



MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2017

Dear Friends and fellow members,

Once again, our summer “season” is upon us in the Northern Hemisphere and we hope that for all of us business will continue to be brisk and profitable!

More and more of you are using our website to check out our latest activities and news www.mac-partners.eu but we appreciate that some of us prefer good old fashioned communication, such as this newsletter.

Membership

Following last year's Frankfurt Automechanika and EAAC, we experienced a significant increase in both our actual membership and also new interest in our Association, from many areas of our industry. You may recall, that in order to assist some of our “seasonal” member's cash flow situation we switched the annual subscription invoicing to Springtime some two years ago. This has proved popular with the outcome being a prompt response, thank you for this! This excellent response certainly helps with our financial planning. *Unfortunately, there are a few slow payers and we would kindly ask that you make your payment now, in order to maintain your supply of AAR Magazine and your membership.*

Training and European Accreditation

Your Board have been actively engaged in discussions with our colleagues at MACSW and VASA, also within our own membership and other training providers, with intention to provide a learning program for technicians resulting in assessment and accreditation. We are aiming to make access to this online via our website. Our intention is to make the accreditation available in several languages, but to begin it will be provided in English and we will add to the language choice as the need arises. If you have any comments or suggestions then please contact michael@mac-partners.eu

EU Commission

We have recently completed transparency formalities and registered with the Commission as a stakeholder, in relation to F'Gas legislation and therefore are able to lobby the Commission, as early as possible, for any proposed changes to legislation. A recent document was published entitled **“REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION – on availability of training for service personnel regarding the safe handling of climate friendly technologies, replacing or reducing the use of fluorinated greenhouse gases”** . With approval from the Commission, we have published this information and the appropriate link on our website under Latest News, please find this link below:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52016DC0748>

We have also had communication with the Commission on behalf of some members who have questioned how the import quota of refrigerant is being implemented and have received good and open advice in response; anyone wishing to access this information should follow the link:

https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/f-gas_en#tab-0-1

Membership

As part of our campaign to gain a higher profile amongst potential members and to promote the benefits of our Association for the industry, we have recently had some press release coverage, not just in the AAR magazine, but also in some UK based publications. Any member with press contact in other countries is encouraged to promote our Association and contact our president Mike, who will follow up any introduction, michael@mac-partners.eu

Charity Golf Day

Although it may be of primary interest only to UK based members, we have been invited by our friends the Garage Equipment Association (part of European Garage Equipment Association), to enter teams of four players in their annual charity golf day. This takes place on Thursday July 20th 2017 in support of the charity BEN (a charity within the automotive industry which provides support for life to employees and their families). Liz will send a separate email with more details or please contact her directly on liz@mac-partners.eu

We wish everyone a very active and profitable summer and looking forward to the next time we meet together. Please remember it is YOUR Association, so please feel free to comment suggest or become more involved in our activities, so that we provide the maximum benefit to the all of our Members!

Very best wishes!

Mike, Ron, Dirk and Peter