

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

The Purpose of EFCEM

EFCEM is the only Commercial Kitchen Equipment Group represented in Brussels by Orgalim, the highly respected voice of the European Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Industries.

The Federation is active in the formulation of standards for the industry and through its meetings seeks to identify and act on issues of common interest.

By being involved within EFCEM, National Associations and their Members benefit from unrivalled technical expertise and resources working closely together and shaping the industry's future.

EFCEM's work is managed by six working groups covering the important issues for our sector.

If you would like to know more about EFCEM please contact your national association representative or the Secretary General.

EFCEM President

The EFCEM General Assembly took place in June this year in Stockholm where the latest developments of all the working groups were presented.

As part of the AGM, EFCEM welcomed new President Phil Williams, a member of the UK's Catering Equipment Suppliers' Association.

Phil is managing director of Victor Refrigeration, he has worked in the industry for over 25 years and has been at Victor for 19.

Williams took great pride in being appointed, "I am delighted to have been appointed as President of the European Federation of Catering Equipment Manufacturers (EFCEM) - to represent catering equipment suppliers and manufacturers from the UK and Europe on a global scale is a real honour."



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News from the General Secretary

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World Refrigeration Day

EFCEM General Secretary, Fabio Gargantini was recently asked by colleagues of APIRAC (Portugal) to give comment for World Refrigeration day 26th June, here's what he had to say:

EFCEM, the European Federation of Catering Equipment Manufacturers is heavily involved in supporting the legislators for the development of legislation on environmental matters and relevant technical specifications.

In this respect, EFCEM has contributed in a large part in the process of setting up the European Regulations 1094/2015/EU and 1095/2015/EU respectively on energy labelling and ecodesign of professional refrigerated storage cabinets.

It goes without saying that to meet the significant requirements in the standards manufacturers had to work hard to improve the constructional technology (e.g use of appropriate insulating materials), in the components characteristics (e.g. high efficiency compressors or innovative thermostatic controls) and in the production process.

This is only one of a multitude of activities in which EFCEM is involved and shows the high commitment of the Federation in serving the needs of its associated members and all interested stakeholders to guarantee a harmonised, controlled and widely accepted way of striving for a better and more conscious environmental approach.

Working Group One:

BIM and Public Procurement

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The work of this group has focused on the development of the International Food Service Equipment (IFSE) BIM standards to provide an international database of parameters for equipment manufacturers to use with their models.

This group is co-chaired by EFCEM and FCSI (Roberto Assi) and has established an agreed process for the review and development of the parameters to meet the needs of an international base of consultants and kitchen designers.

The work is based on the USA FCSI Revit standards to ensure full interoperability and to ensure that there is a truly international basis for the work.

The group includes manufacturers, software houses and consultants from around the world and is also

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Working Group One: BIM and Public Procurement continued

looking at the issue of sub-categories for Revit, Levels of Detail (LOD) and the comment forms/change requests submitted to the group.

The EFCEMBIM portal reported a 27% increase in registration to the site over the past year to 937 users. Manufacturers can post models and pdt's to the site free of charge and the data is free to download by designers and consultants. EFCEM recommends that every EFCEM national association member company uses the potential of the site as a single source of data.



The last meeting also agreed the logo for the parameters that companies complying with the standard can use for promotion to so that they meet the requirements (above right).

Working Group Two:

Environmental Matters

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Highlights from WG2 include a position paper on potential energy labelling regulation for product group taps and showers" (in conjunction with WG3).

A position paper on draft eco-design and energy labelling regulations regarding ENER Lot 12 (Commercial Refrigerators with direct sale function).

Successful input for EEPLIANT2 and the upcoming revision of 2015/1094 and 2015/1195 (Lot 1). EEPLIANT2 is a project funded by the European Union under the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme. Under the coordination of PROSAFE, seventeen European Union (EU) Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) and one National Agency cooperate to ensure that non-compliant products are identified and withdrawn from the EU single market.

Working Group Three:

Safety, Hygiene, Potability of Water

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Mr. Carincola stated that the main activities of the WG are to keep the group informed about the standards and the Regulation updates and to prepare Position Papers when needed on the matters covered by the WG Scope.

Three meetings have been organised so far, two of them via a web conference call and the other, physically, in collaboration with WG2 in Brussels. The meeting was a success with 10 participants taking part.

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Working Group Three: Safety, Hygiene, Potability of Water continued

Regarding future activities, the Group will work on two position papers related to the revision of the Construction Product Regulation and to the Radio Equipment Directive. A web meeting will be organised during October and will be followed the activity of the Drinking Water Alliance.

Member participation is good but could be better with 8 out of the 22 members of the group taking part in the meetings. Mr. Carincola supported the view of Mr. Heijnk, underlining the importance of inviting more participants from other Associations.

The main achievements of WG3 can be summarised as follows: the production of a position paper related to the exemption of professional kitchens taps to a proposal of an Energy Label for taps and showers and EFCEM WG3 Position about the Machinery Directive revision that was delivered to MD desk Officer.

Working Group Four:

Connectivity

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The growth of this important area of work has focused on the development of agreed European Protocols for the reporting and dissemination of information from food service equipment. The group is currently seeking to establish a framework which looks at the value of data for all of the supply chain from manufacturers, distributors, service companies, operators, facilities management companies etc.

Much of the work in this area is dominated by the resource of colleagues in Germany who are developing the DIN Specification (DIN18898) this seeks to provide a reporting structure for foodservice equipment. The group has also looked at the issue of how communication and reporting can be managed by platforms including building management systems and manufacturers own system's.



This element of EFCEM's work will become increasingly important as the development of equipment related software for foodservice equipment becomes an essential part of its operation. We want to ensure that all elements of the supply chain are confident to invest in the benefits that accrue from technological advances. This important work is also reported to the Global Foodservice Equipment Supplies summit in order to ensure international co-ordination and co-operation.

National association member companies with an interest are encouraged to join the group. To register your interest please contact the Group convener, Keith Warren.

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Working Group Five:

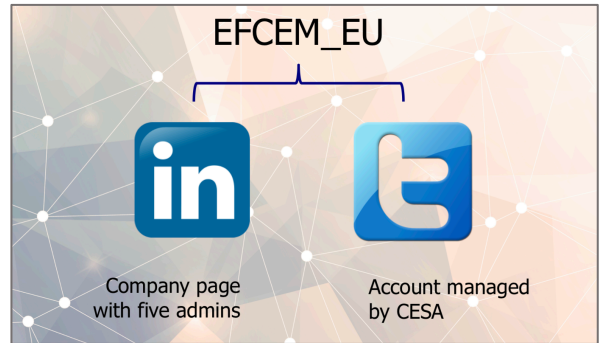
Marketing

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At a meeting held in March at MKN in Wolfenbüttel, Germany, WG5 members conducted an audit of EFCEM’s marketing output and strategy. The audit highlighted a number of areas of strategic focus, that included:

- Internal communication - this needs to be addressed in order to make EFCEM more progressive.
- EFCEM national association responsibilities - there is a difference in perception of what membership requirements are for national associations and manufacturers. Some see it as a purely representative role whilst others are fully involved.
- A new member drive - key to sustaining the Federation, the long-term objective is to define a strategy for targetable member states.
- External communications - EFCEM’s work needs to be publicised at international events across European events to boost face-to-face engagements.

It was subsequently agreed at the AGM that a strategic meeting needed to take place. This has been scheduled for Wednesday 2nd October in Brussels.

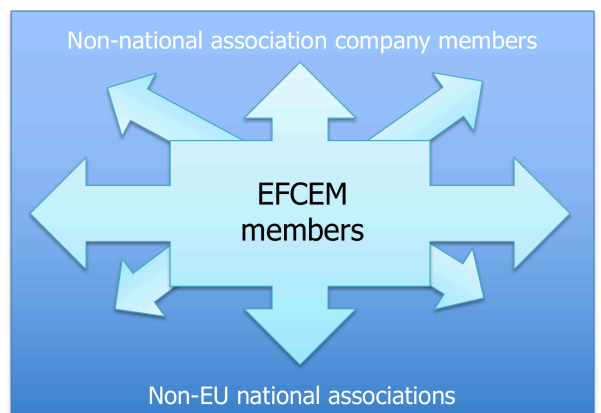


Social Media Engagement

It’s the role of the marketing committee to define the strategic output of the federation to expand and enhance the EFCEM’s reach.

Part of this work has involved creating two social media channels under the same handle, EFCEM_EU, to enhance brand consistency and output.

WG5 is actively encouraging members to share, follow and like social content to reach beyond the current audience and where possible supply content for the social channels.



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