



General Assembly conf call

28 February 2019, 10:00 – 12:00 CET

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Chairperson: *Nathalie Branche (PCDLucette, AMG Antimony)*

Draft Annotated Agenda
Conclusions added in blue
Agreed actions marked with →

1. Welcome and introduction

(N. Branche, PCDL)

1.1 Tour de table

Participants: Elisabeth Blum (BASF), Caroline Braibant (i2a), Nathalie Branche (AMG Antimony), Ricardo De Meneses (SPMP), Nathalie Francis (i2a), Lars Hintz (Antraco), Marjorie Huppert (i2a), K Kannah (Lanxess), Piet Karwath (Recylex), Marie-Laure Ledrich (Traxys), Frank Linkert (S. Goldman), Adam McCarthy (Albemarle), Marc Simon (Traxys), Charles Swindon (RJH).

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

FOR DECISION – Members will be invited to approve the proposed Agenda for the conf call.
The Agenda was approved.

1.3 Anti-trust reminder

Members will be reminded on their obligation to abide by Competition Law, as per i2a meeting rules (Annex 1).
The Members were reminded.

1.4 Actions agreed at the previous meeting

(C. Braibant, i2a)

Members will be updated on the status of the actions agreed at the last meeting (15 November 2018) (cf. Annex 2 - Action table).
All actions were reviewed. Some were addressed during the call. There is generally a good overview and follow-up of the various actions by the Secretariat.

1.5 Approval of the conclusions of the previous meeting

FOR DECISION – Members will be invited to approve the conclusions of the last meeting (15 November 2018).
The Conclusions were approved.

2. i2a Membership matters

- Members will be updated on the status of the publication of the new by-laws of i2a.
All signatures and relevant documents have been obtained. The publication of the by-laws will take place in early March. → The by-laws will be circulated for signature by all Members (together with the membership tonnage questionnaire needed to calculate 2019 membership fees based on final 2018 tonnage information).
- **FOR DECISION** – Members will be invited to approve an addition made to the i2a Governance rules. The Board proposes to add the following membership conditions for groups of companies joining as Associate Members of i2a:
 - Not for producers of Sb substances (only full membership possible for these)
 - Same benefits as for individual associate member companies
 - Fee according to number of companies:
 - Up to 5 companies: 10,000 €/year



- 6-15 companies: 20,000 €/year
- 16 companies or more: 30,000 €/year

The conditions above were approved and integrated in the Governance rules (Annex 4). → The Board should review within a year whether they attracted new Members or whether they constituted obstacles instead. → The Board should also discuss whether there should be a **limit to the number of many participants Associate Association Members can register for free at i2a events.**

- **Members will be updated on the most recent status of i2a's membership.**

The change in the regulatory landscape for antimony is triggering an increase of membership costs for Full Members on the one side, and interest to work more closely with i2a for users/Associate Members on the other side. This has resulted in the following changes to the membership, which may be reflected in the market too:

- Grillo, Scandinavian Steel and Wogen have left i2a.
- Lanxess has become an Associate Member of i2a.
- New Associate Members include: OMYA, SPMP, and more recently: ICL.

→ The list of Members is made available on i2a's website.

3. i2a Technical Plan (Cf. Annex 3 – i2a Strategy)

- Members will be updated on the status of existing and recent regulatory developments including:
 - NTP RoC Listing: Scope and timing? NTP will clarify what forms of ATO will be listed on the RoC and when in March 2019 → The Secretariat will keep chasing NTP.
 - SEv Decision: Feed-back from BAuA on reproductive toxicity testing, participation of BAuA in workplace monitoring workshop. The SEv draft decision will be released in April 2019 (exact date not yet announced, but → Eurometaux has asked that it is specified ASAP). From previous exchanges with BAuA, it is clear that it will include a request to conduct an OECD 422 test (similar to the one i2a had anyway envisioned). BAuA has recommended i2a to pause its own test until the draft decision is released, to avoid double-testing. BAuA participated with two experts in i2a's technical workshop of 21 February and the dialogue remains in place.
 - ACGIH: New TLV proposal of 0.02 mg inhalable Sb/m³. → i2a will submit comments on this draft proposal by 31 May 2019. i2a will put forward the technical difficulty to detect and quantify Sb at such low levels, on the basis of the LoD/LoQ (detection limit & quantification limit) required to meet this TLV. i2a will also request that the approach to calculate the value is detailed.
 - RoHS: planned meeting with the EU Commission. Industry is very concerned about how the project to produce a methodology to identify substances to be restricted and uses to be exempted from restrictions is going. → A meeting with high-level representatives of the Commission will be organized to address/correct this concern. It will also be brought to the Commission's attention that performing RoHS assessments in parallel with/before REACH assessments are finalized is not efficient. The Common Understanding paper produced to ensure coherence between REACH and RoHS will be used as a basis for this. BSEF and i2a are working together to mobilize resources around this topic.
 - NEW: Environment and Health Canada: Decision to evaluate Sb.



Due to the international reviews on-going, Canada has decided to evaluate all evidence about Sb. i2a has obtained the contact details of the persons in charge and → will send them all recent, reliable and relevant evidence that has been shared with other authorities.

- **Classifications on the market:** Some Members of i2a have informed the Secretariat that some players are not applying the self-classification derived by i2a and benefiting from an unfair competitive advantage. i2a has contacted ECHA to identify solutions to this problem. → Members are invited to provide examples of Sb substances where a less strict classification than i2a's is applied by other suppliers.
→ A regulatory overview has been finalized and will be circulated to all Members.
- Members will be updated on the status of i2a's Testing Program, including the tracking tool which has been produced to facilitate progress tracking by Members.

An excel tool has been prepared to facilitate Members' tracking of the various on-going projects of i2a (Annex 5). It contains three worksheets: one with details about each project, one containing a progress overview and the last one showing progress over time. The tool will be updated on a regular basis around the calls and meetings of the EHS Group. Comments to improve the tool are welcome.

All projects are progressing well and in-time:

- Gastric bioelution tests have been finalized and samples are being analyzed by VITO
- Reproductive toxicity test has been paused as per BAuA's recommendation
- In vitro lung toxicity test is close to having reached a final design and will be circulated for comment by the Tox TF in early March
- Following review of first final draft of ToxTracker results publication, i2a Secretariat is considering to change authorship
- First draft of general genotoxicity review publication is expected by end Mar 2019
- Participation in the PSLT workshop has been secured
- The kick-off workshop of the workplace monitoring campaign was held successfully on 21 February
- The monitoring of Sb in indoor shooting ranges has been paused
- All regulatory processes are being monitored closely

4. i2a Communication Plan

(Cf. Annex 3 – i2a Strategy)

Members will be updated on:

- the status of the i2a Communication Plan. A final draft will be circulated for comments by 15 March (Annex 6). The Plan indicates all communication tools that will be used by i2a to increase its visibility and credibility and also 'socialize' Sb. A calendar of communication is also available in the Plan.
- the US outreach meetings planned. The i2a Secretariat will be present in the Washington area for a fire resistance conference on 2-3 April and will take this opportunity to meet with Bergeson and Campbell to be briefed on the recent US regulatory developments, as well as to meet with downstream users of Sb in the US. The American Chemistry Council is proposing to organize a mini Sb Day on 4 or 5 April.
- the next Asia outreach opportunity. The i2a Secretariat has been invited to participate in two events in Asia: one in China in mid-June and one in Japan in end Oct/early Nov. No trip to Asia will take place



unless the travel and accommodation costs are sponsored by a local company or association.

- the planned 2019 Sb Day. The next Sb Day will take place on 1 October in Antwerp. It will take place over one day and focus on regulatory developments (similar to the 2017 event). The Save The Date will be circulated soon.

5. AOB, next meetings and closing remarks

5.1 AOB

→ Participants were reminded that they will soon receive a mail requesting them to sign the new by-laws and governance rules, and to complete the membership tonnage questionnaire.

5.2 Next meetings / calls

- Barcelona, 16 May 2019: [General Assembly meeting](#)
- Antwerp, 30 September 2019 afternoon: [General Assembly meeting](#)
- Antwerp, 30 September 2019 evening: [Social event open to i2a Members and 2019 Sb Day participants](#)
- Antwerp, 1 October 2019: [2019 Sb Day](#)
- [A follow-up GA conf call may be organized in Dec 2019](#)

The EHS Group and its TF as well as the Communication Group will have regular calls and meetings in between the above dates. i2a Members are invited to participate in these regular exchanges.

5.3 Closing remarks

Annexes:

1. i2a Meeting rules
2. i2a GA Action table ([updated with actions agreed above](#))
3. i2a Strategy
4. i2a Governance rules
5. i2a Progress Tracking tool
6. i2a Communication Plan