The recent ‘Get-To-Know-Each-Other’ webinar, jointly staged by Europump, CEIR and PNEUOP as part of their respective online Annual Meetings, has been heralded a huge success.

Originally conceived as a ‘live’ event to form part of the planned Joint Conference scheduled for May in Brussels to coincide with the three Annual Meetings, the plans were understandably curtailed due to the restrictions brought about by the pandemic. However, the opportunity for members of each association to become acquainted with the others, was deemed to be too important to miss, and so the virtual meeting was developed.

Held during the afternoon of Tuesday 25th May and Chaired by Yvonne Orgill, Managing Director at UWLA, this free to attend gathering took the form of a ‘Panel Discussion’ between the Presidents of each association. In addition to providing a brief overview of their individual organisations and given priorities, the session allowed for common issues to be identified and discussed.

Attended by just under 100 delegates, the topic areas included the societal and commercial impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, the economic recovery, the circular economy and other environmental considerations, as well as the impact of digitalisation across the manufacturing sector, in relation to both production processes and end products.

However, the opportunity for cooperation and collaboration was a key discussion point, eagerly pursued by Yvonne in her role as Chairperson. With similar levels of longevity and heritage being enjoyed within the sectors served, it is evident
that the three organisations have shared many similar interests over the years, and increasingly so around international standards and energy use reduction measures. Furthermore, having developed vast experience in their respective disciplines, by forging closer links and a more collaborative approach to certain activities, it was agreed they could better harvest that expertise for greater mutual benefit.

Following the Panel Discussion, the Orgalim Partnership Team provided delegates with an update on the latest EU regulatory landscape, which will affect members of all three associations over the coming months and years. Numerous subjects were covered, including:

- Revised EU Industrial Policy Strategy
- AI Regulation proposal, NIS2 Directive revision, future Data Act
- Machinery Directive revision
- Circular Economy and Eco-design Directive revision
- REACH Regulation revision and SCIP Database

The event concluded with an informal get-together for participants to virtually mingle and review the information presented.

For further information on this or any other Europump supported event please email Christelle Vandermeuter at secretariat@europump.org, who will be able to provide you with the appropriate particulars.

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