

Newsletter

Well summer is well and truly here (although sometimes with our weather you wouldn't know it) and thoughts are fast turning to holidays and time away from work – but before you go here is the latest news from the UK ash industry.

WRAP/EA Quality Protocol

The Quality Protocol for Bound and Grout applications was sent to the EU for technical approval. This has subsequently been received back from the EU and approved without comment, one of the few Quality Protocol's to achieve no comments. The Environment Agency are presently looking for somewhere appropriate to launch the document.

The Unbound ash testing programme has been completed with all the samples being sent, though some were significantly delayed for a variety of reasons. These results are due any time now.

REACH

Cenospheres have caused some issues as these are now being registered under a separate EC number and SIEF. This was following a ruling from ECHA that the separate EC number must be used for cenospheres that are sold as a separate product, as opposed to when they are incorporated within the ash. This will again significantly increase costs as a separate SIEF is needed. This is being run by Omya, though the dossier will be based mainly on the ECOBA ash dossier.



Sustainable Concrete Forum and UKQAA RSMC

The rationalised SCF has been much quieter in recent times with less happening. This seems simply due to the increased workload of attendees in conjunction with staffing levels reducing due to the recession.

The aggregate and concrete industries have moved towards BES 6001 accreditation at a fast rate, however, the cement, ash and GGBS industries have all declined to go down this route at this current time.

UKQAA annual returns have been made to SCF based on the information received from members.

UKQAA Membership News

A warm welcome to new members Lafarge Cement who have taken Associate membership and GRS Roadstone Ltd who are new Affiliate members. We hope

they find their membership useful and informative and we look forward to helping them in any way we can.



Out and About: ECO Showcase (formerly Hargould) Derby & Birmingham: Derby was a successful event for us but this was not quite the case in Birmingham thought mainly due to traffic problems on the M6.

Eurocoalash 2010 Copenhagen: Lindon gave a presentation here on the use of FBA in blocks. The latter part of the presentation on the future for coal fired generation in the UK had been of interest, judging by delegate feedback.

DCE – Liverpool: We were asked last minute by DCE if we would like to attend here so Yvonne went along with our stand. It was a reasonable show for us.

Other Venues: Over the last 3 months we have also spread the word at the University of Liverpool, University of Bolton and Mansfield District Council.

Future Events planned

Ecobuild 2011: Next year the show remains in London but is moving from Earls Court to ExCeL. We are taken stand space there.



PFA Today – THE ECO Building Material 12 October 2010 – Silverstone Circuit: Things are moving on at a pace now for "PFA Today – THE ECO Building Material" the dedicated ash day organised in conjunction with Direct Contact Exhibitions (DCE). We have a full programme of seven seminars with CPD accreditation and an exhibition area.



EXHIBITION AREA - exhibition spaces are 3m x 3m and we have 12 stand spaces already booked – there is room for only 16 stands so book now to avoid disappointment.

UKQAA members £250+VAT (includes 2 delegate places)
Non-members £350+VAT (includes 2 delegate places)

This is proving to be an interesting venture... watch this space for further information.

Further information is available on the dedicated webpage <http://www.UKQAA.org.uk/PFAToday>

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