

EUROMETREC

The European Metal Trade and Recycling association (EUROMETREC) met in Brussels on September 24, 2009 under the chairmanship of Robert Voss from Voss International Ltd.

Following the successful General Assembly which was held outside Belgium, i.e in Budapest on March 2nd, the group proposed to renew the experience and to hold the next General Assembly in Paris with the cooperation of the French federation FEDEREC in conjunction with the EFR General Assembly. During the meeting, individual national market reports were delivered by all delegations. Everyone observed that the situation was very difficult and agreed that the LME which was boosted by fund speculation rather than by consumer demand. The Chinese purchasing behaviour was also unpredictable which was making matters even worse, the delegates concluded.

A survey on the VAT as applied to non-ferrous scrap was commented and it appeared that a growing number of member states were opting for the reverse charge system. Many delegates reported credit insurance as a major problem for the sector.

During the meeting it also appeared that the Annex VII document of the EU waste shipment regulation was handled differently in each member state.

The delegates discussed the latest proposed amendments to the WEEE directive and concerns were expressed about the interpretation and definition of the word “remove” which would not favour mechanical process. A common position will be sought.
