

## In Memoriam

It is with much regret that we inform you that Freddy Ovart Secretary General of the Belgian Chemical Business Association (CBCC/BKC) has passed away at the beginning of June. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

## VCH publishes 2007 results

The German Association of Chemical Distributors (VCH), the largest national chemical distributor Association in Europe, published the combined results of its members. With 6.905 employees working in inventory holding distribution and import/export specialty trade a turnover of 12.040 million euros excl. vat was achieved in 2007. This is growth of 10,2% compared to 2006. The total tonnage sold by the VCH members in 2007 reached 6.193.000 tonnes or an increase of 1.5% compared to the year before.



More information can be found at [www.vch-online.de](http://www.vch-online.de)

## II. FECC ACTIVITIES



### FECC elects Mauro Di Vito as its new President



At the General Assembly Meeting of the European Association of Chemical Distributors (FECC) on 2 June 2008 in Budapest, FECC Members unanimously elected Mr Mauro Di Vito, Managing Director of Warwick Massa; the Italian subsidiary of Warwick International Group as President. Mr Di Vito succeeds Mr Looney, President of Chemical Distribution Ireland (CDI).

On accepting the Presidency, Mr Di Vito said he is excited about chairing FECC "now that the challenges of regulations such as REACH are taking on concrete form for the European Chemical Distribution Industry and FECC as an association is clearly in a growing spur" As President, Mr Di Vito plans to continue strengthening the dialogue with European decision-makers to contribute effectively to the policy debate and gain recognition for the benefits of the environment, health and safety standards implemented by the Chemical Distribution industry such as Responsible Care and Product Stewardship

### New HSE Manager at FECC



On 18 June, Vasileios Tsifoutis has joined the FECC team as HSE Manager. The coming weeks he will be trained in order to take over the position of Mercedes Vinas who still be with FECC until the 1st of August.

Vasileios has recently finished his Master in Environmental Sciences at the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands, majoring in Environmental Policy and Technology. Before his Master, Vasileios finished a Bachelor of Engineering in Chemistry and Technology – Environmental Chemistry and Technology.

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