



WHAT'S NEW ABOUT ECPI

Jean-Luc Wietor appointed ECPI's Manager



We would like to welcome Jean-Luc Wietor, ECPI's new Manager. A Luxembourg native, he holds a PhD in Supramolecular Chemistry from the University of Cambridge and completed a post-doc in Polymer Science at the Technical University of Eindhoven. Before joining ECPI, Jean-Luc worked in the paint and coatings industry, where he held roles in R&D, Marketing and Product Management.

"I join ECPI at a moment when the progress made over the past few years gives shape to a renewed, stronger identity, to an association representing all plasticisers in a positive, proactive and inclusive way. This is exciting and challenging and I am ready to give my best."

Proviron joins ECPI in January 2017



We are pleased to announce that in January 2017 Proviron will join the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates, bringing to 7 the number of ECPI members. ECPI will cover a larger variety of plasticisers representing around 85% of the European plasticisers production.

Proviron is a family owned chemical company focusing on eight businesses, ranging from microalgae over deicing chemicals to niche plasticisers. Historically, Proviron has been concentrating on the worldwide production and marketing of phthalate-free and even biobased plasticizing solutions for polyamide, PVC, PVB, rubber and PLA. [>>>Learn more about Proviron](#)

PLASTICISERS WORLD

Danish EPA says chemicals in children's rugs 'no health hazard'

A recent study for Denmark's Environmental Protection Agency which assessed emissions of VOCs, phthalates and PFAs in 21 imported children's rugs concluded that the chemicals found do not pose a health risk. The agency provides some advice to purchase and use these rugs. [>>>Read more](#)

ECPI responds to stories about chemicals released into water from washing machines

Last summer, several UK newspapers reported about a study from the University of Toronto claiming that clothing can trap certain chemicals – including phthalate plasticisers – which are then released into the water of the washing machine and may ultimately reach the sewerage system. ECPI has pointed out that the presence of certain substances at very low levels does not mean there is a risk for human health. [>>> ECPI's response](#)

SCIENCE

Reporting bias in observational epidemiology studies on phthalates
Swaen et al. published a study on which they evaluated the existence of protocols in phthalate epidemiology research. 158 authors were contacted and invited to participate in a short and confidential interview – only 22 ended up providing a full protocol. Corresponding authors of publications reporting a positive association study outcome were about three times less likely to participate in the study, which is statistically significant. [>>> Read the study](#)

Quantitative Weight of Evidence
Dekant and Bridges published a study on the application of a quantitative weight of evidence (QWoE) methodology assessing reproductive and developmental toxicity and its application for classification and labelling of chemicals. The methodology has been tested with DINP, DnHP and DCHP. Application of QWoE to DINP studies resulted in an overall score well below the benchmark required to trigger classification. [>>> Read the study](#)

EVENTS



PVC 2017: The World's Leading Forum on Vinyl
ECPI will participate with a booth and as a speaker at PVC 2017, the world's largest conference exclusively dedicated to PVC, which will take place in Brighton between 25 and 27 April 2017. [>>> Read more](#)



VinylPlus Sustainability Forum 2017
The VinylPlus Sustainability Forum 2017 will be held on 10 and 11 May 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel in Berlin, Germany. Spread over two days, the event will take on a global view on PVC with a focus on circular economy. [>>> Read more](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



Interactive web: A virtual tour to discover PVC applications
ECPI brings PVC applications to life through this interactive website fully responsive on mobile devices. It showcases some common and surprising PVC uses paying special attention to all the benefits it brings to our cities and everyday lives both in terms of comfort and sustainability. Have fun exploring!
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Do you want to use the infographic on your website? **Contact us at info@ecpi.org**



Video animation: What are plasticisers?
An informative and engaging video looks at the truth behind the jungle of names and acronyms we often talk about when referring to plasticisers. What are they? Where are they used? [>>>Watch and share](#)

PRESS REVIEW



Whitout

ECPI has published a number of articles on cable and wire across several European publications including [elektroniknet.de](#). The article argues that, despite the intense scrutiny flexible PVC is under, it is still considered to be the safest and most suitable material for electrical applications. [>> Read elektroniknet.de](#)

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