BITUMEN EMULSIONS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE:

USES AND MARKET TRENDS

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1. LATEST NEWS FROM THE IBEF

- The IBEF gathers national associations and individual members from 19 countries
- This represents more than 70% of the bitumen emulsions produced worldwide



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- The IBEF is a recognized organization, amongst the big players (Asphalt Institute, European Asphalt Pavement Association, Eurobitume ...)
- The IBEF holds 1 (or 2) meetings per year
 - Cancun 29th, August 2013
 - Tokyo March 13th, 2014
 - Paris February 22nd, 2015
- The IBEF is and will be what its members want it to be and to become: a forum for the dissemination of the best practices and the momotion of cost effective techniques





2. EUROPEAN MARKET TRENDS AND DRIVERS

- The road industry has been facing heavy challenges, especially since the 2008 financial crisis
- Public funds available for road construction and maintenance are scarcer and scarcer
- Environment and social requirements are heavier and heavier
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 - The economy and mobility needs roads they deserve
 - Road transport is a social issue
 - Lack of maintenance is a heavy responsibility to bear
 - Politicians have a key role to play
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- The bitumen emulsion industry takes its part
 - Surface treatments
 - Recycling (in place and in plant)









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- New up to date tools are available for data acquisition
- Data processing
- Maintenance scenarios built <u>on the</u> <u>medium to long term</u>





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4. R&D FOR FUTURE MATERIALS: PRE CONDITIONS

- To mobilize the bitumen industry
- To upgrade the European standards
- To involve the whole community, including the decision makers so that to secure suitable budgets on the medium to long term
- To promote "green", safe and environmentally friendly solutions (the industry is part of the "real" World)



• Such topics are in the forefront of the IBEF strategy





5. CONCLUSION

- Pavement Preservation is a hot topic
- Politicians and road users are the main partners of the game
- The industry as a whole should move ahead
- The emulsion industry, with the support of the IBEF, has its own part



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THANK YOU

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