

News Brief

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Christmas Edition



Another challenging year draws to a close and our Members and Partners begin their long-awaited Summer break by celebrating Christmas with family and friends.

The past 12 months have proven demanding for businesses, both international and domestic. Long-running concerns about an uncertain global economy, combating climate change, regional conflicts and the subsequent refugee problems, together with ever-changing political scenarios persist. Fortunately, New Zealand continues to avoid the direct consequences of many of these international issues as we look to sustaining our role as good global citizens, while enhancing our quality of life and protecting our fragile environment.

The global chemical industry continues to play our key role in helping to meet UN Sustainability goals through a combination of safer products, effective product stewardship initiatives, renewed focus on climate change and eliminating plastic-based pollution together with our extensive capacity building activities seeking to improve chemical safety by implementing Responsible Care® in 63 national associations.

A daunting array of compliance issues await our growing membership, particularly expanding health and safety obligations and chemical safety compliance requirements, primarily impacting resource-poor SMEs. Your Association helps you navigate the chemical compliance maze with the advice and user-friendly products and services needed to demonstrate your commitment to the Responsible Care® ethic of protecting people and the environment.



ICCA Meetings in Rotorua

A highlight of a busy year was the honour of hosting two key International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) working groups in Rotorua last month.

The Chemical Policy and Health Working Group, together with the Responsible Care® Leadership Group, play key roles in advancing the global chemical industry's drive to improve chemical safety and

contribute to the UN Sustainability goals through the Responsible Care® safety, health and environmental protection initiative in emerging economies. We were delighted to introduce delegates from 34 countries to the best of our culture, lifestyle and unique environment.



Summer Break

**The Responsible Care NZ office closes
Friday 21 December 2018
and re-opens Tuesday 22 January 2019.**

**We wish our Members, Partners and Responsible Care®
colleagues world-wide a happy and safe Christmas.**