



Dear Colleagues,

The tragic events in November did not allow us to meet in Brussels, but your security is our top priority. We will now all meet next at the end of February.

It was nice to get five new members joining in 2015,

FAERCH Plast, Klöckner Pentaplast, P&G, Starlinger and TOMRA, and already a new one in 2016, UPM Raflatac. I would like to thank all our members, those who have been with us from the beginning, nearly three years ago, and the new ones, for their support and contribution. This is a strong evidence that working together as a value chain makes a concrete sense and provides benefits to each of you in your respective roles and businesses.

We will continue to promote, and to protect, the positive image of PET, as the food and beverage industry is constantly looking for green packaging i.e. sustainable, renewable and recyclable, while PET is also expanding to novel packaging applications in other industries. The publication of the new Circular Economy proposal by the European Commission - which we are carefully reviewing - is another stimulant for the several initiatives we have already taken, to meet both all these expectations and new requirements.

On behalf of Petcore Europe, I wish you all the best, for you and your families, for Christmas and the New Year.

Patrick Peuch, Executive Director Petcore Europe

NEW DATE: Petcore Europe Conference on 23 February 2016 in Brussels



Due to the exceptional situation in Brussels in November, we had to postpone our conference scheduled to take place on the 24th. But to postpone is not to abandon!

We are looking forward to welcoming you on this new date - same place, same topics, same speakers and with more than 130 experts and leaders from the complete PET value chain in Europe and beyond as well as representatives from the European institutions.

Don't forget to register and view the complete programme [here!](#)

INVITATION: Tracer Workshop - 24 February 2016



Get an overview on all active tracer programmes and together find a solution to align on industry standard!

Petcore Europe in collaboration with Procter & Gamble is pleased to announce this workshop on 24 February 2016 in Brussels. We intend to stimulate a cross-industry discussion to harmonise the use of tracers into plastic packaging materials. The workshop will focus on PET as a start and intends to create a precedent for other plastics later on. To view the complete programme and to register, please click [here](#).

Roberto Bertaggia is new Petcore Europe President

In September, Mark Kenrick stepped down as CEO Lotte Chemicals and could no longer act as Petcore Europe President as a result. Mark chaired Petcore Europe for one year and was acknowledged for his personal contribution.

The Board elected Roberto Bertaggia from M&G as new President. Roberto is familiar with the association as he already served from 2013-2014 and in the former Petcore. Roberto joined the M&G Group in June 2000 and within the PET Polymers BU performs now the role of Sales & Technical Services Manager for Europe, Africa and Middle East.



UPM Raflatac joins Petcore Europe

We are delighted to welcome UPM Raflatac as new Petcore Europe member.

UPM Raflatac is one of the world's leading producers of self-adhesive label materials. It supplies high-quality paper and film labelstock for consumer product and industrial labelling through a global network of factories, distribution terminals and sales offices. The company employs around 2,800 people and made sales of EUR 1.2 billion (USD 1.5 billion) in 2014. UPM Raflatac is part of UPM – The Biofore Company.



New Petcore Europe WG on "heavy coloured" PET created

PET is increasingly used in applications such as detergent or milk bottles, creating problems for existing recycling operations. This WG aims to address that issue and to identify solutions.

A number of members have already expressed their interest. **Please contact us if you also would like to join this WG.**

PET Thermoforms WG: next meeting

The next meeting of the PET Thermoforms Working Group will be held on 3 February 2016 next to Brussels. The detailed agenda will be sent out in due course to all members.

About Petcore Europe

Petcore Europe is the association based in Brussels representing the whole PET value chain in Europe.

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