

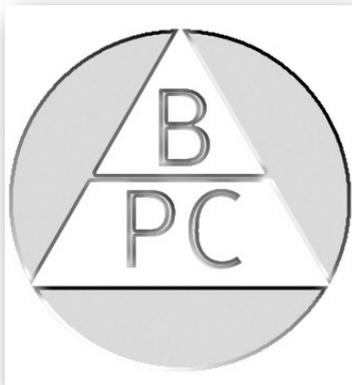
Around the Trade Associations

European Pewter Union

The 2010 Annual Meeting was held in London in May. There were representatives from the Netherlands, Italy and the UK, with apologies from Portugal and Belgium. The Meeting focused on the new and proposed regulations for the composition of, and leeching from, articles made of Tin (and Tin based alloys) within the European Union.

A continued programme of testing and political communication was discussed and developed. The meeting also looked at the current state of the pewter trade throughout Europe.

The Worshipful Company of Pewterers hosted a dinner at Pewterers' Hall on the Friday.



ABPC Chairman, Liveryman Richard Abdy, commented "*Whilst it was disappointing not to meet with more delegates, the meeting did prove to be a worthwhile one by focussing minds on the pending challenge of new regulations from Brussels.*"

The 2011 Annual EPU meeting is scheduled to take place in Sirmione, Lake Garda, Italy, over the weekend of May 13/14 2011. Anybody wishing to attend (or wanting to learn more about it) please contact [Cathy Steele](#) at the ABPC.

Association of British Pewter Craftsmen

The Council meeting in July was held in Birmingham, at the Giftware Association HQ, courtesy of Liveryman, Isabel Martinson. One of the principal items on the agenda was the proposed new regulations affecting metals, including tin and therefore pewter.

Also at the meeting Sam Williams of A E Williams was appointed as the ABPC's representative for any matters concerning the Worshipful Company's Pewter Live event and competition. Sam commented: "*I am delighted to be given this task. If anybody has any thoughts or*



comments on Pewter Live with regard to the pewter trade and its involvement please let [me](#) know."

The next ABPC Council Meeting will be Wednesday October 27th in Sheffield; anybody wishing to attend please contact [Cathy Steele](#).

For the rest of 2010 and 2011 the meetings and the activity of the Association will continue to concentrate on how the industry should react to these new regulations. This will continue to be in partnership with the ITRI and with the support of testing at Imperial College. Please see the update on the current position, to be published in the ABPC Newsletter.

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Product Innovation Page

We intend to feature, in future numbers of this Magazine, a series of articles looking at manufacturers' pewter product launches and innovations. The idea is to examine what is happening in the real world of pewter, see what is working well for industry, and publicise it.

We would like news of what is happening, whether in retail or in manufacturing, perhaps even of what was a good idea but somehow has not worked. If you would like to submit details of an innovative product or a recent launch, or any other successful or unsuccessful pewter venture ...

If you have any ideas for articles we could publish, or want to write a piece, reflective or otherwise ...

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