

'designing a better future' - the aerosol industry forum

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Alain D'haese - Secretary General, European Aerosol Federation (F.E.A.)

Alain has held a variety of positions in different sectors, from research to sales to scientific and regulatory affairs. He worked for a contract aerosol filler before joining the Belgian Aerosol Association and finally the European Aerosol Federation (F.E.A.) where he has been Secretary General for more than 20 years.

Alain has a background in chemistry, cosmetology, management and change management. He is also a former President of the Royal Belgian Society of Cosmetic Sciences and teaches a course on aerosol technology at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

Philip Fleming - Executive Director, Aerosol Association of Australia Inc.

Philip has an MA and Ph.D. in History from Massey University, New Zealand.

After a stint as a Junior Lecturer in the University's History Department, he joined the New Zealand Manufacturers' Federation (now BusinessNZ) as a member of its trade group servicing team where he worked with a wide range of industry groups including the Aerosol Association of New Zealand and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrances Association.

In October 1996 he was appointed Executive Director of the Aerosol Association of Australia.

Chris Foley – CEO, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation

Chris was appointed as the CEO of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO), in the middle of last year.

For over 8 years prior to that he led strategic and transformational change in sustainability at Kmart Group. His breadth of experience involved many complex system changes across sustainability, marketing, product stewardship, communications and corporate affairs in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the USA.

Chris served as a Non-Executive Director on the APCO Board since 2019 and as the CEO of APCO, Chris develops and leads APCO's strategic direction and vision.

Nicholas Georges - Senior Vice President, Scientific & International Affairs, Household and Commercial Products Association (HCPA).

Nicholas has a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and leads HCPA's activity on aerosol products and industrial and automotive products, as well as multiple scientific and regulatory areas both domestically and internationally.

He has a monthly column in 'Spray Technology & Marketing' magazine and often contributes to other publications such as 'World Aerosols' and 'Aerosol Europe'.

Before joining the HCPA, Nicholas was the Director of Regulatory Affairs at PLZ Aeroscience and the Technical Director at Nyco Products Company.

Patrick Heskins - Chief Executive, British Aerosol Manufacturers' Federation (BAMA)

Patrick Heskins joined BAMA in May 2015 from Reckitt Benckiser where he held the position of global aerosol innovation manager.

He has worked in the aerosol sector since 1987.

Benjamin Margot - Chief Customer Officer, Pamasol Willi Mäder AG

Benjamin commenced employment with Pamasol in January 1998, working in the Spare Parts Department before training as an Engineer in the Assembly Hall.

In 2003 he moved to the Sales Department and was responsible for Germany and Eastern Europe until 2010, when he became responsible for sales for Asia.

In 2012 he became a member of the Management Board as Chief Customer Officer (Sales Director).

In 2020 he also became responsible for Australia and New Zealand (Oceania).

Jakub Malota - Chief Executive Officer, KOH-I-NOOR Mladá Vožice a.s.

Jakub is a graduate of the University of New York in Prague and joined Koh-I-Noor in 2020 after spending time in the finance and consulting sectors.

He was appointed as CEO in 2022.

Doug Raymond - President, Raymond Regulatory Resources (3R), LLC

Doug consults in the regulatory and governmental arena concerning consumer products and has worked in the aerosol industry for the past twenty-two years.

He has extensive experience interfacing with regulatory agencies, legislative bodies, corporations and trade associations and has been a critical leader for the aerosol industry in dealing with regulations that affect the industry.

Currently Doug is a Consultant to the National Aerosol Association (NAA) and has a monthly section on Regulatory Issues in 'Spray Technology & Marketing' magazine.

Akira Takahashi - Corporate Planner - Mitani Valve Co., Ltd.

Mr Takahashi has been working at Mitani Valve Co., Ltd. for over 30 years in international sales.

He is currently responsible for introducing the company's latest products, especially its new 'eco' or SDG - related items.

Paul Wynn-Hatton - President, Aerosol Association of Australia Inc.

Paul has a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Sydney University and has worked in the aerosol industry for over 30 years.

He has held a diverse range of roles with a wide variety of organisations, including Reckitts, SC Johnson, Bristol Myers, and Pax Australia, as well as running a successful technical consulting business for more than 15 years.

Paul joined the Association's Executive Committee in 2016 and has participated in various technical sub-committees, leading initiatives and responses to issues within the Aerosol industry.