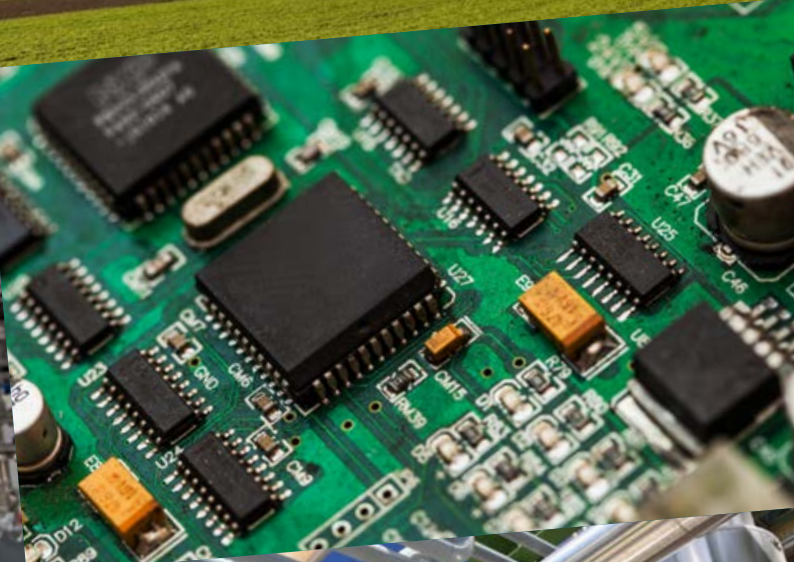




Solvents Industry Association

CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS, COMMON RESPONSIBILITY

Welcome to the SIA Autumn 2024 News



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Since the start of the year, the SIA has had a packed diary – a lot to report back on here!

Our Annual General Meeting and conference in September was a great success and thanks to everyone who attended. There's more on this featured later.

In May this year, we attended CHEMUK 2024 at the Birmingham NEC, which was a fantastic event and great to see so many colleagues there – speakers and exhibitors alike.

The following month, in June, we also had an exhibition booth and convened two presentations at Surfex 2024 in Coventry.

See later in this News for our event feedback and report.

We have also been attending industry and other Association meetings and ensuring the voice of our Association is heard. Take a look at the impressive list of meetings the SIA has attended to represent the interest of our members:

- Volatile Substance Abuse Working Group
- Environment Agency Chemical Industry Liaison Group
- Industrial Advisory Board for Chemistry – Keele University
- European Solvents Industry Group Steering Committee
- Re-shooting of the SIA Static Film at Alcohols, Rugby
- SIA Technical Committee & Board Meetings
- Alliance of Chemical Associations Meeting
- PFAS Information Exchange Forum
- Department for Business & Trade Roundtable
- Chemical & Downstream Oil Industries Forum (CDOIF)

And our aim is to ensure 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.

Membership wise, the Association remains strong and we gained a number of new members this year – this puts the organisation in great shape!

As always, a BIG thank you to our Chief Executive Andrew Norman who is instrumental to our success and always ready to support you the members!

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Key".

Nick Key

Univar Solutions
Chair 2023 – 2025



2024 AGM and conference

Solvents Industry Association Members and guests gathered for the 38th Annual General Meeting and Conference on 26th September, at Worsley Park & Country Club, near Manchester.

Proceedings began with the formal Annual General Meeting and a summary of the work of the SIA and ESIG, delivered by SIA Chair, Nick Key and Chief Executive, Andrew Norman.

The first of the guest speakers was Rob Snell from The Wellbeing Project, delivering an insightful address entitled, 'Pressure to Performance'. The session invited delegates to interact and reflect on their own behaviours, with a view to managing stress.



Rob Snell

We were also delighted to welcome Jonathan May and Mahmoud Gabr from Siemens Energy as guest speakers, to share their insights on decarbonisation and some of the exciting new projects taking place to help to deliver Net Zero for the UK, many of which have direct synergy with the chemical industry.



Jonathan May & Mahmoud Gabr

For the first time in several years, a representative from the UK Home Office Explosive and Precursor Engagement Team, presented an update of the current threat level, Regulated and Reportable Substances and how to report suspicious activity.

Hot off the press from the Labour Party Conference, our keynote speaker was Steve Elliott, CEO of the Chemical Industries Association, with a fascinating update on all things chemical entitled, 'New politics, New World: UK Chemical Industry Challenges and Opportunities'.



Steve Elliott

Many thanks to all of our guest speakers who gave up their valuable time to share their views and expertise.

A big thank you also to our event sponsors, Indaver Solvents, Tennants Distribution, Lisam, H2 Compliance and MannTek and to our Members and guests, Lisam, Kimia, Elaflex, Tennants Distribution, Auriga, Marriott and MannTek for the donation of charity raffle prizes.

Their generous donations enabled the Association to raise an astonishing £2,000 for Diabetes UK on the night. More details of the charity donation are reported next.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'The Conference would not be possible without the support of our Members, who turn out in great numbers to join us for our events, despite difficult market conditions. We are very much looking forward to meeting again at the SIA Spring Dinner in March.'

SIA Members Raise £2,000 for Diabetes UK

Proceeds from the traditional Solvents Industry Association raffle raised a fantastic total of £2,000 for Diabetes UK at the recent Annual General Meeting & Conference at Worsley Park, near Manchester.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'We chose the charity as the recipient of the SIA raffle proceeds this year, as several of our Members were undertaking the Diabetes UK 'Million Steps Challenge' in their lunch breaks and free time. When we announced this to the wider membership, it became clear that diabetes has a wide effect on a large number of people and the support of this excellent charity has been invaluable to many of our members and their families.'

Maria Whittaker, Community Fundraising Manager, North of England & Wales with Diabetes UK said, 'Thank you so much for the amazing success of your raffle. It is wonderful to hear how generous people have been.'

The SIA would like to thank the following people & companies, who kindly donated some wonderful raffle prizes to ensure the success of the event:

Bernadette Goudy @ Auriga, Delta Hotels by Marriott, Elaflex, Kimia, Lisam, Chris Franks & MannTek, Sharon Marshall and Tennants Distribution.

If you would like to learn more about the work of Diabetes UK, visit their website [here](#).



Gerald Soane Award for Health & Safety

The Solvents Industry Association is very proud to announce that Bill Atkinson, Chief Scientific Advisor with Associate Members, Adler & Allan, as this year's recipient of the SIA's Gerald Soane Award for Health & Safety.

The Award, in place for many years and named after a former Chair of the Association, is in recognition of an individual's outstanding contribution to the work of the SIA's Technical Committee.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'Bill has been with the SIA for a relatively short time, but his expertise and professionalism has stood out this year. His contributions in Technical Committee discussions have been extremely valuable, coupled with an excellent presentation on the SIA's behalf at Surfex in June'.

Bill said, 'I am deeply honoured to receive the Gerald Soane Award. Since joining the Technical Committee, I have been impressed by the knowledge, the experience and the commitment of my fellow members, as well of course as Andrew and his team at the SIA, to continuous improvements in safe and sustainable working practices in the industry. Therefore to be recognised by such a group is doubly honouring'.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Technical Committee and the Association in providing insight and experience where possible, for example in tackling such challenges as from emerging pollutants like PFAS. Once again thank you to the SIA for this award', he added.

The SIA Technical Committee is instrumental in compiling safety and environmental guidance, specific to solvents and flammable liquids.



The SIA - Out and About

CHEMUK 2024

On 16 May, the SIA hosted a CHEMUK panel discussion, along with SIA Members Brenntag (speaker: Karl Shone) and TotalEnergies (speaker: Emmanuel Ehenemba) entitled, 'New technologies from the Solvents Industry on the road to Net Zero'.

The session highlighted that solvents and solvent-based products are used in almost all manufacturing processes, in a wide variety of applications.

Many of the products using solvents within their manufacturing processes are vital to everyday modern living. These include pharmaceuticals (including vaccines and antibiotics) and electronics such as smart phones, medical devices, solar panels and computers.



As we venture into a digital, more sustainable future, solvents will be essential in continuing to deliver new technologies, with minimal impact upon the environment.

The speakers presented an overview of how the industry is adapting to ensure that these essential products can be manufactured sustainably, as we strive to meet net zero targets.

The SIA also had an exhibition booth over the two days and 'thank you' to everyone who stopped by to say hello. We were extremely busy and hardly had a moment to spare!

Looking forward already to CHEMUK 2025!



SURFEX 2024

For the first time the SIA also attended Surfex in Coventry back in June. Besides having an exhibition booth we also convened two papers and it was great to be part of the programme.

Alternative Fuel – Sustainability and Spill Response

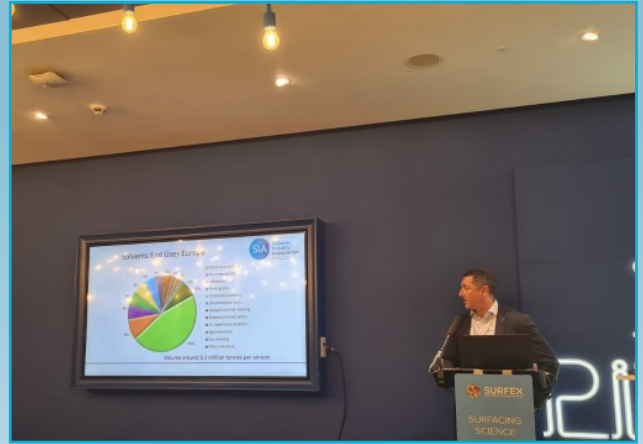
Speakers: Dan Ellis, Head of Sustainability and Bill Atkinson, Chief Scientific Advisor from Adler and Allan Group.



The second presentation was:

Flammable Liquids and the Fundamentals of Static Electricity

Speakers: Andrew Norman, Chief Executive - Solvents Industry Association and Sean Makin, Regional Sales Manager - Newson Gale.



SIA Lunch and Learn Session – Safe Tanker Access

On Wednesday 12 June 2024, Alec Keeler – Managing Director, Carbis Loadtec (SIA Associate Member) presented the latest Lunch + Learn Session.

This webinar was relevant to anyone who has tanker transfers taking place on their site. Its purpose was to ask the question, “How safe is safe?” It aimed to:

- Put buyers, engineers and office-based decision makers, into the (safety) shoes of the operators conducting the dangerous tasks at height.
- Help them better appreciate the dangers that are being faced on an hourly basis.

The presentation reviewed some of the options to improve working at height scenarios.



About the Speaker

Alec Keeler has been working in the Loading Arm and Fall Prevention industry globally for 43 years. He has operated on all but one continent and, at 65, hasn't given up on Antarctica yet!

In 1996 he set up Loadtec Engineered Systems, to bring together the disparate elements of tanker loading and unloading issues (loading arms, fall prevention and metering) to offer

focused packaged systems to an industry that was increasingly looking for solutions rather than products. In 2019 Loadtec sold a major share of their company to Carbis Solutions Group, their primary supplier of innovative fall prevention systems. This allowed them to work from within the company to innovate solutions for European and ROW clients in addition to their traditional USA style solutions.

Membership

The Solvents Industry Association is delighted to announce the arrival of HOYER Group as their latest Associate Member.

HOYER, an independent family business, has been one of the world's leading bulk logistics providers since 1946. As a specialist, it has extensive know-how in the provision of comprehensive services, with particular customer proximity. It develops and implements comprehensive solutions in European and worldwide bulk logistics, especially in the chemical, food, gas and petroleum products industries. For this, employees and representatives on five continents support clients with well-thought-out logistics solutions to make them even more successful in their respective markets. As well as trucks, road tankers, IBCs and tank containers, HOYER also owns numerous logistics plants with depots, cleaning facilities and workshops.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'HOYER Group is a highly respected company in the logistics industry and we are excited to have them join our Association. We are very much looking forward to working with them.'



CDR Pumps (UK) Limited also joined us as an Associate Member.

An independent chemical pump manufacturer for more than sixty years, CDR Pumps produces high-quality pumps for the chemical, nuclear and pharmaceutical industries, designed to handle the unique challenges associated with pumping various chemicals, including corrosive and hazardous substances.

Managing Director of CDR, Ashley Fenn said, 'CDR Pumps have been supplying pumping equipment into the solvents industry for many years, with focus on reliability, safety and repeatability to ensure our customers handle hazardous solvents and chemicals in as safe a manner as possible. The solvents industry is an important and growing market for CDR Pumps, we very much look forward to working with members to develop our ethos of 'safe pumping' and making sure we keep up to date with industry standards.'

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'CDR is the first manufacturer of pumps that we have had within the SIA Membership, which adds an even greater level of expertise to our already broad coverage of the industry, helping to deliver a top class service to our members and solvents downstream users. We are excited to have Ashley and the team alongside us, making a valuable contribution to our Technical Support team'



H2 Compliance joined as an Associate Member back in July.

H2 Compliance offers services across Europe and beyond and provides bespoke chemical compliance solutions, linked to the circular economy, enabling clients to focus on their core business.



Director Kevin Hoban said, 'We are delighted to join the Association, and to provide knowledge and guidance to the group where beneficial. H2 Compliance has been in business for almost 20 years, helping worldwide customers with their REACH and Hazcom duties. Core customers include manufacturers and their subsidiary industries such as pharmaceuticals, fragrances, adhesives and petroleum products. We help our clients ensure compliance and market access by applying our breadth of knowledge to the business complexities of topics including REACH, UK REACH, GHS implementation worldwide (SDS and labelling), and PCN, underpinned by our element1™ chemical management software and product stewardship expertise. H2 Compliance has a global footprint with offices across Europe and the US and with a network of trusted in-country partners'.

H2 Compliance is part of the Landbell Group of companies and works closely together with the local in-country Landbell teams.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'The focus on Compliance and Regulation within the chemicals sector has intensified in recent years and the addition of H2 Compliance to our growing list of Members highlights the increasing depth of expertise that we are able to share with other Members and solvents downstream users. We are delighted to have H2 with us'.

EXSolutions also joined as an Associate Member in July.

Part of the Pioneer Safety Group, which encompasses other familiar brands such as Pyroban, EXSolutions helps customers to solve the complex safety and compliance challenges of operating in harsh and hazardous environments.



In-line with the safety-focused philosophy of the SIA, their core services include ignition hazard assessments on existing assets within an operation, providing designs and blueprints for product compliance, bespoke training, and ongoing audits.

Richard Ellis, Business Development Manager said, 'EXSolutions is an 'end user solution-based business', focused on providing specialist industrial safety solutions across a range of sectors where harsh environments, the risk of equipment fire, or operation in potentially explosive atmospheres exist. The group brands have a combined 150 years of industry experience with strong distribution networks and long-term OEM and end user relationships across the world. EXSolutions specialises in the end user's experience of managing a hazardous environment; the identification of risk, the management of risk, and the mitigation concepts that can be used to comply with best practice and legislative demands. We are very much looking forward to working with the SIA'

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'The work of EXSolutions is completely in line with that of the SIA in encouraging those working in hazardous areas to take the appropriate measures to mitigate the chances of incident. We are very much looking forward to working with them in sharing Best Practice.'

SIP Speciality Oils and Fluids Limited, also joined us as our latest Distributor Member.

SIP Speciality Oils and Fluids has been in existence for more than 35 years. Based in London, SIP has an extensive product portfolio, covering a range of base fluids and wide viscosity grades of mineral white oils with Halal, Kosher and Vegan approvals, along with premium oils for industrial and drilling applications.



Director at SIP, Bead Oliver said, 'As solvents become an ever-increasing segment of our business, SIP Speciality Oils and Fluids is delighted to join this prestigious organisation. We look forward to developing relationships with SIA members, leading to increased cooperation and knowledge building.'

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'SIP are a highly respected company in the industry and we are excited to have them join our Association. The range of products supplied by SIP are becoming increasingly important to our sector and we are very much looking forward to working with them and learning more from their expertise.'

Finally, the Association has welcomed Lisam Systems Limited as an Associate Member.

Lisam is a global provider, founded in 1999, serving over 2000 customers from 24 worldwide offices, delivering smart EHS compliance and

practical sustainability solutions, fully integrated with Chemicals Management. Lisam delivers EHS solutions for Incident Management, Audits & Inspections, Sustainability Sources Management and Chemical Inventory Management, as well as Product Stewardship solutions for Substance Volume Tracking and SDS Authoring, Distribution and Management.



Simon Bradshaw, Managing Director of Lisam UK said, 'We know our stuff, keep our promises, and openly guide our business with core values of respect, integrity, service excellence, value and happiness. We very much look forward to working with the SIA and forming relationships with its members, enabling us to fine tune our service to better embrace the specific requirements of the solvents industry'.

SIA Chief Executive, Andrew Norman said, 'Product Stewardship is one of the three cornerstones of our activities and the addition of Lisam to our membership will be a valuable asset to assist other SIA members and partners in the field of ESG and compliance. We are very much looking forward to working with Simon and the team'.

Training

The European Solvents Industry Group hosted two training sessions with the SIA in May and October.

The sessions took place at the Cefic offices in Brussels in May and at LyondellBasell in Rotterdam in October.

Both events featured the SIA courses, 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry' and 'Solvents and their Applications' over two days.



The SIA would like to thank all of the delegates from Shell Chemicals, LyondellBasell, Cepsa, Cefic, Stockmeier and De Neef Chemical Processing NV and to ESIG for their organisation!

Introduction to the Solvents Industry

This training course was an introductory course designed for newcomers in the solvents sector and other professionals looking to 'refresh' their knowledge about solvents. This course is useful to those in commercial or administrative areas and is purposely kept small to encourage interaction and ensure dynamic discussions.

Content of this one-day course:

- The history of solvents
- An introduction to petrochemicals and solvents
- Where solvents come from
- Types of solvents
- Choosing the right solvent
- Solvent end-uses and applications
- Regulations related to solvents
- Transport and packaging
- Product stewardship across the supply chain
- Interactive sessions.

Solvents and their Applications

This training is designed to support the previous 'Introduction to the Solvents Industry' course and is aimed at anyone within the solvents industry who would like to acquire a greater understanding of where solvents are used in the manufacture of everyday items.

Content of this one-day course:

- Re-cap of 'Introduction to the Solvents Industry' course
- What is a solvent?
- How are solvents made?
- Solvents and their key characteristics
- Solvents applications by industry
- Interactive session

The SIA also hosted an 'Introduction to the Solvents Industry' course on 29th October at the Chemical Business Association (CBA) office in Crewe.

Many thanks to the delegates from Alcohols Limited, Tennants Distribution, Hammond Chemicals, 2M Group, Caldic, Newson Gale, Scully, Solventis, SIP and the CBA.

Also thank you to the CBA for the use of their facilities.

Diary Dates

2025 – 13 March

The Solvents Industry Association is delighted to announce that we are to return to the Houses of Parliament on Thursday 13th March 2025 for our Annual Spring Dinner.

Booking details will be sent out in due course, but in the meantime please put this not-to-be-missed date in your diary!

Conference Gallery



Members

