

# PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF

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*The ECPI team wishes all its readers a very successful new year. We look forward to continuing working with you in 2014.*

## PLASTICISERS & PHTHALATE ESTERS

### Strong PVC value-chain key to ensure bright future for plasticisers industry

ECPI teamed up with Crain Communications and European Plastics News to organise this year's Plasticisers Conference. The more than 80 international experts who gathered in Brussels for two days agreed that significant progress is being made to address the current challenges the industry is facing in areas such as competitiveness and sustainable use of additives. There were also a number scientific presentation on topics ranging from indoor environment to human and environmental monitoring >> [Read More](#)



### European plasticisers market continues major shift towards high phthalates



This year ECPI organised an information session and field trip for international journalists who had the opportunity to visit some production facilities to learn how flexible PVC products are made. As explained during this visit, there has been a major shift in the European plasticiser market from low to high molecular weight phthalates which today represent about 85% of the phthalates used in Europe. >> [Read More](#)

## EVENTS

### PVC Formulations. 24-26 February 2014, Dusseldorf (DE)

#### PVC Formulation 2014

The place to debate the latest changes in PVC formulations driven by legislation and technical trends. ECPI will be present at the event with a table-top exhibition to disseminate information and materials in several languages. >>[Programme](#)

## PVC 2014. 1-3 April 2014, Brighton (UK)



The triennial "Brighton" conference continues to be the world's largest conference dedicated exclusively to PVC. ECPI will have a shared booth with VinylPlus and it will also participate as a speaker on Wednesday the 2nd. [>>Programme](#)

## PRESS REVIEW

### Chemistry World: Fear and loathing

Mark Peplow looks at the latest report by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) saying that critics quickly lambasted it as the latest example of 'chemophobia' – an irrational fear of all things chemical. [>> Read the full article](#)

### Forbes: Can't Get Pregnant? Blame It On Plastics! Well, Not If Science Matters

Jon Entine talks about how misreporting conflicting data is not just a case of bad journalism. The consequences are far more pernicious, as scare stories end up infecting the public discussion and the result is often bad legislation. [>> Read the full article](#)

## WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

### Plasticisers Conference 2013



Summary of this year's Plasticisers Conference including interviews with S. Content, new ECPI Manager, as well as H. Week from IHS, S. Dobel from the Danish EPA and O. Ceysson from flooring company Gerflor. [>>Watch the video](#)

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