

### Foreword

Dear participant,

It is with great pleasure that, as EUsalt President, I welcome you to the 2024 EUsalt Conference. After last year's gathering in the Mediterranean bay of Marseille, I am glad to meet you once again face-to-face and discuss - in a crucial year of European elections - the latest developments for the salt sector in the 'City of Pop Music and The Beatles' **Liverpool**, in Northwest England.

Salt history, European elections, hydrogen storage and sea salt are the stimulating subjects that EUsalt members and the panellists will discuss at the conference. A great lineup of speakers from diverse backgrounds such as industry, academia, and relevant stakeholders, will impart their insights and expertise.

The conference will also feature several breaks, including a sightseeing day, offering participants great opportunities for networking and relaxation.

I would like to thank the UK Salt Association for hosting us In Liverpool and our sponsors - Titan Salt, EVATHERM, McLanahan, SEP Salt & Evaporation Plants Ltd., Tema Process, Euragglo, Salt Partners and Ferrum - for their generous support of the event.

I wish you fruitful discussions and a pleasant stay in Liverpool.

Dr Urs Ch. Hofmeier

**EUsalt President** 



# **Competition law rules**

All EUsalt meetings need to be conducted in accordance with the relevant competition and antitrust laws.

Members are therefore reminded that they will at all times refrain from discussing any information which is confidential to their company and/or which is likely to affect the commercial strategy or activities of these companies.

They are in the best position to judge what is, and what is not, commercially sensitive or confidential and so responsibility lies with them in the first place.

They are also reminded not to discuss topics outside the previously circulated and reviewed agenda.

Failure to follow these guidelines may bring with it serious consequences for them as an individual, their companies and trade association.

Such consequences include heavy fines and in certain cases, under national laws, the imposition of criminal penalties and sentences.

# **Internal meetings**

#### **MONDAY 27TH OF MAY**

16:00 - 18:30 | Registrations

16:30 - 17:30 | Analytical Working Group

17:30 - 18:30 | Water Treatment Committee

19:00 - 21:30| Members' dinner at the INNside by Melia Hotel restaurant (only for EUsalt Members)

#### **TUESDAY 28TH OF MAY**

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th of May will be dedicated to EUsalt Committee and Working Group meetings with experts and representatives from the health and safety, food and feed, sustainability and related sectors gathering to discuss various topics of relevance in their field of expertise. A Board meeting will conclude the day and then a cosy dinner at the Hotel's restaurant.

08:30 - 09:00 | Registrations

09:00 - 10:00| Sea Salt Working Group

10:00 - 11:00 | Sustainability Committee

11:00 - 12:00 De-icing Working Group

12:00 - 13:30 | Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 | Food & Feed Working Group

15:00 - 16:30 | Health & Safety Working Group

16:30 - 18:00| Board meeting

18:30 - 19:30 | Cocktail reception

19:30 - 22:00 | Members' dinner at the INNside by Melia Hotel restaurant (only for EUsalt members and conference speakers)

# Conference programme

#### **WEDNESDAY 29TH OF MAY**

08:30 - 09:30| EUsalt General Assembly (only open to EUsalt Members)

**09:30 - 10:15**| Competition Law in the European Union, *Cormac O'Daly*, *WilmerHale* (open to all registered participants)

10:15 - 10:45 | Networking coffee

10:45 - 11:00| Welcome by Urs Hofmeier, EUsalt President and Chris Heywood, Chair of the UK Salt Association

11:00 - 11:20| The history of Cheshire salt, focusing on Lion Salt Works, the UK's last open-pan salt producer - *Mike Tingle*, *Lion Salt Works Museum* 

11:20 - 11:45| Forecasting the European elections - Asher Websdale and Igor Sarkissian, Forefront Advisers and One Policy Place (OPP)

11:45 - 12:10| Hydrogen storage in salt mines - *Professor Cees van der Land*, Hub on Hydrogen Integration for Accelerated Energy Transitions, Newcastle University

12:10 - 12:30 | Innovation Award presentations

**12:30 - 14:00**| Networking lunch

14:00 - 14:30| Gold sponsor presentations (Evatherm and Titan Salt)

14:30 - 14:55| The marine saline and the environmental sustainability of salt marine production, *Professor Alejandro Perez*, *University of Cadiz*, *Spain* 

14:55 - 15:25| Safety Award presentations

**15:25 - 15:55**| Networking coffee

**16:00 - 16:45**| A talk to CEOs: *Chris Roebuck*, British economist, focusing on leadership and organisational performance

**16:45 - 17:15**| Gold sponsor presentations (McLanahan and SEP)

17:15 - 17:30| Innovation and Safety Awards: Results and closure by EUsalt Managing Director

**19:30 - 22:00**| Reception dinner at the Titanic Hotel Liverpool (open to all registered participants)



# **Speakers**



Mike Tingle is a former chemistry teacher and science education author, with a particular interest in the Cheshire salt industry. His published works include school text books and articles for the Royal Society of Chemistry's journal Education in Chemistry, including Greener chlorine, Salting away our spare gas, and The Lion, the wich and the waller. He is a volunteer guide at Lion Salt Works (LSW), Northwich, and gives presentations about the Salt Works to interested organisations on behalf of the LSW Trust.



Asher Websdale's policy background predominantly lies in the agri-food sector but over the years expanded to more general sustainability issues; including chemicals, circular-economy and anti-pollution topics. Until recently he oversaw the day-to-day policy-work of the OPP team. He now works on sustainability policy as a Director at Forefront Advisers, whilst maintaining a lead role in OPP's business development.



**Igor Sarkissian** has been working on EU policies for the past 6 years and currently heads the EU Service of OPP, overseeing the analysis and management of policy information. His expertise lies mainly in trade, geopolitics and industrial policies. He also leads the coverage of the upcoming European elections and analyses their impact on the next policy cycle.



Cees van der Land, after obtaining a PhD from the Royal Institute for Sea Research in the Netherlands in 2011, worked as a research associate for the International Centre for Carbonate Research in Edinburgh studying the Southern Atlantic pre-salt carbonate reservoirs of Brazil. He has been an academic at Newcastle University since 2013 and his current research focuses on the sustainable exploration of the onshore and offshore UK subsurface for future energy systems (e.g. hydrogen storage, geothermal) and reaching net-zero (carbon capture and storage). His research group utilises coupled geological-chemical-mechanical models to predict seal integrity and reservoir quality. Their model inputs come from across a range of scales, from geochemical and microbial experiments to the use of modern and outcrop analogues.



**Eörs Kondorosy**, Managing Director, EVATHERM, Switzerland, was born 1963 and raised in Zurich, Switzerland. In the years 1983-1989 he studied mechanical engineer at ETH Zurich and at the Technical University of Budapest, where he graduated as process engineer. In 1999 he graduated as an industrial engineer as well. In 1989 he was employed at EVATHERM Ltd, where he held several positions. In 2003 he was appointed to the Managing Director position and also became a member of the board of directors. He gave several lectures on the subject of salt production, and he published a couple of papers to this theme.



Nathan Jones holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA and serves as the Vice President of Process Engineering at Titan Salt. He leads the Chicago office and spearheads the process design department. With over twelve years in the evaporation industry, he has developed expertise in the process design of crystallization, evaporation, solids handling, drying, and associated equipment and processes. Nathan's approach centers on creating innovative, customized solutions tailored to meet each client's unique needs.



Alejandro Perez Hurtado is a Professor and Director of Salines Research Centre of Cadiz University, Spain, over the last 30 years is focused on applied research on environmental, cultural and blue economy landscapes integral conservation in marine salines. Also promoting the revitalization of the territory and the transfer to society. He also works in dissemination and awareness about marine salines, training courses for entrepreneurs in blue economy, educational programmes for schools, and environmental restoration volunteer programmes to increase bird populations in salines.



Chris Roebuck brings 13 years of global speaking experience to the table, with a sharp focus on leadership enhancement to hasten success. With three decades in senior corporate HR roles, Chris has cultivated Csuite leaders at prominent institutions like HSBC, London Underground, UBS, NatWest, and the UK NHS, amongst others. His tenure as a leadership speaker has enabled growth in leaders at esteemed organisations such as Goldman Sachs, BASF, KPMG, and Bloomberg, to name a few. His rich background includes serving as a British Army Officer and holding senior HR leadership positions, which underpin his expertise in advising both businesses and government sectors.



**Richard Williams** is Regional Manager at McLanahan Corporation. He earned an MSc in Chemistry and Earth Science from the University of Waikato, New Zealand in 1986. With an impressive career spanning over 35 years, he has contributed his expertise to several multinational corporations in mining and mineral processing, specializing in tailings management.



Geordie Edmiston is Global Product Manager at McLanahan Corporation. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, USA, boasting over 22 years of invaluable industry experience, all dedicated to McLanahan Corporation. Throughout his tenure, he has primarily specialized in feeding and crushing, demonstrating his deep knowledge and proficiency in these pivotal areas.



Peter Chromec is Senior Sales Manager at SEP Salt & Evaporation Plants Ltd., Winterthur-Switzerland. SEP is a leading supplier of evaporation and crystallisation technology. Before, Mr. Chromec has worked in process, sales and general management in the salt and renewable energy industries. He has an MSc in Process Engineering from ETH Zurich and a BAS in business administration from PHW Zurich.



# Partners' programme and Gala dinner

#### Partners programme

On **Wednesday 29th May**, while the EUsalt Conference will be in full swing, spouses and partners can enjoy a nice day trip organised by Experience North.

All registered spouses/partners are requested to meet at 08:45 the INNside by Melia Hotel lobby. Departure by bus at 09:00 sharp.

#### Wednesday 29th May 2024

08:45 | Meeting point at INNside by Melia Hotel

**09:00 - 12:00** | Departure with a local guide, 'morning guided tour' of port sunlight, including a visit to Lady Lever art gallery.

**12:00** | 2-course lunch at the Wheatsheaf pub in Raby, Wirral (country pub with thatched roof).

**14:00** | Beatles Tour: 3-hour tour through Strawberry Field/Penny Lane/St Peter's church (Woolton Village) exterior visits to the Beatles' Childhood homes.

17:00 | Return to INNside by Melia Hotel



#### **Reception dinner**

To conclude the full and engaging day, EUsalt invites all participants to a reception dinner at 19:30 at the Titanic Hotel Liverpool.

Participants are invited to meet at the lobby of the INNside by Melia Hotel. More details on the timing will be shared on the 29th of May during the conference.





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# Social programme

#### Thursday 30th May 2024

After two intense meeting days, participants will get the chance on **Thursday 30th of May** to visit either the <u>Lion Salt Works Museum</u> and/or the Winsford Rock Salt Mine, located close to Liverpool.

Depending on your chosen activity (Lion Salt Works Museum or Winsford Rock Salt Mine or both), once you receive your badge at the registration desk, you will be assigned to one of the 3 different activity groups. All the different groups will meet for lunch at 13:00 at Nunsmere Hall Hotel, Northwich. All groups will reach the INNside Hotel in Liverpool at 16:00 (no earlier departure or transfer possible).

#### Group A - Visits to both Lion Salt Works Museum and Winsford Rock Salt Mine

**07:45** | Meeting point in the lobby of INNside by Melia Hotel

09:15 - 10:45 | Visit of the Winsford Rock Salt Mine

10:45 | Departure for the Lion Salt Works Museum

11:30 - 12:15 | Visit of the Lion Salt Works Museum

12:30 | Transfer to Nunsmere Hall Hotel in Northwich

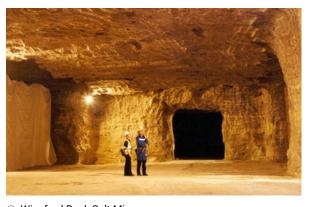
**13:00** | 3-course lunch at the restaurant at Nunsmere Hall Hotel

15:00 | Transfer back to the INNside by Melia Hotel

16:00 | Back at INNside by Melia Hotel



© Nunsmere Hall Hotel, Northwich



Winsford Rock Salt Mine

#### **Group B - Visits to Winsford Rock Salt Mine**

09:00 | Meeting point in the lobby of INNside by Melia Hotel
10:30-12:15 | Visit of the Winsford Rock Salt Mine
12:30 | Transfer to Nunsmere Hall Hotel in Northwich
13:00 | 3-course lunch at the restaurant at Nunsmere Hall Hotel
15:00 | Transfer back to the INNside by Melia Hotel
16:00 | Back at INNside by Melia Hotel

#### **Group C - Visits to Lion Salt Works Museum**

10:00 | Meeting point in the lobby of INNside by Melia Hotel

11:00-12:45 | Visit of the Lion Salt Works Museum

12:30 | Transfer to Nunsmere Hall Hotel in Northwich

13:00 | 3 course lunch at the restaurant at Nunsmere Hall Hotel

15:00 | Transfer back to the INNside by Melia Hotel

16:00 | Back at INNside by Melia Hotel



© Lion Salt Works Museum



# **Host:** Salt Association

Salt has been a crucial part of British manufacturing for hundreds of years and this needs to continue going forward.

Salt manufacturers employ hundreds of people all over the UK so it's important that the association continues to support this industry to preserve jobs and to help support our economy.

Approximately 2-3 million tonnes of salt a year are produced by UK-based producers that supply a range of industries from <u>food manufacturing</u> to pharmaceuticals.

The **UK Salt Association** is the trade association set up to represent UK salt manufacturers, giving them a voice and providing guidance, both socially and politically.

Members of the Association provide guidance, both social and political, as well as promote the objectives of the salt industry. These objectives are voiced to external organisations as well as the government and act as advisers on key issues that affect the industry.

They believe that there is growing evidence to support salt as an essential part of everyday life, especially when it comes to <u>our health</u>, and we actively promote scientific research for a more balanced view.

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TEMA Process B.V is a young Company but its management and employees have many years of experience in the design and manufacturing of thermal and physical process equipment, mainly fluid bed dryers / coolers with associated equipment & plants.

To prepare for further growth, TEMA Process BV in May 2017 has moved to its new engineering ( 1800 m2) and production ( 8000 m2) facility in Wapenveld. The new facility was built under management of TEMA Process BV and is totally fit for manufacturing of fluid bed dryers, coolers and associated equipment.

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They strive to develop innovative technologies that are inexpensive, yet achieve the highest levels of salt quality. They apply their technologies and know-how to establish new salt production facilities, improve the profitability of existing saltworks and reduce the cost of salt use in the industry. They focus on detailed analysis of the resources available and select the most profitable implementation option. They supply technology and equipment and build salt plants worldwide.

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Manchester Airport to the hotel by train would be around 1hr 18 minutes.

Manchester Airport to the hotel by taxi would be 46 minutes, again depending on traffic and time of day.

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# **About EUsalt**

EUsalt is the association of crystallised salt producers located in 19 countries from Europe and beyond. Europe is the second largest salt producing region in the world and EUsalt, through its members, represents more than 70% of the total European salt production.

Our members have a combined turnover of more than 1.5 billion euros and employ nearly 9 000 people.

**Our vision** is to be the authoritative voice of the salt industry in Europe in advocacy and to educate and communicate the values and benefits of salt as an essential building block for the chemical industry and the energy sector and as a vital mineral for health, safety and nutrition.

#### Our mission is:

- To promote the wide variety of uses for salt as a vital mineral in chemical transformation, energy storage and transition, health, nutrition, road safety, water treatment and many other applications.
- To highlight the socio-economic benefits and environmental sustainability of salt production technologies and applications by demonstrating their positive value and impact on society.
- To foster a European regulatory and business environment favorable to long term growth and innovation to secure a sustainable future for the salt sector and its down-stream applications.
- To contribute to major debates at European level by providing facts and guidance on public policy and regulatory issues that impact the salt sector.





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