third country imports into Northern Ireland, as the relevant EU legislation is referenced in Annex II to the Northern Ireland Protocol. Confirmation of the change can be found via the link [Notice to Traders 101/21 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/notice-to-traders-10121)

## CHEMUK 2022 – 11 and 12 May 2022

The SIA will be hosting a feature PANEL SESSION as part of the 'Sustainability' stage (stage 2) programme, which will last approximately 60 minutes on Day 1 of the event - Wednesday 11th May, 2022.

The focus will be around Sustainability challenges for the Solvents industry and our General Secretary Andrew Norman will be joined by a selection of speakers including SIA Members, Coryton Advanced Fuels and Shell Chemicals. The full speaker programme is currently being finalised and is set to be announced in mid-February.

### Come and say 'Hello'

Whilst you are at CHEMUK please do come along to the SIA exhibition booth – stand J2 – will be great to see you there!



## Diary Dates

The 2022 Annual General Meeting will again take place at Mottram Hall on the 28th -29th September, continuing the theme of sustainability and the introduction of new technologies which will secure the future of our industry.

2023 will see the 50th Anniversary of the Association and planning for the occasion has already commenced! As a date for the diary, the 2023 Annual General Meeting will return to Mottram Hall on Thursday 28th September. Watch this space for further updates.



### Dates for the 2022 Board meetings are:

Thursday 24th March – Woburn House, London

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Tuesday 21st June – 2M House, Runcorn

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Thursday 22nd September – Online pre-AGM meeting

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

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Wednesday 7th December – Venue TBC

### SIA Technical Committee Meetings

Tuesday 15th March – Venue TBC

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Thursday 23rd June – Venue TBC

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Thursday 29th September – Mottram Hall, Cheshire – Joint meeting with the SIA Board

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Tuesday 13th December – Venue TBC

# Members

