

BRITISH FLUID POWER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



September 2023

MD REPORT

Despite the changeable summer weather, I trust that many of you have had the opportunity of spending some quality family time away from the office and are now back to the world of fluid power.

November will see my first 12 months with the BFPA. It is so good to be back in this great industry and it has been an exciting time; from my first AGM in May, regional events and face to face meetings with our valuable members to lobbying on issues such as UKCA and PFAS. It's been great to see the member engagement across all areas.

We are looking forward to several key events taking place through to the year end along with the ongoing various committees that regularly meet throughout the year. Via our very close partnership with BSI, the BFPA will be supporting our industry with a few members attending the Standards Conference in Milwaukee, USA.

Our partnership with Quest continues to offer great member benefits including the recently launched Employee Wellbeing Programme (further details below).

Looking to 2024, this will be the BFPA's 65th year anniversary and we will be coming back to you with events to celebrate this significant milestone and we look forward to your continued support and engagement.

Chris Butcher

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome BIBUS (UK) Limited to the BFPA as a distributor member.

BIBUS (UK) Limited, based in High Wycombe, is part of a Swiss multinational group of companies with more than 70 years experience in the field of hydraulics, pneumatics, mechatronics, environmental technology and system components. To read more about Bibus, click [here](#).



DIARY DATES

- **North West Regional Meeting**
Tuesday 26th September. Click [here](#) for more info
- **Economic Forecast Seminar**
Wednesday 11th October. Click [here](#) for more info
- **North East Regional Meeting**
Tuesday 18th October. Click [here](#) for more info
- **Scotland Regional Meeting**
Tuesday 14th November. Click [here](#) for more info

HOT TOPIC: MENTAL HEALTH

At the BFPA, we understand the need for members to prioritise the wellbeing of employees and understand the challenges we all face in today's demanding work environment. This is why we are delighted to announce that we are extending our partnership with Quest and CIC to offer our members discounted access to the Employee Wellbeing Programme (EWP).

The EWP, which is designed to provide comprehensive support and resources to your workforce, offers confidential counselling and guidance to address various personal and professional challenges. From stress management and work-life balance to emotional wellbeing and financial advice, their highly qualified professionals are here to assist your employees when they need it the most. For more information click [here](#).

EXHIBITIONS

We are delighted to be exhibiting at the following shows next year. Put the dates in your diary - we look forward to seeing you there!

LAMMA 2024

At the NEC Birmingham on 17th-18th January 2024. Click [here](#) for more info

FLUID POWER & SYSTEMS SHOW

At the NEC Birmingham on 4th-6th June 2024. Click [here](#) for more info

MEMBER NEWS

Tom Parker Ltd

BFPA distributor member, Tom Parker Ltd, are delighted to announce its official appointment as Authorised UK Distributor for Oetiker. Swiss-based leader in connection technology and the original inventor of the ear clamp, Oetiker's products are renowned globally for quality, durability, and reliability. Click [here](#) for more.



SUSTAINABILITY

The BFPA has started to move through the key activities identified from our strategic planning process with one of these key activities being Sustainability, Carbon Neutrality and Net Zero. The Board has recently approved circa £5,000 investment by the BFPA on behalf of its members to partner with an organisation called CAFA ([Climate Action for Associations](#)).

CAFA partners with associations to work with their members to understand their carbon footprint and to advise on what activities they can adopt to improve or begin the journey to net zero. CAFA's Mission - to harness the collective power and influence of whole sectors, systems and professions to support a sustainable economy.

CAFA will help all membership organisations to:

- Implement climate action and sustainability programmes internally.
- Deliver climate action and sustainability support to members.

More details will be sent to members as we move through the process and the 2024 AGM will see the launch of resources and a workshop for members to aid their journey to Net Zero.

MEMBER NEWS

Hydraulic & Offshore Supplies

Two employees at Hydraulic & Offshore Supplies (HOS), a Sunderland based hydraulics company and BFPA member, are celebrating as they have successfully achieved the NEBOSH Health and Safety qualification. To read more, click [here](#).



Hydraulic &
Offshore Supplies

Proudly part of the
R&G Fluid Power Group of Companies.



MEMBER BENEFITS

Have we got it right?

We are proud of the benefits that we offer to our members and we are always looking to add more to the value your membership brings. But are you / your company making the most from the benefits on offer?

For a full list of specific member benefits and an associated presentation please download our [BFPA Overview](#)

Are we missing something? Can we add any benefits that would be of use to you or your company? If you have any ideas for additional benefits, do please share them with us nicky@bfpa.co.uk

MEMBER NEWS

Ehrco

Congratulations to BFPA members, Ehrco, who have achieved the enviable position of being a [#CarbonNeutral](#) business. Through the implementation of initiatives to help offset their [#CarbonFootprint](#) both domestically and globally, they are also helping to reduce the amount of CO₂e within the earth's atmosphere. Click [here](#) for more



INDUSTRY UPDATE: POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

The European Union, as well as the USA, are currently proposing to ban around 10,000 PFAS industrial chemicals.

The BFPA has been working together with other UK based trade associations to lobby the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in calling for fluoroplastics and fluoroelastomers used in industry and the pressure equipment that is representative of our technology to be removed from the banned list.

We have now successfully submitted the BFPA Position Paper to the European Chemical Agency.

To read the full response, click [here](#).



ECHA

EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The BFPA is passionate about raising standards in safe working practices within the fluid power market and industry as a whole. As part of our Learning and Development Programme we have created a range of successful short generic courses that compliment an expanding set of systems-based qualifications designed to be valid in whatever industry you are associated with, be it construction, marine, agriculture, offshore, renewable energy, rail, mining and many more.



For more information visit our [website](#)



TRAINING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Online training

BFPA Hose Assembly Skills Theoretical Refresher Course

4th October 2023 : AM

BFPA Working Safely With Hose and Connectors

4th October 2023 : PM

BFPA Thread Awareness Online Course

5th October 2023 : AM

BFPA Hose Integrity, Inspection and Management Online Course

5th October 2023 : PM

BFPA Small Bore Tube Integrity Theoretical Online Course

6th October 2023 : AM

Face to Face training

BFPA Hose Assembly Skills Open Course Training Programme

16th -17th October 2023 at Dudley

20th -21st November 2023 at Chesterfield

11th -12th December 2023 at Dudley

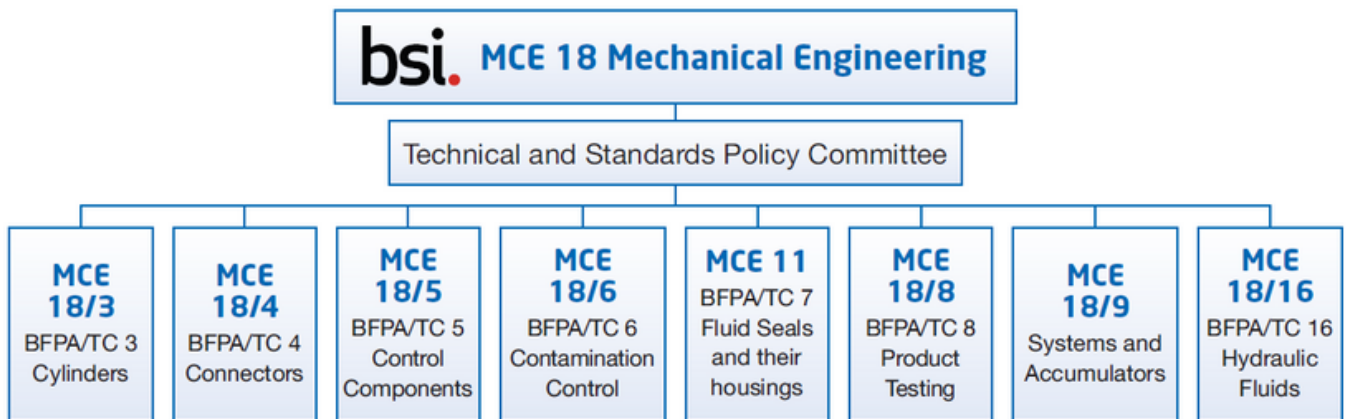
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STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

One of the main aims of the Association is to create, raise and maintain standards in the fluid power industry. Our technical committees play a key role in framing worldwide best practice through the development of national, European and international standards. For more information , click [here](#)



BFPA technical committee structure



STANDARDS UPDATES

Our aim is to keep you updated on any standards that may have been withdrawn, replaced or updated

- PD ISO/TS 11686:2023 Connectors for fluid power and general use. Assembly instructions for connectors with adjustable stud ends and O-ring sealing has **replaced** PD ISO/TS 11686:2017
- BS 6697:1986 Methods of test for electrohydraulic proportional control valves has been **withdrawn**
- ISO 5210:2023 Industrial valves. Multi-turn valve actuator attachments has been **updated**
- BS EN 13445-4:2021 - TC Tracked Changes. Unfired pressure vessels. Fabrication has been **withdrawn**

MEMBER NEWS

R&G Fluid Power Group

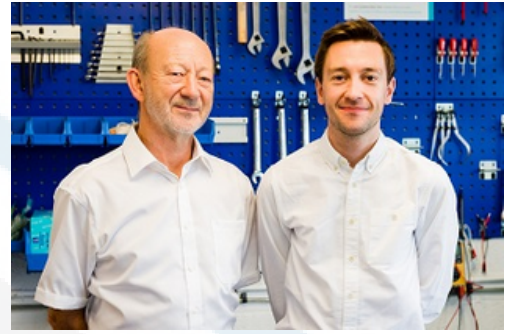
R&G Fluid Power Group, a leading player in the Hydraulics, Gaskets & Sealing, Pneumatics, Engineering, and Industrial Hose & Couplings industries, has recently unveiled its brand-new National Distribution Centre (NDC) for its Hydraulics Division. To read more about this fantastic facility, click [here](#).



MEMBER NEWS

Industrial and Marine Hydraulics

Our congratulations to hydraulic engineering firm and BFPA distributor member, Industrial and Marine Hydraulics (IMH), based in Middlesbrough, who celebrate 40 years of business. To read the full article, click [here](#).



THE BFPA TURNS 65!

2024 will see the 65th anniversary for the BFPA (originally known as AHM) and to celebrate this milestone we are planning a

Dinner and Dance on Friday July 12th 2024.

More details will be out in due course but for now, please put the date in your diary - one not to miss!

MEMBER NEWS

Webtec / Hayley Group

Webtec, BFPA manufacturing member, has strengthened its authorised distribution network adding the Hayley Group, a BFPA distributor member, as its new strategic partner for the UK, including Northern Ireland. For the full article, click [here](#).



MEMBER NEWS

Webtec

BFPA member Webtec, a St Ives based hydraulic measurement and control company, has awarded two Arkwright Engineering Scholarships to Arthur Cooke and Sam Burnell this year. Congratulations to both. Click [here](#) for the full article.



MEMBER NEWS

Hydroscand

Our congratulations to Aaron Goffin and Lee Davis, who were promoted to Regional Managers back in April. Rebecca Galley, Managing Director said: "I am delighted to share that both Regional Managers have been appointed internally, showing our commitment to investing in the growth and development of our team members at all levels." For the full press release from Hydroscand, click [here](#).



BFPA APPROVED HOSE ASSEMBLIES SCHEME

The BFPA Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme, established in 1995, is now the leading industry accreditation scheme for hose manufacturing and assembly, distribution and fitting. It sets a formal and credible standard for the assembly, storage and supply of hose across all sectors.

The scheme aims to ensure that all companies displaying the 'Q' Approved logo are fully accredited distributors or manufacturers complying with the BFPA D8 quality control procedures and certification requirements for the manufacture of flexible hose assemblies for fluid power.



To find your local supplier or apply to join, click [here](#).



We are always looking for new members for our various committees.

If you have the time, expertise and desire to make a difference to your industry, we would love to hear from you.

Please email: nicky@bfpa.co.uk to express an interest in any of the below

BFPA Marketing Committee

BFPA Education and Training Committee

BFPA Market Forecasting and Statistics Committee

BFPA Technical Committees

BFPA Health and Safety Committee

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