



## October/November 2015

- Welcome
- New councilor Andy McGarry
- Rutland Plastics tour cancelled
- Caps and Closures Conference
- MPG Seminar
- TWI Plastic Welding Conference
- Cyclitech
- ETD Conference

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## UK & Ireland Board

Welcome, we have a lot of exciting seminars and conferences taking place that we hope you all will take advantage of. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Rutland Plastics tour due to lack of participation.

We are very interested to hear from you and learn more about what you would like to see offered from the UK & Ireland SPE. We need your input to make this section a continued success.

President:	Maryann Wilcox
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Councilor:	Ken Braney/Andy McGarry
Technical Programming Chair:	Peter Cox
Membership Chair:	Peter Cox
Student Liaison:	Manjula Silva

We would like to welcome Andrew McGarry to the board as our proposed new Councilor to take over from Ken Braney when he retires from this position at Antec 2016.

Andrew McGarry is managing director of Cox Wokingham Plastics, one of the UK's leading thermoforming companies. Andrew joined the European Thermoforming Division (ETD) board of the SPE in 2014 and is working with board members to promote innovative applications for plastics leading to industry growth within the manufacturing sector.

Members also giving specialist support as required – Austin Coffey, Keith Barnes.

More volunteers are urgently sought by the Board to widen the pool of expertise and help with events.

## Upcoming events

# PLASTICS CAPS & CLOSURES 2015 Conference

4th & 5th November 2015, B4 Plaza, Nice, France



Conference Website: [www.plasticscapsandclosures.com/caps2015](http://www.plasticscapsandclosures.com/caps2015)

- **Manchester Polymer Group Plastics Seminar - Polymers – Environmental and Engineering Conflicts**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at Lancashire County Cricket Club

MPG's next annual plastics seminar will focus on the apparent conflicts between meeting increasing environmental demands and satisfying cost effective performance and specification requirements from many and varying polymeric material types.

Come and visit us at our SPE table.

More information at [www.iom3.org/manchester-polymer-group/event/polymers-environmental-and-engineering-conflicts-preliminary](http://www.iom3.org/manchester-polymer-group/event/polymers-environmental-and-engineering-conflicts-preliminary)

- **TWI - New Developments in Plastic Welding Conference – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 in Cambridge**

Polymers and composites are replacing traditional materials in a wide range of applications, mainly due to their low weight, wide range of properties, ease of processing and chemical resistance. However, in many areas of industry there is a lack of knowledge regarding when and where polymers and composites should and can be used and how they can be joined to themselves and to other materials.

Full details [www.theweldinginstitute.com/benefits-branches/membership-services/technical-groups/polymers-technical-group/](http://www.theweldinginstitute.com/benefits-branches/membership-services/technical-groups/polymers-technical-group/)



Conference Website [www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/137476](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/137476)

- **10th European “Thermoforming” Conference ‘Evolution – Thermoforming - Development’**

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**10 – 11 March 2016 - Sitges (Barcelona), Spain**

The SPE European Thermoforming Division of the SPE will be celebrating **20 years of excellence** in serving the European Thermoforming Industry and this milestone will be marked at the **10th Thermoforming Conference** to be held in Sitges (Barcelona), Spain.