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# Dealing with chemical scare stories: Endocrine Disruption

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Endocrine Disruptors has become a key issue facing the plastics industry. This seminar which is open exclusively to BPF Members will split the fact from the fiction and will explore how the issue will affect your company and what can be done to tackle the subject head on.

This seminar will provide you with insightful sessions on two of the key products, Bisphenol A and Phthalates as well as a case study from the Danish Plastics Federation that will take a look into what could happen next.

This is your chance to learn what you can expect from the future and how you can prepare yourself and protect your company. You will learn the tools available to you to defend your product and how to use evidence in speaking with your stakeholders.

## THE SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 10:20**      **Registration & Refreshments**
- 10:50**      **Chairman's Introduction** - *Chris Howick, INEOS ChlorVinyls*
- 10:55**      **Chemical scares and Endocrine Disruption— the background—** Philip Law, British Plastics Federation
- A full review of the background to the Endocrine Disruption Issue
  - Defending your products, the tools available
- 11:35**      **The UK Government's view on the Endocrine Disruption Issue** - *Steve Fairhurst, HSE*
- *What The UK Government's position is on Endocrine Disruption*
  - *How the HSE anticipates developments*
- 12:05**      **Tea/coffee break**
- 12:20**      **A glimpse into a possible future? Lessons learned from Denmark**  
*Peter Skov, Danish Plastics Federation*
- *Current and potential Danish legislation*
  - *Impact on the EU through the Danish Presidency*
  - *How Danish plastics producers are dealing with the issue*
- 13:00**      **Networking Lunch**
- 14:00**      **Addressing misconceptions—Bisphenol A** - *Jasmin Bird, Plastics Europe*
- *The Bisphenol A Group's position*
  - *An outline of the EU Risk Assessment*
  - *How and why some Bisphenol researchers and commentators have got it wrong*
- 14:30**      **Addressing misconceptions—Phthalates**  
*Maggie Saykali, European Council of Plasticisers and Intermediates*
- *The ECPI position*
  - *EU Risk Assessments*
  - *How and why some researchers on phthalates have got it wrong*
- 15:00**      **Tea/Coffee break**
- 15:15**      **Why good science and evidence matters for the public,** *Sile Lane, Sense about Science*
- *The importance of companies being ready to provide evidence for the claims they make*
  - *The importance of science and evidence in public discussion*
  - *Sense about Sciences experiences of helping the public make sense of evidence*
- 15:45**      **Round up and close**

# SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES



## **Chris Howick, INEOS Chlorvinyls**

Dr Chris Howick is a graduate of the City University, London, where he earned a BSc degree in Chemistry and also a graduate of Nottingham University, England, where he obtained a PhD degree in Inorganic Chemistry. Chris' prior experience includes 5 years with ICI where he worked firstly on the development of low migration plasticisers for PVC and then in a technical service role.

Chris became the Product Stewardship Manager for INEOS Chlorvinyls in December 2006 and is responsible for the group's REACH activities, although he continues his regulatory responsibilities for PVC resins. He became chair of the European Council of Vinyl Manufacturers REACH committee in 2007 and this developed into the consortium for the registration of Vinyl Chloride Monomer which was submitted to the European Chemicals Agency in 2010. In 2008 he was also elected chair of the BPF Product Safety Committee. Chris is a regular presenter at conferences, particularly those involving PVC or polymer regulations.



## **Steve Fairhurst, Health and Safety Executive**

Steve Fairhurst is a toxicologist who has worked for the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on chemicals regulatory matters for the last 25 years. He is now one of the senior management team of HSE's Chemicals Regulation Directorate (CRD), formed in 2009 to bring together in the UK the regulatory science and the operation of regulatory schemes for UK/EU legislation covering Plant Protection Products (pesticides), biocides and industrial chemicals. Steve leads CRD's human health science (toxicological hazard, human exposure and human risk assessment) for all programmes involving CRD; together with CRD's delivery operations for REACH and Classification & Labelling. As part of these responsibilities, during the last two years he has led a CRD project developing proposed criteria by which substances should be identified as endocrine disrupters for regulatory purposes, for further treatment according to the stipulations of these various regulatory programmes



## **Peter Skov, Danish Plastics Federation**

Peter Skov is a lawyer and had a career as a civil servant from 1973 to 1985. He ended up, firstly as head of division in the Danish EPA and later as adviser to the Environment Minister. From 1985 he has been employed as deputy director in the Confederation of Danish Employers and from 1993 in the Confederation of Danish Industry with responsibility for regulatory issues regarding environment, energy and food production. Since 1999 he has been managing director of the Federation of Danish Plastics Industry (a Danish trade association counting LEGO, Coloplast, Vestas Blades and LM windPower amongst its membership).



## **Maggie Saykali, ECPI**

Maggie Saykali holds a degree in chemical engineering from the ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles) followed by a two-year post-graduate research project at the ULB department of polymer science.

Maggie has gained extensive international experience working in technical and commercial roles for 17 years in the PVC and additives industry. She then moved on to the polyolefin industry where she was the marketing manager for the Healthcare and Caps & closure applications at Borealis.

In 2009, Maggie joined CEFIC (The European Chemical Industry Council) as manager of ECPI, the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates



## **Philip Law, British Plastics Federation**

Philip Law is the Public & Industrial Affairs Director at the British Plastics Federation, the UK Plastics Association, with more than 400 members. Philip was born in Lancaster, England, in 1954 and he holds qualifications from the Universities of Nottingham, York and Oxford. Philip joined the BPF in 1978 and in 2008 he was honoured with the award for Personal Contribution to the Plastics Industry at the Plastics Industry Awards.

He is a former Chairman of the European Plastics Converters Association's Environment Committee in Brussels.



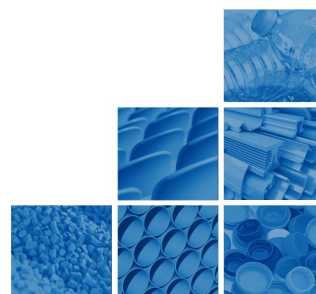
## **Sile Lane, Sense about Science**

Sile joined Sense About Science as Public Liaison in February 2009 from a career as a stem cell researcher. As Public Liaison Sile worked with regulatory bodies, civic society organisations, the media and policy makers to ensure the public always has access to the best science and evidence. She supported patient groups and medical research charities to promote the tools of scientific thinking and challenge misleading claims.



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