



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Paper Industry Technical Association (PITA) is an independent organisation which operates for the general benefit of its members - both individual and corporate - in promoting and communicating the technological aspects of paper manufacture. Formed in 1960, it has served the Industry - both manufacturers and allied trades - for over half a century.

Working Groups

Working Groups are a core activity of PITA, providing a forum for members to network and learn about the latest advances in paper technology. The four Groups mirror the key activities of paper manufacture, namely:

- Raw Materials, Chemicals & Stock Preparation
- Papermaking & Engineering
- Energy, Environment & Services
- Finishing, Coating & Converting

Membership of any Group is free to all PITA members. Formal meetings take place periodically, often at a mill; in between, in an acknowledgement to the difficulties some members have in leaving their workplace for extended intervals; 'Virtual Meetings' take place using the Internet.

Conferences

Conferences form another core activity undertaken by PITA. Throughout the year various events are organised, either in-house or in association with other leading learned bodies, on topics of importance to the Paper Industry. PITA members are offered preferential rates at such meetings.

Training Seminars

Maintaining skills and knowledge is of ever greater importance given the rapid rate of change in modern industry. PITA organises a rolling programme of Training Seminars with well-qualified lecturers, at which PITA members receive preferential rates.



Regional Events

The UK Paper Industry is concentrated in certain regions, therefore, regular regional meetings are organised allowing members to socialise, network and benefit from organised technical presentations. Such meetings generally take place in mills, or at supplier's premises, and where appropriate, involve a site tour.

Publications

Paper Technology is the prestigious technical journal published by PITA and distributed free to all members. Each issue contains several technical articles along with news, product and service information, updated reports on PITA activities and a full events programme.

The **PITA Annual Review** is an invaluable source of statistical information covering both the UK and Europe Industries. It also includes reviews on various sectors written by industry experts, and a full listing of individual and corporate member's contact details; mill and converting site information is also recorded, making it an invaluable source of data for the UK industry.

PITA also produces a range of other technical publications, including conference proceedings and the acclaimed **Essential Guide to Aqueous Coating**.

Finally, in months where no 'paper' publication is circulated, the **PITA Affairs** e-newsletter keeps members informed about industry 'hot topics', time-sensitive material and training events.

Awards

PITA feels it is important to recognise the valuable contribution made by its members to both the Association and the wider Industry. As such it has organised a number of prestigious awards for which members can be nominated.

The Association also works closely with other awards (such as the Paper Industry Gold Medal and the Julius Grant Prize) to provide recognition for members at all stages of their career.

International Relationships

PITA is a leading member of EUCEPA, the European Liaison Committee for Pulp and Paper Technical Associations which represents 14 national Associations from 15 European countries. Outside of Europe, PITA maintains regular dialogue with its many sister organisations, including: TAPPI (USA); APPITA (Australia); PAPTAC (Canada) and TAPPSA (South Africa). In addition, PITA supports or is represented at several major pan-European Papermaking Exhibitions each year. Maintaining this level of contact throughout the world means PITA members obtain up to date information about all that is happening in the modern global Paper Industry.