

## 'aerosol2017' A Celebration of Aerosol Possibilities

Five aerosol-focused events including a one day version of our popular 'Introduction to Aerosol Technology' Training Course, factory tours, the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Asian Aerosol Federation, a one day Industry Forum and a Gala Dinner at Sydney's iconic Opera House attracted 400 delegates from 10 countries to the 'aerosol2017' event hosted by the Association in late March.

Centrepiece of the week was the Industry Forum, which was devoted to the theme of "Meeting the Demands of the New Consumer".

Held in Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art and attended by over 90 delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Indonesia, the US, Singapore, Thailand and Japan, the Forum featured a mix of local and international speakers including Jo Jackson, Innovation and Marketing Manager for Colep, Richard Cooper from Emerson Automation Solutions, Paul Sullivan from DH Industries and Alain D'haese from the European Aerosol Federation.

Together they looked at how innovation and a focus on sustainability and safety were

essential to retaining and growing customer support for the aerosol package.

International speakers were complemented by local speakers from leading technology companies who spoke on the power of social media and detailed how technology was changing the relationship which brands had with their customers.

Reinforcing the Association's outward looking focus was the signing of a Mutual Cooperation Agreement with the British Aerosol Manufacturers Association ('BAMA') during the Forum (refer story on page 4).

The Association owes a debt of gratitude to the many companies that sponsored and supported the event. Such an ambitious undertaking would simply not be possible without their generous support.

It is especially pleasing to note that despite the high standards of professionalism for all events and the high quality venues used, the event achieved a break even result financially.

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# Welcome to New Members

The Association welcomes Australasian Solvents and Chemicals Company, NCI Packaging and SHE Compliance to its membership.

They join a number of other companies that have joined the Association over the past year, including Australian Aerosols, Caroline's Sugar Art Services and SoShells.

Each company helps make the Association stronger and a more effective advocate for the sector - welcome on-board!

Make sure you get the maximum benefit from your membership - we encourage you to involve yourself in Association activities like our Annual Members' Breakfast Briefing (see story below), training events and the like.

For a full list of Association members see <http://aerosol.com.au/the-association-and-industry/our-members/>.



## A Date For Your Diary!



The Association's **2017 Annual Members' Breakfast Briefing** will be held at MGSM Executive Conference Centre in North Ryde on **THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**.

We are pleased to advise that the Chairman of the Aerosol Committee of the Chinese Packaging Federation, Dr You Yizhong, will be our guest speaker and will deliver a presentation examining the current state of the Chinese aerosol industry.

Don't miss this chance to hear about developments in this exciting market and to catch up with Association news and with your industry colleagues – **PUT THAT DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!**

## ... and while you've got that diary out .....

The 8th International Aerosol Product and Metal Containers exhibition will be held in Ningbo, China from 1 - 3 November 2017.

Organisers are expecting over 150 exhibitors and 8000 visitors with space devoted to the trade exhibition doubled from 2015 and the Forum component now expanded to two days and featuring a line-up of speakers from Europe, North

and South America and Australasia.

For more information see <http://www.aerosol.icoc.me/> or contact Stacie at [info@aerosolchina.org](mailto:info@aerosolchina.org).

Thanks to our friends at the China Aerosol Committee, **Association members can receive free admission to the Exhibition, Forum and Gala Dinner** - please contact the Association Office if interested!



# GHS Labelling (Officially) Comes to Victoria

As advised to all members by email, on 18 June 2017 Victoria's new Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 came into effect, replacing the 2007 legislation.

The new Victorian Regulations essentially introduce the GHS to Victoria but a number of differences exist compared to the national (SWA) model.

Of most interest to members will be the labelling requirements and fortunately these are substantively aligned with those in the Model WHS Regulations.

The Victorian Regulations allow Victorian manufacturers or importing suppliers to label in accordance with the SWA model WHS Regulations and still be compliant with the Victorian Regulations.

There is no lead-in time for the labelling requirements imposed by the new Regulations but hazardous substances

which are already in the Victorian supply chain do not need to be re-labelled by employers or [non-importing] suppliers to comply with the new regulations.

Victoria is not adopting the model Codes developed under national WHS legislation. Instead, it is introducing what it calls "Compliance Codes" which provide practical guidance and aim to provide easy to understand information on how to comply with the Victorian legislation.

This information, if applied appropriately, will mean that those who follow it are deemed to have complied with their obligations under the OHS Act.

Unfortunately, however, these Codes are not expected to be finalised till around December 2017.

For more information see <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/news/notices/ohs-regulations-reform-2017>.



## What about other States?

For a handy overview of WHS legislation around the States, see <https://www.business.gov.au/Info/Run/Workplace-health-and-safety/WHS-OH-and-S-Acts-Regulations-and-Codes-of-Practice>.

Meanwhile, a global overview of current GHS implementation status carried out during 2016 and 2017 by researchers in Stockholm showed that as of 1 April 2017, only 65 countries had

passed legislation that is aligned with the GHS, either for all GHS sectors or for at least one of the sectors) while 128 countries had not yet passed such legislation.

## Reminder: Retail Products

With all the attention focusing on GHS labelling, it would be easy to forget that retail products [still] need to be labelled in accordance with the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons, known

as the 'SUSMP' or 'Poisons Standard'.

Make sure that you don't fall into this trap! For more information and to keep up to date with changes to the Standard, see <https://www.tga.gov.au/publica->

[tion/poisons-standard-susmp](https://www.tga.gov.au/publication/poisons-standard-susmp) or talk to your Executive Director.

The latest 'Legislative Instrument' for the Standard can be accessed at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2017L00605>.

## FEA Issues Revised 'Standard'

The European Aerosol Federation ('FEA') has released an updated version of the 603 Standard *"Filled aerosol packs – Guidelines to test long-term preservation and to measure the loss of weight"*.

This now includes an Appendix addressing the requirements for plastic aerosols.

For a FREE set of the FEA Standards, see <http://www.aerosol.org/publications-news/publications/standards/>.



## PR / ADVOCACY / TRAINING

## Australian and UK Aerosol Bodies Sign Cooperation Agreement

The Aerosol Association of Australia and its UK counterpart, the British Aerosol Manufacturers' Association ('BAMA') have signed a reciprocal cooperation agreement.

The agreement will see the two associations share information and cooperate on a range of initiatives, including in the areas of safety, sustainability and training.

The Agreement was signed by representatives of the two associations at the 'aerosol2017' Industry Forum held in Sydney on 23 March.

Over coming months, the Association will be working with BAMA to develop additional member resources flowing from this landmark agreement.



## Australia Re-elected to Head Up AAF

The Australian Association has been re-elected to the Presidency of the Asian Aerosol Federation for a further three year term.

The vote is a reassuring endorsement of the direction and priorities taken during the Federation's first six years and came at the Federation's 2017 Annual Meeting, held in Sydney in late March as part of the 'aerosol2017' event.

The next meeting of the Federation is timed for February 2018 and will be hosted by the Thai Aerosol Association ([www.thaiaerosol.com](http://www.thaiaerosol.com)) in Bangkok.

## FTA Portal Extended

The Government's FTA Portal has recently been expanded to include a number of additional countries with which Australia has a Free Trade Agreement ('FTA').

These additional markets comprise Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos, which together represent almost \$75 billion in two-way trade (2015-16) for Australia.

The Portal already covers FTAs with China, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and New Zealand. All of Australia's active FTAs will soon be available, with the United States and Chile to be added later this year.

The Portal can be accessed at <https://fta-portal.dfat.gov.au>.

## We Want Your Input!

The Association's Executive is currently determining its training programme for 2018.

Over the last nine years we have developed a number of training courses and workshops, ranging from our popular two-day 'Introduction to Aerosol Technology' course to one day workshops on Regulations, Labelling, Propellant Safety and Sustainability and a half day workshop on Product Recalls.

We would appreciate hearing from members on subjects or topics that you would be interested in attending training on – send your input to [info@aerosol.com.au](mailto:info@aerosol.com.au).