

European Pewter Union

The European Pewter Union (EPU) is meeting this year in Brescia, Italy, over the weekend of the 22nd-24th May. After a successful meeting last year in Amsterdam, Richard Abdy of AR Wentworth in Sheffield will be leading a delegation of British Pewterers from the Association of British Pewter Craftsmen (ABPC) to this annual get-together.

The main item on the Agenda will be the proposed new Regulations coming out of Europe on lead in tin and on metal leaching from pewter; and how the testing regime will need altering to enable the industry to meet the higher requirements. Tin is the majority component (90-94%) of the pewter alloy, antimony and copper making up the balance of 6-10%. For more information about the EPU meeting, contact [Cathy Steele](#).

Eight countries across Europe are registered as members of the EPU, though some are more active than others. For further information about the ABPC and the EPU, please see the ABPC website at <http://www.britishpewter.co.uk/>.

The Association of British Pewter Craftsmen

The Association of British Pewter Craftsmen was founded over forty years ago to recognise the partnership between the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and the pewter trade and to enable the Company to provide support for the trade. The ABPC was a leading participant in the setting up of the EPU, with the objective of bringing the continental trade together to provide cross-support in an increasingly regulated world.

The ABPC Council meets twice a year, once in Sheffield (or elsewhere around the the country) and once at the Company's Hall in London. Currently the Association has some 26 members across the range of manufacturers, designers and craftsmen.

Please use the link below to go to the ABPC website.

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