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FEICA moves to a new office!



We are excited to announce that the FEICA team has moved into a brand new office space. Even though it's only into the building next door, everyone is delighted as the new offices are much more functional than our previous ones. We were able to show off our new board room at the ETB meeting last week and even comfortably welcomed more than fifty guests for a drink. For new address and phone numbers, please check the [FEICA public website](#).

The 2018 FEICA European Adhesive and Sealant Conference & EXPO will be held at the Radisson Blue Latvija in Riga from 12-14 September 2018.

The FEICA Conference and EXPO has firmly established itself as the premier event for Europe's adhesive and sealant industry and we look forward to welcoming many of you again this year.

The Digital Age

FEICA 2018 will focus on the impact on our industry of the rapid and far-reaching changes resulting from the "digital age" (continues on next page).



Riga, Latvia

FEICA European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO 2018

12-14 September 2018

Radisson Blu Latvija - Riga, Latvia

SAVE THE DATE



The 2018 Business Forum: “Adhesives and sealants in the digital age”

The theme of this year’s business forum is “Adhesives and sealants in the digital age”.

Insightful and highly professional keynote speakers will be followed by a panel discussion in which you will get the chance to put forward your own questions.

The digital age will be characterised by ever tighter integration between our personal lives, public services and industry, facilitated by the internet and other digital technologies.

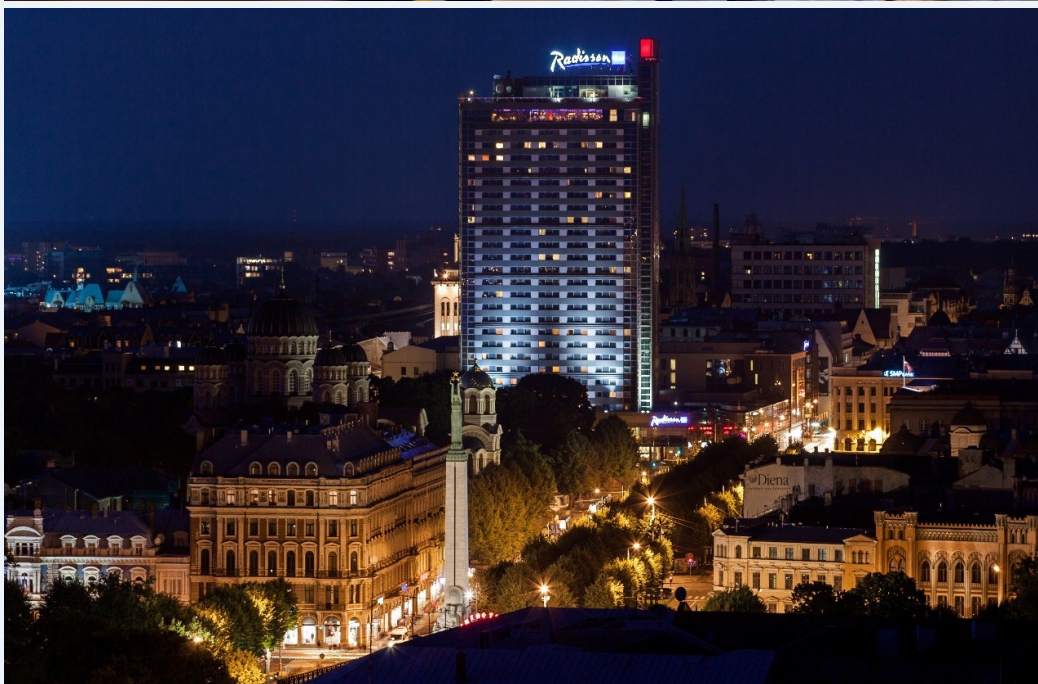
This coming tidal wave will affect the way business and even society operates.

In this context, industry is already at the dawn of “Industry 4.0”, which brings together automation and previously unseen levels of data exchange in manufacturing.

This is achieved using cyber-physical systems, the internet of things (IoT), cloud computing and cognitive computing based on artificial intelligence.

This offers potential benefits, but also brings with it significant challenges. **Data privacy and protection will become even more important and industry has to prepare for this!**

The FEICA Business Forum will explore the implications of the digital age for business and strive to identify practical strategies that will help adhesive and sealant companies to succeed in this new era.



FEICA 2018: Call for Speakers

FEICA is delighted to invite experts to share their knowledge and experience with an international audience of 500+ industry leaders and stakeholders at the 2018 European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO.

2018 breakout sessions

FEICA welcomes abstracts on a range of topics. The focus of the 2018 breakout sessions is:

Industry 4.0

- Digital technologies, data exchange in manufacturing and sales, automation.
- The internet of things (IoT), artificial intelligence, data mining, e-commerce for industry
- Data privacy and protection, the General Data Protection Regulation and its impact on European industry.

Market trends and innovation

- Adhesive and sealant market trends, growth rates and outlook, emerging markets and market development.
- Innovative manufacturing technologies, innovation and growth.

Don't see your area of expertise? Any new technology, market intelligence, or innovative idea relevant to the adhesive and sealant industry will be considered.

Customer focus

- Downstream user perspective in construction, building, civil engineering, electronics, medical, paper and packaging, transportation, marine, Do-It-Yourself/retail, footwear and leather, woodworking and joinery, and assembly operations.

Sustainability & Circular Economy

- Resource-efficient technologies, energy and raw material sourcing, Circular Economy.
- Durability, recycling, handling and use of adhesives and sealants.
- Adhesives and sealants contributing to Circular Economy.

Innovative technology, testing and product development

Developments in hotmelts, solvent-based, water-based, pressure-sensitive and reactive adhesive systems.

Trends in polyurethanes, silicones, silane and other sealant systems.

Raw materials

- Feedstock trends affecting raw material sourcing.
- Accessing raw materials – availability, restrictions and (relative) price.
- Raw material development and new product applications.

From science to tomorrow's applications

- Innovative research, e-learning, high-throughput research.
- Advancements in adhesion science, new chemistry.

Abstract guidelines

Before sending us a presentation, you are requested to submit an abstract.

See:

www.feica-conferences.com

Presentations in the breakout sessions are scheduled on Thursday 13 September in the afternoon and Friday 14 September in the morning.

The FEICA Secretariat will inform you whether your abstract has been accepted or not by the end of May 2018.

Please send your abstracts by e-mail not later than 30 March 2018 to: k.ons@feica.eu

Deadline for submissions is 16 March 2018 !

FEICA / EURADH adherence innovation award-Deadline approaching

FEICA and EURADH's joint award for Innovative Adhesion Science aims to stimulate the interactions between industrial and scientific activities in adhesion science

Applications are invited from young researchers working in adhesion science in Europe who have published outstanding work.

The scope and possible topics are identical to those of the call for papers for [EURADH 2018](#).

The award is funded by FEICA and will be presented at the EURADH conference in September 2018.

We are still taking applications from young researchers until 16 March 2018. This includes masters students, doctoral students, post-docs, junior professors and researchers associated with universities, research institutes or companies.

More details on the prize and how to apply are available via:

www.feica.eu

and

www.adhesionaward.org



The EURADH adherence societies consist of:

Associação Portuguesa de Adesão e Adesivos (Portugal), Grupo Iberoamericano de Adhesión (Spain), DECHEMA (Germany), Société Française du Vide (France), Society for Adhesion and Adhesives (UK) and De bond voor materialenkennis (The Netherlands).

ADHESION INNOVATION AWARD 2018

FEICA, the association representing the European adhesive and sealant industry, and EURADH, the biannual European conference on adhesion and related phenomena, are delighted to announce the inauguration of a **new joint Award for Innovative Adhesion Science**

Applications are invited from young researchers working in adhesion science in Europe. This includes masters students, doctoral students, post-docs, junior professors and researchers.

The award winner will receive a **€3,000** cash prize, a **certificate** and is invited to present his or her work at EURADH (Lisbon, Portugal, 5-7 September 2018), and at the FEICA Conference and EXPO (Riga, Latvia, 12-14 September 2018).

APPLY NOW
www.AdhesionAward.org

The EU's factsheets on the strategy for plastics in a circular economy

At FEICA 2017, held in Sardinia last year, Dr Hugo Maria Schally, Head of Unit "Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption" at the European Commission discussed the EU Circular Economy Action Plan, and highlighted new opportunities for business in our future circular economy. One of the strategies Dr Schally mentioned was 'Plastics', which recently came into effect.

You can read the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy here: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/pdf/plastics-strategy.pdf>

Four important factsheets have additionally been published. These are:

- Turning today's challenges into opportunities - a European strategy for plastics in a circular economy
- EU leading global action - a European strategy for plastics in a circular economy
- A strong and sustainable European plastics industry
- A plastics strategy to protect Europe's citizens and the environment

All can be downloaded here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/factsheets-european-strategy-plastics-circular-economy_en

ECHA's subsequent note on microplastics shows its commitment to increase recycling in Europe.

More here:

<https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-to-consider-restrictions-on-the-use-of-oxo-plastics-and-microplasti-1>

FEICA commits to keeping our industry informed about any relevant updates regarding the EU Circular Economy Strategy, so watch this space!

Belgian Royal Decree on nanomaterials

The Decree amends the Royal Decree of 27 May 2014.

It is available in French and in Dutch here:

http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/cgi/article_body.pl?language=fr&pub_date=2018-01-15&numac=2018010068&caller=summary



FEICA publications



Adhesives in Food Contact Packaging Applications

Following the FEICA Food Contact Seminar on 28 September 2017, which was specifically on mineral oil hydrocarbons and the recently published FEICA guidance, SpecialChem published an online article titled « Adhesives in Food Contact Packaging Applications ». The article is available here: <https://adhesives.specialchem.com/tech-library/article/adhesives-in-food-contact-packaging-applications>

Season's Greetings from FEICA!

If you missed the annual FEICA Christmas Newsletter, which recapitulates some of our achievements, events and publications, it is still available on the FEICA public website here:

<http://www.feica.eu/cust/documentview.aspx?DocID=3341>

FEICA article published in the European Coatings Journal (ECJ) and Farbe und Lack

In March 2017, a new Annex (Annex VIII to the CLP regulation) was published in the official journal of the European Union, effectively starting the countdown towards the deadlines to begin notifying hazardous mixtures to appointed bodies in a harmonised way across the EU.

In « Plan Ahead: Harmonised reporting obligations for hazardous mixtures in Europe are coming », an article on Poison Centres, Nicolás Fuentes, Regular Affairs Manager at FEICA, sums up what is in the pipeline to achieve harmonised reporting across the European Union, and how companies should 'Plan ahead'.

You can read the full article in English via the FEICA website here:

<http://www.feica.eu/information-center/partner-publications.aspx>

The German version of the article is available here:

<http://www.feica.eu/cust/documentview.aspx?DocID=3241>



REACH 2018



FEICA USE MAP WORKSHOP

This joint workshop with the EFCC (European Federation for Construction Chemicals) took place in Brussels on **5 December 2017** and was attended by almost 50 registrants.

It was very well received by all those who attended as it offered our members a convenient way to understand the benefits of the Use Map Packages developed under the [REACH CSR/Exposure Scenarios Roadmap](#) for the adhesive, sealant and construction chemical industries.

The proceedings are available for FEICA members on the [FEICA Extranet](#). Any questions, please contact info@feica.eu.

REACH 2018 - 120 days before the deadline

If you have pre-registered substances that you manufacture or import from outside the EU above one tonne but not more than 100 tonnes per year, and have not already registered them, then the REACH registration **deadline of 31 May 2018** concerns you.

Everything you need to know is available on the ECHA website here:

<https://echa.europa.eu/reach-2018/know-your-portfolio>

Helping registrants in exceptional cases

Companies facing exceptional situations that are likely to prevent them from registering on time **should inform ECHA** ahead of the deadline of 31 May 2018.

REACH Use Map Packages

Updates of the [FEICA Use Map Packages](#) are imminent (sometime in February) and we will keep you updated through the usual channels.

Please keep an eye out for the next CONNECT (out at the beginning of May) for a recap of pertinent REACH-related news.



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The next issue will be published in May 2018.

Please send any pertinent information to be considered for our next issue to info@feica.eu

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