



European Association for Machine Tools, Tooling and Related Technologies

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to our Spring newsletter; we hope you find something of interest in the following pages.

I am looking forward to welcoming the delegates to the Council meeting to my home city of Salzburg. I understand from the Secretary that there are nearly 60 people registered; this must be close to a record attendance and we

just hope that the weather will be nice!

We were sad to hear recently of the death of Mr Josef Binkert; he was one of the founders of CELIMO as well as being one of my predecessors as President and an obituary appears below.

The economic situation across Europe - indeed across the whole world - is very poor and demand for industrial products, especially from the automotive sector has rarely, if ever, been as low as it is now. I hope that CELIMO members are finding new ways to deal with the crisis and that we will be able to re-build our businesses when we get through this recession.

During the recent Board meeting, we had an interesting discussion about alternative forms of credit and ways to provide finance for businesses. It is something I have been thinking about and hope that we might be able to discuss further during the Council meeting.

In essence, there seem to be 2 problems - a lack of credit from banks and a lack of demand from our customers! The Board was agreed that governments need to help in solving the 2nd problem by stimulating consumer demand, but the issues of credit are more difficult. There is a wide variation in experience across Europe, with some countries not seriously affected, at least so far, while for others, this is a very serious problem.

I look forward to meeting many of you in Salzburg and to being able to continue our discussions about this problem.

OBITUARY - MR JOSEF BINKERT

It was in 1965 that five representatives of European national associations met for the first time to form an experience group. One of them was Josef Binkert and they kept meeting at regular intervals to ponder issues of mutual interest.



Although the individual associations were differently structured, it was clear that the common interests of all could be safeguarded in the best manner by founding the CELIMO Committee in 1971.

One of the most important tasks was to establish a suitable exclusive agency agreement. More and more national associations displayed interest in CELIMO and the present level of 13 European member associations was reached relatively quickly.

Josef Binkert was a committee member from the beginning and much appreciated for his engagement and farsightedness. He was on the Board from the foundation until 1986 when he assumed the presidency for four years.

In 1990 he was nominated an honorary member and as such continued to play an active role in the association's development until 1998

He was born on 5th January 1917 and passed away on 16th January 2009. Everyone at CELIMO mourns the passing of one of the founders of the organisation and we send our best wishes to his widow Paulette and the rest of the family.

NEW CELIMO WEB-SITE

We are pleased to be able to announce that you can now access our web-site at the traditional address of www.celimo.com as well as the address reported in the previous issue (and shown below).

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The new CELIMO web-site includes

- o Easy links to the association web-sites with logos where these have been provided - if your association logo is not on the site and you would like it to be, please contact the Secretary
- o The facility to request documents and presentations from the Council and Tooling Group meetings.

DATES FOR 2009

The following CELIMO meeting dates for 2009 have been agreed - please note in your diary and plan to attend if it is appropriate to you:

28 May - Board meeting, Salzburg

29 May - Council Meeting, Salzburg

30 October - Tooling Group Meeting, Schiedam

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a list of dates for exhibitions in Europe for 2009 - there are no so many this year as it is an EMO year.

CELIMO COUNCIL MEETING

The Agenda and other papers for the Council Meeting will be sent to the registered delegates early in May.

Associations are reminded to send the data for the Economic Survey to the Secretary by the end of April to allow time to prepare the presentations for the meeting.

CELIMO TOOLING GROUP MEETING

We are pleased to announce that the CELIMO Tooling Group meeting this year will take place on **Friday 30th October**. In discussion with the Chairman, we have decided to trim some of the programme for this meeting and make it possible for many of the delegates to attend the meeting as a day trip, although we know this won't be possible for everyone. As a result, there will be no formal dinner or partners activities this year.

We have arranged for the meeting to take place **at the Sandvik European Distribution Centre in Schiedam** (near Rotterdam) in the Netherlands. The outline programme is as follows:

1100 Economic presentation and statistics

1300 Lunch

1400 Tour of Sandvik Distribution Centre

1500 Continuation of meeting, including presentations by delegates

If you have not already received this information (which was sent by email on 09 April) and would be interested in attending the Tooling Group meeting, please let us know (see first page for contact details) and we will add you to the mailing list for the Tooling Group. A formal registration form will be sent out in June, after the Council meeting.

EUROPEAN LEGISLATION

This section aims to give an overview of the status of some of the key pieces of European legislation which impact on our sector. Further information on all of these is available on request from the Secretary (see first page for contact details).

- o **REACH:** The pre-registration period has now finished and, in theory, any substances which have not been pre-registered cannot be used without first being formally registered, although it may be argued that this is relatively meaningless since benign substances which would not breach the regulations are the only ones not likely to have been pre-registered by someone within the EU. Phase-in substances (i.e. manufactured or imported for the first time after 01 December 2008, may still be pre-registered.

There is now a “**candidate list**” of chemicals which might become classified as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). In issue 21, we speculated that cobalt and PTFE might appear on this list, but they are not there, at least for the moment as this is a 10 year rolling programme for registration. The “candidate list” is published on the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) web-site at www.echa.europa.eu; this list may include some chemicals used in metalworking fluids and if you have any involvement with these, even to the extent of supplying machines with the fluids in place, you are advised to check with your supplier about the chemical makeup of the product and whether additional actions are required if SVHC's are involved.

The guidance document to REACH is still available from Orgalime via the public area of their web-site at www.orgalime.org

- o **Eco-Design for Energy Using Products (EuP):** Machine Tools have been included in the work plan for this directive - the timescale is that by the end of 2011, proposals for implementing measures will be in place and companies designing machines will need to meet the life cycle requirements in the Eco-Design Directive in order to continue applying the CE mark.

So far, the work plan has produced legislation relating to certain products groups, including the power consumption of home and office electrical goods when in the “standby” mode.

A proposed amendment to this legislation, now before the European Parliament, broadens the scope to cover all energy related products, not just energy using products; this means that it covers things like double glazing.

CECIMO has set up a working party to work with the European Commission on this and we will keep you in touch with developments.

Energy Labeling: This is being extended from household appliances to include industrial and commercial equipment and, like the above directive, now also includes energy related products as well as energy using items.

- **Machinery Safety Directive:** Work is proceeding on guidance to the **New Machinery Directive** which will take effect on 01 January 2010. Two main concerns for our sector regarding new developments in this version of the directive are as follows:

- 1) **Retained fixings on guarding:** this issue has not been resolved as the commission regards the directive as clear when the technical situation is that retained fixings can be very difficult to achieve (if not impossible in some circumstances).
- 2) **Control System Safety:** the old standard for this will be withdrawn in November 2009, but much of the data required to implement the new standard from the suppliers of control systems is not yet available.

- **Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS):** We have previously reported that the European Commission was reviewing these 2 directives; these reviews are now complete and new legislation is being discussed. There do not appear to be major changes that will affect our sector - for WEEE, the main focus is on the collection and recycling of mostly household products.

WEEE has an exclusion for Large-scale Stationary Industrial Tools (LSIT) and, because RoHS is currently linked to WEEE in terms of its coverage, so does RoHS - this may change. In some countries, including the UK there are issues in the interpretation placed by the regulating authorities on the meaning of LSIT which mean that even some quite significantly sized machine tools could be threatened with being included in the scope of the legislation.

- **Electromagnetic fields (EMF):** CEEMET, the European Employers Federation have proposed a research study to establish some facts and figures about emissions from industrial equipment such as machine tools and welding equipment. Work on this is subject to funding through the European Commission.
- **Marketing of Goods Package (The New Approach):** This was adopted as legislation in July 2008 and is known as the **New Legislative Framework**. It provides horizontal features such as the new balance of obligations between economic operators, new requirements on CE Marking, conformity assessment and enhanced market surveillance.

Orgalime is preparing several position papers on how to implement this new framework into various directives and is keen to ensure that this does not result in widespread changes in the technical content of directives which would only create additional administrative burden on companies.

- **Artificial Optical Radiation Directive:** There has been no change here to the item in issue 21. The implementation date is 27 April 2010.

- **Norwegian Substance Ban:** We understand that the Norwegian environment ministry is still assessing the Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT) recommendations about stricter regulation for 10 substances used in consumer products. This updated proposal has once more raised many industry concerns and we understand it may take some time to resolve this issue.

More details of web-links on these various topics are available from the Secretariat.

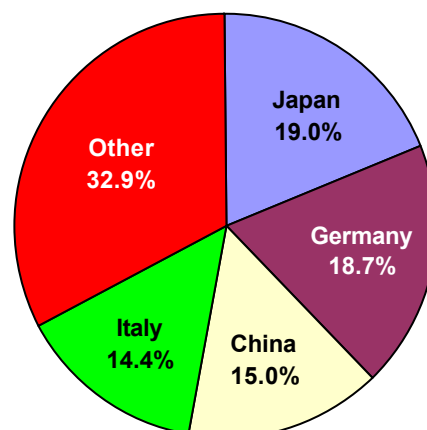
STATISTICS

CELIMO Trends Survey, 4th quarter 2008: The last survey of 2008 showed a sharp fall in business in all eleven of the CELIMO countries that took part in the survey, with the overall average -27% lower than in the 3rd quarter and -41% down compared to the last quarter of 2007. All CELIMO associations are encouraged to take part in the survey for the 1st quarter of 2009; the forms have been sent out with a return date of 30th April please.

World Machine Tool Production and Consumption Survey from Metalworking Insiders Report (Gardner Publications): According to the latest survey, published in February, world production of machine tools increased by +14% in 2008 to US\$83.6 billion. Output in Western Europe increased by +17%, in Asia by +11% and in the Americas by +14%.

The growth in Europe was led by Germany and Italy (both +21%), with only the UK apparently showing a decline in production; however, this is caused by changes in exchange rates between 2007 and 2008 which also exaggerated the pace of growth for the other European countries.

Share of World Machine Tool Production 2008



China remains the largest importer of machine tools in the world, with Germany and Italy the largest importers (by value) in Europe. However in both cases, imports account for less than half of consumption and in terms of the "market share" held by importers, most other European countries have a much larger figure.

More details of the data are on the Gardner Publications web-site at www.gardnerweb.com.

CELIMO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 2009

The Board met in Paris, at the SYMOP offices, at the end of February and the topics on the agenda included:

- Suggestions for a new logo for CELIMO;
- The accounts for 2008, which had been checked by Mr Oikkonen, were agreed;
- Arrangements for the International Meeting during EMO;
- Proposal to the Council meeting of a Vice-President;
- Changes to the Economic Survey form;
- A discussion on alternative forms of credit and financing for companies (see President's introduction).

OTHER NEWS

JIMTOF - Japan: This is not an exhibition in Europe, but Mr Pentti Oikkonen attended the exhibition and he has provided this report.

I was as usual visiting the JIMTOF2008 in Tokyo Big Sight from 30th October to 4th November 2008.

The exhibition was very busy and on Saturday with 53,918 visitors it was sometimes almost impossible to move in the crowd. In 6 days JIMTOF2008 totalled 169,381 visits which was about 10% more than in 8 days in 2006.

During my stay I had the opportunity to attend both the JMTBA and JMTDA receptions. The JMTBA reception was just a Dinner party with luxurious entertainment program but with no presentations.

JMTDA reception was a lunch time meeting where the JMTDA president Mr. Toshinori Ose was giving a presentation of the Japanese market situation. As a summary we were distributed the graphs which are enclosed. Japanese market was all time high quarterly from beginning of 2007 until June 2008. The third quarter of 2008 however showed a decrease of 14% in order intake. This was not the case with export orders. The expectations for coming 12 months in Japan market are negative with more than half of companies expect over -10% decrease. The biggest decreases are forecasted in Semi-conduction and in Die and Mould manufacturing industries.

The attendance in JMTDA reception was not too bad, about 75 were pre-registered and most of them also arrived.

I extended the regards from our president to Mr. Ose with the hope of him or his representative to participate our reception at the EMO2009. He was certain that they will accept our invitation to give an outlook to Japanese market at that time.

EXHIBITION DIARY

Here is a list of exhibitions taking place in Europe during 2009.

Bulgaria: 27 Sept to 02 Oct 2008, Plovdiv, MACHINE BUILDING., www.fair.bg/en

Czech Republic: 14 to 18 Sep 2009, Brno, MSV (International Engineering Fair), www.bvv.cz

Denmark: 01 to 04 Sept 2009, Herning, HI-INDUSTRI, www.hi-industrimesse.dk

Estonia: 18 to 20 Nov 2009, Tallinn, INSTRUTEK, www.fair.ee

Finland: 23 to 25 Sept 2009, Helsinki, MecaTec 09 / Automaatio 09, www.finnexpo.fi

Germany: 01 to 04 Dec 2009, Stuttgart, BLECHEXPO+SCHWEISSTEC, www.blechexpo-messe.de

Germany: 02 to 04 Dec 2009, Frankfurt, TURNTEC, www.turn-tec.net

Germany: 02 to 05 Dec 2009, Frankfurt, EUROMOLD, www.euromold.com

Hungary: 19 to 22 May 2009, Budapest, MACH-TECH, www.mach-tech.hu

Italy: 05 to 10 Oct 2009, Milan, EMO,
www.emo-milan.com/eng

Norway: 06 to 10 May, Vei og Anlegg, www.exporama.no

Poland: 16 to 19 Jun 2009, Poznan, MACH-TOOL, <http://machtool.mtp.pl/en>

Poland: 22 to 24 Apr 2009, Krakow, BLACH-TECH-EXPO, www.targi.krakow.pl

Poland: 21 to 23 Oct 2009, Krakow, EUROTOOL, www.targi.krakow.pl

Romania: 04 to 07 Oct 2009, Bucharest, TIB, www.tib.ro

Russia: 12 to 15 May 2009, Moscow, METALLURGY-LITMASH, www.metallurgy-tube-russia.com

Russia: 18 to 22 May 2009, Moscow, MASHEX, www.mashe.ru

Russia: 25 to 29 May 2009, Moscow, METALLOBRABOTKA, www.metobr-expo.ru

Russia: 21 to 24 Sept 2009, Moscow, INTERTOOL, www.intertool-moscow.com

Slovakia: 19 to 22 May 2009, Nitra, INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING TRADE FAIR, www.agrokomplex.sk

Sweden: 13 to 16 Oct 2009, Stockholm, TEKNISKA MÄSSAN, www.tekniskamassan.se

If you know of any other events during 2009 that we have missed, please let the Secretary know so that we can update the list.