

Bad Homburg, 27 May 2014 – The European Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association (EFIBCA) held its first Dinner Reception on 07 May 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Düsseldorf, Germany. As a networking event the evening before the **interpack**, the world's largest packaging trade fair, the reception served as an open meeting for members and non-members alike. Over 70 delegates from around the world capitalized on the opportunity to reconnect and establish new business contacts.

After cocktails and refreshments, guests were addressed by the EFIBCA President, Oliver Grüters, who presented on the mission of EFIBCA not only of advocacy of its members towards authorities, legislative and standardization bodies but also the promotion of the safe use of FIBC and business ethics. The recent launching of EFIBCA quality and ethics initiatives for members, the EFIBCA-Q Quality Pledge and the EFIBCA Code of Conduct, as well as the publication of the Questions & Answers Brochure for end users were also presented.



Guest speaker, Remko Koster, Director of Polyolefins at IHS Chemical, held a detailed and informative presentation on the global polypropylene market, reporting on regional responses to fluctuations in resource availability. The analysis was concluded with a prognosis of the near and long term supply and demand for polypropylene, the primary material used in the production FIBC.

"EFIBCA holds an Open Meeting annually as an extended forum for discussion and debate for all with an interest in FIBC. However, this year we opted for a reception preceding the **interpack**, when representatives from all aspects of the industry converge in one place. We were very pleased with the turnout and feedback. We look forward to hosting the 2nd EFIBCA Dinner Reception in 3 years," says EFIBCA General Secretary Dr Isabell Schmidt.

All attendees received a day ticket to visit the **interpack** trade fair. The event generated interest in EFIBCA and several queries on membership were received at the EFIBCA stand at the fair.

About EFIBCA:

Founded in 1983, the European Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association (EFIBCA) represents the interests of FIBC manufacturers, distributors and material suppliers towards authorities, regulatory bodies, the public and other institutions connected with the FIBC business. EFIBCA offers members a platform for exchange and cooperation on quality, safety and regulatory issues and provides guidance for the FIBC user.

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