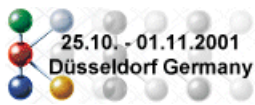


# EPDA NEWSLETTER

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## K 2001

■ The K 2001 is expected to attract over 265,000 visitors and 2,600 exhibitors from around the world. Join EPDA, BPSA and IAPD for specially planned events, such as:

### Monday, 29 October

19:00 - 21:00

- *IAPD Welcome Reception*

Join EPDA, BPSA and IAPD members for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at the Ramada Hotel in Leverkusen.

### Tuesday, 30 October

08:00 - 14:00

- *Plant Tour of Thyssen Schulte GmbH, Wuppertal*  
Thyssen Schulte has offered to host EPDA, BPSA and IAPD members for a tour of their facility, as well as a visit to the historic homes of the Thyssen and Krupps families. Buses will pick up members at the Ramada Hotel and will drop off members at the K 2001 grounds at 14:00.

### Tuesday, 30 October

16:00 - 18:00

- *Joint EPDA/BPSA/IAPD Meeting*

Join EPDA, BPSA and IAPD on the fairgrounds of Messe Düsseldorf to convene for a short meeting to discuss current issues involving international plastics trade. This meeting will be held in room 17, which is located on the first floor of the Pavilion in the Congress Center Düsseldorf (CCD).

## EPDA/IAPD Members Attending K 2001

■ As of 5 September, these are the EPDA/BPSA/IAPD members attending the K. Those members who have stands are listed with their location.

AA Gonçalves Ferreira & CA LDA • Antônio Gonçalves Ferreira

Adreani Spa • Maurizio Adreani

Alexandrovitz Eng. & Rubber • Josef Alexandrovitz

Amari Plastics • Vic Fuller, Andy Lloyd, David Ladyman

Arageorgis LN • Lida Arageorgis

Brett Martin • Duncan Smith • 4A 35

Ensinger GmbH • Martin Baras • Hall 5/5 F39

Eriks NV • Jos Vanoirbeek

Fluorseals Spa • Giorgio Greco • Hall 8 S-8.2 D37

GBM Plastics • Joe Turley

IBG BV/Praher • Frans Blok • No. 82 F 32

IPS Ltd • Peter Ferries

Madreperla Spa • Antonella Annunziata

## K Fair Attendees continued...

Metzeler Plastics GmbH • Wolfgang Voss • Hall 4 4B50

Plastics Plus • Barry White, John Douglas

Quero H. J. SA • Juan Quero, Jürgen Deutsch

Rilling + Pohl • Ulrich Terbüggen

Röchling Haren KG • Willy Bölscher • Hall 4 D 34

Röchling Trovidur KG • Franz Lübbers • Hall 4 D 34

Specchidea S.r.l. • Elio Giurintano • Hall 6 NR 6E68

eSustaplast KG • Burghard Frank • Hall 4 S-4 D34

Zell-Metall GmbH • Nick Kraguljac • Hall 5 5G 27/9

## EPDA Involvement Opportunities

■ Committees and task forces met at the EPDA Annual Conference in May to discuss various issues across the industry. These groups are a great way to offer input, keep up with the industry and make a difference.

- Web Site
- Newsletter
- Distributor-Manufacturer Task Force
- Sheet, Rod and Tube Group
- Pipe, Valves and Fittings Group
- Membership
- Case Histories

If you are interested in participating, please e-mail [epda@epda.com](mailto:epda@epda.com) for more information.

## IAPD Annual Convention — Rescheduled Opryland Hotel • Nashville, Tennessee, USA 28 November - 2 December, 2001

■ Due to the tragedy in the U.S., IAPD has cancelled its convention that was scheduled for 12 - 16 September. IAPD has rescheduled the convention for 28 November - 2 December to take place at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, USA. For more information, visit IAPD's web site at [www.iapd.org](http://www.iapd.org), or contact IAPD at +913.345.1005, fax +913.345.1006, e-mail: [iapd@iapd.org](mailto:iapd@iapd.org).

## EPDA Member News

■ Wolfgang Voss, Metzeler Plastics, has decided to take early retirement due to health concerns. The K 2001 will be used as his opportunity to wish his colleagues well.



## EPDA Product and Literature Showcase

■ At K 2001, Specchidea S.r.l. will introduce new products in the mirror sheets sector. All EPDA and IAPD members are invited to visit the Specchidea stand at NR. 6E68 inside Hall 6. +39 011.22.37.922.

■ Röchling Haren KG, Haren/Germany, worldwide manufacturer and supplier of semi-finished and finished parts made of thermoplastics, now runs the biggest compression moulding press for polyolefines.

The new press produces sheet with the raw sizes 6120 x 2550mm. These allow sheet sizes of 6000 x 2500mm as well as the internationally required size of 20 x 8 ft.

With this new press, sheets of the materials PE, PP and PVDF are produced. Röchling Haren KG is also able to offer the machining of these sheets to finished parts according to the customer's requirements on the most modern CNC milling machines with the highest precision. +49 (0) 59 34/701-322 or info@roechling-haren.de.

■ Sustaplast KG has announced a new type of Sustamid® 6 GC that is a modified material based on nylon. The values obtained by the addition of various additives directly compare with cast nylon. This modified nylon allows for excellent machining conditions, resulting in a flow shaving. Sustamid® 6 GC also allows for higher cutting speed and cutting depth with only slightly higher cutting temperatures. +(49) 2621-693-0 or info@sustaplast.de.

■ PERSPEX™ has added three new colors to the PERSPEX™ Frost range — lemon sorbet, blush and aurora. These latest colors take the PERSPEX™ Frost range to seven colours in total and add to crystal clear, polar white, glacier green and arctic blue. PERSPEX™ Frost is double-sided acrylic sheet with a soft matte anti-reflective surface similar to that of sand-blasted glass, but with the ease of fabrication, light weight and quality performance properties. This year's 100 percent Design exhibition will see BOBO launch two new creations — Glo-nuts and a new "Pillow" lighting panel. Glo-nuts are made in the new PERSPEX™ Frost colours and the Pillow light is made in PERSPEX™ Frost polar white. Glo-nuts are donut-shaped, illuminated PERSPEX™ forms which can be stacked on the floor or wall mounted. Created using 5mm PERSPEX™ Frost, Glo-nuts are hard wearing and functional with a variety of uses, from interior seating and illumination to exterior vessels and lighting. The Pillow lights are made from 3mm PERSPEX™ Frost, and have an amazing soft visual and tactile quality that is translucent and emits a range of different types of light utilizing the PRISMEX™ Light Management System. +012 5487 4000 or perspex\_online@ineos-a.com.

■ As part of its range of Light Management Solutions, PERSPEX™ has launched two new products — PERSPEX™ S-Lux and PERSPEX™ D-Lux. These products further extend the range of options offered to the sign, POP and display markets. PERSPEX™ D-Lux is the ideal solution for smaller area signs and has been developed to give the optimum combination of brightness, weight, size and cost effectiveness. PERSPEX™ D-Lux is supplied with protective masking in place to minimise the risk of surface damage during fabrication and can be shaped and formed into creative products. PERSPEX™ S-Lux is designed for larger area signs where greater thickness sheet is necessary. It is supplied with film masking applied for protection during manufacture, and can be cut to size without compromising performance. +012 5487 4000 or perspex\_online@ineos-a.com.

■ Quadrant Engineering Plastic Products has just released its new guide for Advanced Engineering Plastics Products. Contact Quadrant Engineering Plastics Products at epp.europe@qplas.com or visit their web site at www.quadrantepp.com.

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## EPDA 33rd Annual Conference Scandic Continental Hotel • Helsinki, Finland 24-27 May, 2002

■ Following is a draft programme of this event:

### Friday, 24 May

- Golf or optional tours of Helsinki and Tallin, Estonia
- Welcome cocktail reception

### Saturday, 25 May

- Guest speakers
- Annual general meeting
- Distributor/Manufacturer presentations
- Optional dinner

### Sunday, 26 May

- Sheet, Rod and Tube meeting
- Table top exhibition
- Pipe, Valves and Fittings meeting
- Speaker presentations
- Annual gala dinner

### Monday, 27 May

- Farewell breakfast

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