

## Message from the President

As we are getting closer to the summer season, another great Mini-Conference is history. Again we registered over 200 participants. Prior to the conference we held our OGM, and it is a pleasure for me to be able to update you on what happened at the OGM and at the conference, not at least for those of you who were not present in Wiesbaden on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

For a start, I would like to thank our Members on behalf of the Board for the trust and confidence shown in the voting which resulted in a re-election of the outgoing Board, as presented below.

I am pleased to inform you that we have received six new members since the OGM

last year, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome **Brunei Methanol, Koole Terminals, Triptik Trading SA, BGN INT DMCC, Coral Energy and Nordic Green APS** to IMPCA who now has 80 full members.

This year's Mini-Conference took place in Wiesbaden, Germany, and the delegates were enjoying a wonderful dinner cruise on board the vessel RHENUS. We thought it would be difficult to repeat last year's great sailing on the Lago Como, but I feel the crews on board MS Rhenus, catering as well as maritime, have all reason to be proud of themselves. Friday night's special arrangement including wine-tasting and a dinner in Rheingau was also an event to remember.

Information about Friday's Business Session can be found below.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Mrs. Nicole Daly of CELANESE and Mr. Chikara Jitsumatsu of MITSUBISHI for their years of service on the Board of IMPCA. That gives me the opportunity to welcome Celanese's Sushani Hegde and Mitsubishi's Taro Satori to the IMPCA Board of Directors.

I am wishing you all a nice summer!



René Butzelaar, President

## OGM 2018

13 members attended this year's Ordinary General Meeting which was held in the Hotel Nassauer Hof, Wiesbaden, Germany, prior to the 31st Mini-Conference.

The Accounts for 2018 as well as the Budget 2019 and 2020 were approved.

The present Board was re-elected with a one-year mandate and is composed as follows:

Member Co.	Representative	Member Co.	Representative
AMPCO	Mr. Edson Jones	Mider-Helm	Mr. Thorsten Heinicke
BASF	Mr. Wolfgang Schindwein	Mitsubishi	Mr. Taro Satori
CELANESE	Mr. Sashini Hegde	Perstorp AB	Mr. Urban Svensson
EVONIK	Mr. Kai Winterer	Solvadis	Mr. René Butzelaar
HELM PROMAN	Mr. Norbert Baum		

The newly elected

**Executive Committee**

consists of:

**René Butzelaar**

**Taro Satori**

**Thorsten Heinicke**

**President**

**Vice-President**

**Treasurer**

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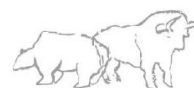
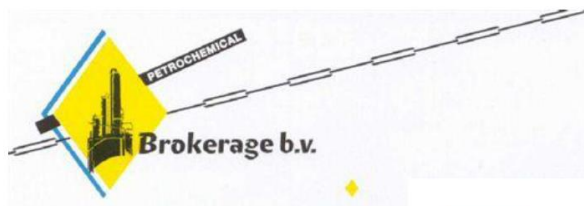
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**31st IMPCA European Mini-Conference 2019 – W I E S B A D E N**

More than 200 persons were present at the Thursday night Dinner Cruise and they appreciated a wonderful view of the landscape from the Rhine whilst enjoying fine food and wines on board the vessel RHENUS.

IMPCA thanks the following companies for sponsoring this year's conference:



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The Friday morning **Business Session Programme** consisted of 6 presentations:

Presentations are available at the IMPCA website: [www.impca.eu](http://www.impca.eu)

Jeremy Belbin of NEXANT gave a: **"Methanol Market Overview"**, and these were the subjects he covered:

- Introduction
- Methanol Demand
- How Important is methanol for the olefins market?
- Methanol Supply
- New Developments

“European Methanol Market Outlook and Rhine River Navigation” was the title of the presentation given by **Wolfgang Seuser** of **MMSA**:

## Rhine River Navigation



### Organisation

Federal Republic of Germany - owner of the Federal Waterways  
 BMVI - Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure  
 represented by  
 WSV Waterways and Shipping Offices  
 the responsibility is shared  
 GWDS General Directorate for Waterways and Shipping Bonn and WSA - Waterway and Shipping Offices in the Regions  
 Waterways New Construction Offices  
 BAW - Federal Waterways Engineering and Research Institute

### Objective

water level of the Rhine to increase by 20 cm for 250 tons more cargo  
 rock embankments - the landscape should not change  
 navigation on the Rhine to become more efficient

### Dialog road map

The first results are to be presented in 2020.  
 deepening of the Rhine NUMBER 1 Priority for 9 companies and the state government.  
 Project timing to be completed by 2030, added - but the expansion could now take longer.

### Actors / issues

Water management  
 Nature and environmental protection  
 Residents/Population  
 Flood protection  
 World Heritage "Upper Middle Rhine Valley"  
 Economy  
 Passenger and leisure shipping  
 Ferries  
 Freight shipping



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**Gregor Spilker** of **CME Group** talked about “**Hedging of Commercial Price Risk using Financial Derivatives**” with this agenda:

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The first paper after the coffee break was presented by **Luke Milner and Lara Berton**, of **S&P Global Platts**. Their paper was Called “**Update on IMO Regulations**”:

### Agenda

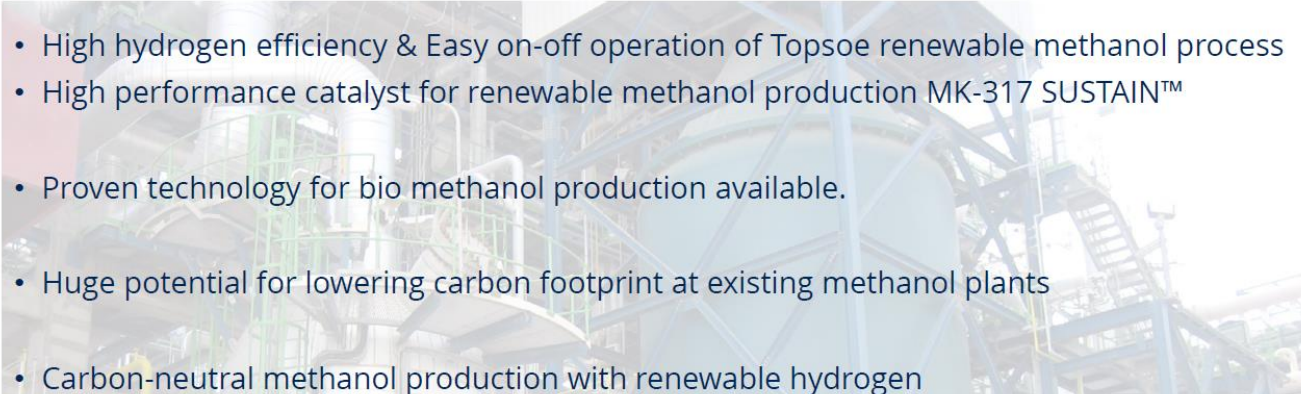
- What is IMO
- IMO 2020 regulations timeline
- Which products are set to gain from IMO demand?
- Platts assessments – IMO ready
- GHG deal: an opportunity for ultra-low carbon fuels
- Impact on the methanol market
- Keeping track of methanol spot prices
- Q&A

**S&P Global**  
Platts

**Asid Navid** of **Haldor Topsoe** had given his paper the title “**Sustainable Development to Reduce Carbon Footpring**”. His Key Takeaways were:

### Key takeaways

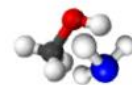
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The conference ended with a presentation by **Ulrich Koss**, of **GasConTec** who presented “**AdWinCombined**”, and he concluded as follows:

## AdWinCombined™

### Summary & Conclusion



### AdWinCombined™

- is the smartest way of combining AdWinMethanol® with the world's leading Uhde ammonia synthesis technology in a novel and patented\* arrangement
- represents a quantum leap regarding investment cost saving and efficiency improvement
- is compact, with a small footprint
- has a minimized environmental footprint
- is the ideal core for a chemical/petrochemical hub



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The presentations given in the Business Sessions are available for consultation / download in the meetings area of the website [www.impca.eu](http://www.impca.eu) to all participants of the mini-conference.

IMPCA would like to thank the speakers, sponsors and the participants for their valuable contribution in making this year's conference a success.

## 22nd IMPCA Asian Methanol Conference 2019



The 22<sup>nd</sup> IMPCA Asian Methanol conference will be held in Singapore from November 5<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The organisers, **MMSA, Methanol Market Services Asia**, have opened the registration for the conference and the hotel link will soon be available.

**Registration** for the conference is available at [www.methanolmsa.com](http://www.methanolmsa.com)

Please contact MMSA, [www.methanolmsa.com](http://www.methanolmsa.com) for further details, or for any questions related to registration.

## The 8th IMPCA Conference America 2020

The Board of IMPCA has decided to continue to organise this American event with a view to increase the level of awareness of IMPCA in North America as well as in Latin America. The event next year will take place in Miami on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 32<sup>nd</sup> IMPCA European Mini-Conference 2020

Several venues have been proposed for next year's Mini-Conference. Crucial for the choice of venue is of course that a ship suitable for our Thursday evening Welcome Buffet Dinner is available.

As always, the Mini-Conference will take place on the second Thursday and Friday of June, therefore please ensure that you mark your calendar for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Mini-Conference which will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.



***Sponsorship opportunities are available for next year's Mini-Conference.  
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