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In the 75th anniversary year of commercial production, polyamide remains a dynamic industry where the challenges just keep on coming. The massive capacity additions in polyamide raw materials, particularly in China, are well-documented and largely underway. However, in 2015, the triple whammy of (1) the Chinese drive for self-sufficiency in the polyamide chain, (2) slowing demand in many of the world's leading economies, and (3) volatility in petrochemical raw material prices, has the potential to create the 'Perfect Storm' for the polyamide industry.

The PCI European Nylon Symposium 2015 will look at current conditions in the PA process chain, from petrochemicals through intermediates to engineering plastics, fibre and films applications. It will assess just how stormy it is likely to get for the European polyamide industry. In particular it will focus on identifying, analysing and debating the essential questions for polyamide:

■ Will the oil price continue to plummet and what effect will this have on polyamide raw materials (and indeed on the economics of the burgeoning shale gas industry)?

■ How will the relative technologies and pricing of aromatics and olefins affect the competitive position of polyamide, and within the industry, of PA6 and PA66? With the growth of shale gas, will benzene production suffer? How will the divergent pricing of propylene and butadiene affect the PA66 market?

■ With the emergence of new Biotech routes to polyamide raw materials, how close are we to commercial production, and how disruptive will these technologies prove for existing producers?

■ How will the demand for polyamide products develop in the context of a slowing Chinese economy, the end of quantitative easing, and on-going concerns regarding the health of the European economies? Is the Chinese drive for strategic self-sufficiency in all aspects of the polyamide chain coming to fruition just as market demand falters?

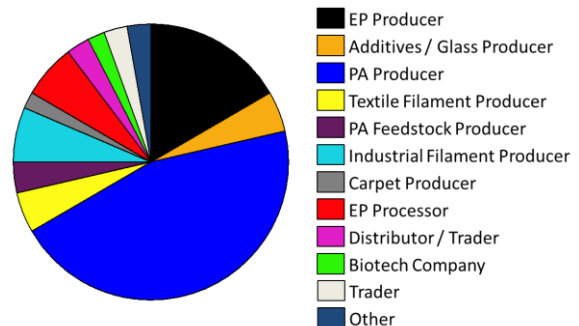
■ As opportunities for PA producers to export their surpluses to China diminish (Chinese caprolactam imports to end-October 2014 are -50% down on a year ago), will the PA raw materials business move from global to regional once again?

The PCI Nylon Symposium has a deserved reputation for focusing its select and high calibre audience on core issues in the nylon business, delivering valuable insight into the strengths and weaknesses of individual market positions.

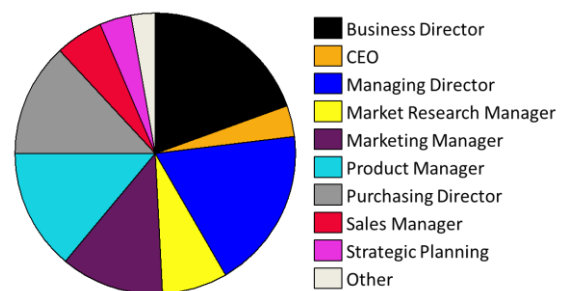
The Symposium has important messages for business managers, marketers, purchasers, business analysts and all those in charge of managing significant nylon chain businesses. Above all the PCI Nylon Symposium will assist you to optimise market positioning within the broader context of the global polyamide industry and its changing competitive dynamics.

ATTENDEES 2014

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 3rd March

- 12:30 -14:00 Registration and Lunch Buffet
- 14:00 INTRODUCTION
Dr. Robin MacDonald
- 14:10 OIL & BENZENE
Wood Mackenzie
- 14:50 AMMONIA, AMMONIUM SULPHATE & SULPHUR
British Sulphur / CRU Group
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 OLEFINS
Wood Mackenzie
- 16:40 POLYAMIDE INTERMEDIATES AND POLYMERS
Dr. Robin MacDonald, PCI Nylon GmbH
- 17:20 POLYAMIDE IN CARPETS
Associated Weavers Europe N.V.
- 18:00 - 20:00 Cocktails

Wednesday 4th March

- 09:00 DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIA
Dr. Crystal Chiang, PCI Nylon GmbH
- 09:40 NYLON INTERMEDIATES: DEVELOPMENT OF BIOBASED PROCESSES
FOR ON-PURPOSE PRODUCTION FROM RENEWABLE FEEDSTOCKS
Lisa Kennedy, Genomatica
- 10:20 Coffee
- 10:50 ENGINEERING POLYMERS
Alfonso Garces, DuPont
- 11:30 GLOBAL LIGHT VEHICLE INDUSTRY
Pete Kelly, LMC Automotive
- 12:10 Lunch
- 13:30 FILMS
Simon King, PCI Films Consulting Ltd.
- 14:10 GLOBAL NYLON FIBRES
David Hart, PCI Consulting Group
- 14:50 Conclusions
- 15:20 Coffee and Open End



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Date: 3rd/4th March 2015

Symposium Registration Fee: The fee includes admission to the symposium, symposium documentation when supplied by speakers, lunch and cocktails on 03.03.2015, lunch on 04.03.2015 and refreshments on both days.

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