Newsletter, February 2020

Dear Member,

Welcome to The Packaging Society’s newsletter for Feb 2020.

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Packaging Innovations

Packaging Innovations is just around the corner. Come and say hello on stand D50 or attend our seminar on the 27th.

Fellow’s Lunch

This year’s “Fellows’ Lunch” is taking place on 19 May 2020, at the RAF club in London. The “Fellows’ Lunch” is an annual, networking event for IOM3 Fellows, their guests, and anyone interested in packaging, organised by The London and South of England Packaging Society.

Date: 19 May 2020; 12.30–15.00

Location: Royal Air Force (RAF) Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W1J 7PY

Ticket price: £66.00

To book the event please follow the link below:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fellows-lunch-tickets-92482095437

For more information please contact Dr Milica Stevic: m.stevic@fashion.arts.ac.uk

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Packaging Training

The following training courses are coming up;

**PIABC Level 3 Certificate in Packaging Technology**
4 day classroom course: 2 - 5 March
[More information](#)

**IOM3 Certificate in Management**
*Performance Management*
Thursday 5 March
[More information](#)

**IOM3 Certificate in Management**
*Leadership & Management Workshop*
Thursday 2 April
[More information](#)

**Packaging Innovation and Design for a Circular Economy Course**
28 & 29 April
The course provides knowledge together with expert packaging and sustainability insights from practitioners engaged with Circular Economy challenges. [More information](#)

**PIABC Level 5 Diploma in Packaging Technology**
15 day classroom course: 11-15 May, 15-19 June, 13-17 July
[More information](#)

Dates for 2020:

**20 February 2020** – EMPS Webinar – ‘Commercial Excellence’. This webinar is targeted at sales executives, key account managers and anyone who needs to understand the commercial aspects of business. The webinar will aim to provide a fresh view on the management of large, medium and small clients within the packaging industry. Topics include; commercial management, relationship management and strategies to drive success at both KAM and SME accounts. This webinar will be delivered by Liam Barbary (Company Director at Benchmark Consulting) and Sal Dempster (Sales Manager GSH Group), who together have a wealth of experience in commercial excellence in our industry. Thursday 20th February @ 12 Noon GMT To register your interest and obtain the link contact: [helen.borste@benchmark-consulting.co.uk](mailto:helen.borste@benchmark-consulting.co.uk)
26 - 27 February 2020 – Packaging Innovations at the NEC. Members of the Packaging Society will be offering packaging advice at the Packaging Clinic on both days, we will be running a series of talks too. Come over and say hello on stand D50 (there will be sweets). For the first time, we will also be running a seminar. More details and registration here - https://www.iom3.org/event/packaging-innovations-birmingham-2020

March 2020 – EMPS Visit to Amazon Fulfilment Centre

19 May 2020 – Annual Fellows’ Lunch at the RAF Club in Mayfair. Open to all members and non-members, this is an excellent networking opportunity, and exceptional value for money. Arranged by the local packaging society divisions.

1 July 2020 – A new annual lecture series is to launch in London, more details to follow. If the capital is within easy reach for you why not combine with the river cruise on the 2nd?

2 July 2020 – Annual Thames River Cruise – another excellent networking opportunity, and if the last couple of years are to go by, barmy weather. Arranged by the L&SEPS.

23 July 2020 – EMPS – Pack to the Future seminar.

The local societies welcome new members and organisers – get in touch with your local rep to find out more – contact details available on the Packaging Society website.

Hope to see you in Birmingham!

The Packaging Society Board

https://www.iom3.org/packaging-society

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A link to this newsletter is sent to all members of The Packaging Society. If you are reading this online and want to join, you can find out more at https://www.iom3.org/membership-and-registration-join-us. If you are already a member and did not receive a copy, after checking your spam filter, logon to the IOM3 site, go to edit personal information and select APPLICATIONS – Packaging Society as your technical community/division
Challenges of Plastic Packaging

Keith Barnes, former chair of The Packaging Society and current board member reports;

I spent an interesting day at a conference with the above title held by the BFBI (Brewing, Food and Beverage Industry Suppliers Assoc) in the South of England.

I was asked to speak on behalf of Packaging and duly delivered on the topics of Climate Change, plastic pollution, single use packaging, recycling and sustainability = all subjects in the minds of the 60+ audience. However at the top of their list was waste, collection and recycling as it is in many other areas. I mentioned the efforts of CIWM and the need for Government to provide some answers on this weighty subject.

James Skidmore from Valpak explained the challenges set out via DEFRA and likewise was awaiting comments from Government. He spoke about a relevant case involving ‘malt bags’ which face problems on recycling.

Waitrose presented their take on tackling unnecessary packaging, most of which has already been advertised. However, as with other supermarkets, they are only doing limited trials of ‘fill up yourself and some fruit and veg sold loose’

Hall & Woodbridge, in whose brewery we were housed, gave information on how they were re-engineering production lines to cut down on carbon emissions. This is something hopefully all productions units are addressing.

The final presentation was by Oasthouse Engineering on the decoration of metal cans in which they specialise. It is apparently the need for breweries to order small lots of cans decorated for promotional occasions that is covered by the company.

Most of the audience were from Breweries and a couple from Distilleries. A lot of interest was in my alternative packaging particularly the Garcon flat wine bottle, which coincidently is now catching the eye in the USA.

Keith Barnes 04/02/20