

SECTORAL ASSOCIATIONS SUPPORT EXPORECICLA 2008

AS THE LEADING TRADE FAIR

Over 20 associations and institutions from the recovery and recycling, waste-to-value and waste management sectors, along with six of the industry's leading enterprises, will play an active role on The ExpoRecicla 2008 Steering Committee. This further ratifies the event as the sector's leading Spanish trade fair.

This first edition of ExpoRecicla will boast 7,000 m² of display space and almost 100 direct exhibitors. The commercial activity will be complemented by three seminars and a round table discussion organised by the main sectoral associations.

ExpoRecicla, the First International Fair on Industrial Recovery and Recycling, Waste Management and Waste-to-Value Systems, will take place at the Zaragoza Trade Fair Centre from September 24 to 26. It will boast widespread and solid support from the sector. Some 28 sectoral associations, institutions and enterprises are involved in making the project a success. As part of the Steering Committee, they are working vigorously in the organisation, promotion and generation of ideas for the event.

30 people attended the latest Steering Committee meeting, which took place recently in Madrid at the offices of the Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino (Ministry of the Environment). At this meeting, new members were added to the ExpoRecicla Steering Committee, and this is reflected in the official photograph. At the meeting, all matters related to the fair were debated and decisions were taken with the full support of the sector, which was actively represented by its leading associations. The high level of participation in the organisation of the event is a clear indication that the sector considers ExpoRecicla to be the industry's number one trade fair and the leading commercial event in Spain.

ExpoRecicla 2008 will occupy Exhibition Hall 8 of The Zaragoza Trade Fair Centre. It will boast a net exhibition area of some 4,000 m² and gross display area of almost 7,000 m². This includes the Conference Hall, which will offer a very comfortable setting for the different technical seminars and sectoral meetings. It is still too soon to give definitive figures for exhibiting enterprises, though current negotiations suggest between 80 and 100 exhibitors. Of these, the highest proportion will come from the recovery and recycling sector, particularly from industrial and municipal waste. However, all sectors will be well represented, including: paper and cardboard, waste electrical and electronic equipment, farm and forest waste, end-of-life tyres and vehicles and others.

The second main exhibition sector will be waste management and waste-to-value. Almost half of the exhibitors will come from the physical treatment (shredding) sub-sector, followed by sorting and pre-treatment, biological and thermal treatment and landfill biogas waste-to-value.

Strong sector support for parallel activities

Sector support for ExpoRecicla 2008 also extends to the selection and development of an interesting program of parallel activities. This consists of three specialised seminars and a multi-sector round table session. The first seminar deals with Refuse Derived Fuels (RDFs) and the Co-Combustion of Solid Bio-fuels. Participants include reference associations such as AEVERSU and SIGNUS as well as representatives from cement manufacturers and electricity companies.

The second seminar, organised by the Fundación ECOLEC, is called: "WEEE, Reverse Logistics in Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment". The third seminar is devoted exclusively to the different aspects of plastics. Organised by CICLOPLAST, it is entitled: "Plastics Recycling and Recovery". The highlight and culmination of the seminars will take place on the final day in the form of a Round Table on Recovery and Recycling. This will bring together the leading actors in the sector, such as: ASPAPEL, ECOVIDRIO, ECOEMBES, AMBILAMP; ASEGRE, FORO DE LA RECUPERACIÓN Y RECICLADO and the IWM systems for used oils (SIGAUS) and end-of-life tyres (SIGNUS).

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Representatives of the Foro de la Recuperación y Reciclado, FEAMA, Ecoembes, Ecovidrio, Cicloplast, Grupo HERA, Fundación CONAMA, AEVERSU, Federación Española del Reciclaje and Repacar, with members of the Organisation (Zaragoza Trade Fair Centre and Revista InfoEnviro), participating at the meeting of the ExpoRecicla Steering Committee held on 3 June at The Ministry of the Environment offices. Also in attendance were representatives of Anavam, Aserma, Aspapel, Fundación Ecolec and Signus Ecovalor.

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