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Dear Readers,

2025 is coming to an end and with it another year full of challenges for the PPE sector along with several moments that had our pulses racing. The economic situation remains turbulent, attributed namely to Trump and the current global uncertainties. The political parameters seem to be far from reliable. Nevertheless, we can say with pride that our sector performed well and is still able to adapt quickly to new market realities.

As for IVPS, a few key topics dominated the year. We completed our E-Class project successfully – a huge thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and effort as it would never have been possible without your commitment. The A+A trade fair took place and it hopefully fulfilled the expectations of our members. From my perspective, the trade fair was excellent and a great success, giving us valuable inspiration and new contacts.

The digital manufacturer's instructions and information remain to be a long-standing issue and will continue to occupy us for some time. Just as challenging were the chemical restrictions, in particular PFAS, which kept us on our toes in 2025. These topics show the importance of remaining flexible and well informed.

Sustainability remains on our companies' agendas. Although decisions to cut red tape are made on a European level, any effort regarding sustainability was not in vain and will be worthwhile.

Have fun reading our Safety First magazine. Find out more about new products, important events and projects as well as one of our members. I hope that the upcoming months bring serenity, calmness and the courage to make clear decisions going forward. Together we can meet the challenges facing us and actively shape the future.

Warm regards,



Martin Leusmann
Chairman of the IVPS e.V.



Product News



Mini Size. Maxi Power.

Small, but powerful: the new Dräger X-plore 8300 is the lightest and most compact powered air-purifying respirator in its class and offers reliable particle protection – with no noticeable breathing resistance or restriction to movement.



Protection. Comfort. Style.

The uvex ultrashield safety glasses from the uvex safety group are available in four designs: with a clear lens, with a grey tint, with a blue mirror and with a polarisation filter. All of them fulfil the new EN ISO 16321-1 eye protection standard and offer UV 400 protection. The panoramic lens provides an unrestricted field of vision.



Urban protection

The Wellmaxx Street range from ELTEN showcases once again the popular sole technology with the Infinergy® high-tech material from BASF. The shoes combine modern streetstyle elements with functional safety – the Wellmaxx Street shoes offer maximum comfort thanks to the particle foam rebound.



Practical and robust

Equipped with 450lm or 600lm, the PIXA R head torch from PETZL is robust, waterproof and resistant to certain chemicals. It adapts to intensive and demanding professional use. The fastening system makes it easy to attach the PIXA R to a helmet.



Uncompromising performance

The 1955 jacket from Hultafors consists of a laminated stretch shell made from recycled nylon and is reinforced with CORDURA® ripstop fabric. It offers waterproof protection with sealed stitches and AquaGuard® zips. The insulation made from recycled REPREVE® polyester provides warmth and the 3D mesh breathability.



A clean solution

Aqua Push, the new eye wash with a water connection, from EKASTU Safety GmbH complies with the DIN EN 15154-2 product standard and is suited ideally for a number of areas such as industry, laboratories, universities and schools.



Protection when it matters

The new e-breathe Splash 2 from PM Atemschutz GmbH is a type 3 overpressure protective suit for maximum protection against chemicals and radioactive contamination. Made from robust, anti-static material, it also impresses with maximum freedom of movement.



Certiifiably sustainable

The Ecosan liquid detergent is certified with the sought-after EU Ecolabel, expanding Peter Greven Physioderm GmbH's sustainable and environmentally friendly product range. The detergent is available in bottles of 500ml and 1l.



Seamless

The new combination filters from BartelsRieger are high-performance respiratory filters that protect from a wide range of toxic gases and particles. They provide users with many benefits – high comfort, a modern look and optimised carbon packing. The filters are equipped with a standard round-thread connection and are 100% traceable.

SCHUBERTH: 100 years' experience, one vision

Safety without compromise

Welcome to another introduction to one of our IVPS members. This time we went to Magdeburg, but unfortunately it was a virtual and not on-site visit as had actually been planned and you can probably guess why – it starts with a 'T' and ends with 'rains'.

Nevertheless, Florian Brunk, Head of the Industrial Safety & Fire Fighting Business Unit, took us on a virtual journey through SCHUBERTH's history and spoke about opportunities, challenges and a whole lot more.

Florian Brunk has been working at SCHUBERTH for four years, but he feels as though the company has been dear to his heart since his teenage years when he at 15 rode his first scooter wearing a SCHUBERTH helmet ... and so his passion for safety was kindled early in his life.

Read our interview to find out in which industrial safety areas SCHUBERTH also made a name for itself and why.

SCHUBERTH has been around for more than 100 years. How long have you been at the company and how are you shaping the future of the company?

I have now been on board for four years; my main focus has been on building effective teams and consistently aligning the Industrial Safety/Fire Fighting business unit to the needs of our customers.

SCHUBERTH stands for helmets – from motorsports to the police and military. How did this specialisation come about? And which challenges do the various operational areas bring?

SCHUBERTH brings together long-standing tradition and passion for head protection. The relentless pursuit for innovation and maximum protection led to our specialisation in helmets for highly diverse operational areas.

We have been producing all kinds of safety helmets since the 1940s. The first motorcyclists were able to protect themselves with helmets from the SCHUBERTH brand from 1954. This marked the start of a success story that has continued to this day. The focus has always been on creating specialised head protection solutions for individual, often extreme operating conditions.

Every area brings its own challenges. If we take motorsports as an example, it's about maximum safety along with a low weight and high aerodynamics. By contrast,

firefighter's helmets are highly specialised protective systems where safety, comfort, material reliability and interfaces to other safety equipment are a development priority. Maintaining a balance between maximum protection, comfort and technical integration is especially challenging – always under real operating conditions that don't allow for compromise.

Our aim is to meet the multifaceted demands without compromising on quality or safety. Our experience in many application fields helps us to create synergies and continually deliver innovative solutions to all areas while setting new standards.

370 employees work here at the production site in Magdeburg. What is made in Germany and what is produced abroad?

We at SCHUBERTH are especially proud that 'Made in Germany' is way more than just a label – it stands for a high vertical range of manufacture, quality and innovative energy right here in this region. The majority of our development and production processes, from construction through to production to the final assembly, takes place here in Germany, allowing us to ensure that quality, reliability and flexibility are guaranteed at all times.

Depending on the business unit, up to 90% of a SCHUBERTH helmet is actually made in Magdeburg – a considerable figure in times of global production



chains. Solely the carbon helmet shells for motorcycle helmets and the interiors are covered by SCHUBERTH Performance in Italy and then find their way to Magdeburg for final assembly.

This enables us to fulfil our customers' wishes for high availability, a sustainable supply chain and a stronger domestic business location. A high level of specialisation, short distances and the means to be able to respond quickly to special demands are key advantages for us, which we draw from our strong roots in Germany.

How and in which countries would SCHUBERTH like to expand its international presence? And do you have specific countries in mind?

International growth is very important for a company like SCHUBERTH that produces in Germany. However, our primary focus is on specialised sectors and markets with maximum demands on quality and reliability.

Our aim is to expand our international presence in precisely those countries where these specialised industries are well established. This is where we see the best conditions to apply our technological competence and quality promise and to act as a reliable partner for discerning customers.

To summarise: while international expansion is a strategic success factor, our priority is always to grow where a high level of quality, innovation and reliability are in demand.

How would you like the political/societal landscape to develop for the PPE sector?

First and foremost, I would like an even greater awareness for industrial safety. It would be important to continue increasing the significance of high-quality PPE and for companies and employees alike to see it is a key element of a sustainable company culture. This means that selecting and wearing high-quality PPE in risky work areas is not only seen as compulsory, but also as a natural way to express responsibility for your own and your colleagues' health.

This requires clear and uniform parameters on a European and international level to ensure the highest quality and safety standards and to foster innovations in the PPE sector.

Moreover, I think that better R&D support – e.g. for new materials, ergonomics and sustainability in PPE – is crucial.

How do you deal with competition from the Far East?

I think that we need to strategically play off our own strengths. We made a conscious decision to focus on head protection products that conform to the high demands of specialised industries and offer tailor-made solutions instead of simply being price-driven.

At the same time, it's important for us to maintain a close partnership with our customers: we greatly value customer focus, extensive consulting expertise and individual support. This not only creates trust, but also offers added value, which many competitors simply cannot achieve that way.

Central ambassadors seem to play a major role in marketing. Why is that and who are your testimonials?

Central ambassadors play a major role because they convey credibility, trust and authenticity. Especially in sectors with high quality and safety demands, it is vital that our target groups can comprehend how our products work in practice. Testimonials from real-life experiences make our achievements tangible and create emotional closeness – far more than mere product statements could ever achieve.

This is why our testimonials are from real users who work in relevant sectors, such as industrial safety professionals or firefighters who rely on our solutions every single day. Their authentic experiences and positive feedback help to convincingly convey our values as well as the performance and reliability of our products and attract new customers.

If you look 10 years in the future, where do you see SCHUBERTH in your vision?

When I look ten years in the future, I see SCHUBERTH as a leading global provider for high-quality head protection, setting standards in innovation, quality and design. Our solutions will be the first choice in specialised sectors around the world because they meet the highest safety standards as well as consistently focus on the needs of the users.

In short: in my vision, SCHUBERTH in ten years' time will be synonymous with leading head protection products 'Made in Germany', reliability and a lived culture of innovation.

Mr Brunk, we would like to end with a personal question. What can your employees learn from you when it comes to work-life-balance?

For me, transparency and an open approach to your own limits are just as important as mutual trust and flexibility in your team. I would like to show that sustainable success is only possible when we are mindful of our resources for the long term – and that also includes your own well-being.



Florian Brunk, Head of BU Industrial Safety & Fire Fighting



PPE Compact

Digital manufacturer's instructions and information update

When can we finally expect the go-ahead for digital manufacturer's instructions and information?

PPE manufacturers have been demanding for years that manufacturer's instructions and information accompanying each single PPE (Article 8 (8) in combination with point 1.4 of Annex II of the PPE Regulation 2016/425) also be made available in digital format.

The PPE Expert Group in Brussels attempted to clarify a solution regarding this issue by incorporating a clear regulation in the PPE guidelines, but failed due to the resistance of several member states. Fortunately, however, European legislature brought a new dynamism to this matter:

On 21 May 2025, the European Commission published a proposal in the fourth Omnibus package to also amend the PPE Regulation. This proposal provides for the following amendments to the PPE Regulation, among others:

- Electronic display of the EU declaration of conformity
- Digital contact information on the PPE
- **Option to create manufacturer's instructions and information electronically**
- Electronic transmission of all documentation required for market surveillance and certifying bodies

We welcome this bill because it will finally be able to create legal certainty around the reliability of digital manufacturer's instructions and information. However, the proposed amendment does not go far enough:

Manufacturer's instructions and information must still be provided in paper format for consumer products. This obligation extends to any PPE product that is not intended for consumers, but it is foreseeable that consumers might be able to use it. In practice, this restriction would lead to great difficulties in assessing the distinction. Having to differentiate between professional and private use is not productive and would ultimately also not lead to a reduction in the administrative burden for industry. The current dialogue process between the European Commission, European Parliament and European Council needs to work towards an amendment of the PPE Regulation that allows for the use of digital manufacturer's instructions and information without exception. Manufacturers will also be able to provide a paper copy of their instructions and information upon a consumer's request. IVPS has asked the BMAS (German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs) to commit to a more practical solution for the PPE industry in Europe. Moreover, IVPS supports ESF, its European umbrella organisation, in canvassing in Brussels for a comprehensive digital solution at the European institutions (Parliament, Commission and Council). To align with its Green Deal goals, the European Commission would be well advised to stop the environmentally harmful mandate to produce tonnes of paper.

You can download the current proposed amendments to the PPE Regulation in full via this [link](#).

Thomas Lange (Lawyer)
Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the IVPS e.V.

IVPS e.V. well represented at A+A 2025

Inspiring the future of PPE



The IVPS e.V., the Association of Manufacturers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Germany, took part in A+A 2025, with practically all member companies exhibiting, thus emphasising the Association's key role as a driving force and creator of a safe, healthy and sustainable workplace.

A+A 2025, the International Trade Fair for Safety, Security and Health at Work, brought together **2,340 exhibitors from 70 countries**. Spread over 88,500 square metres, they showed how modern PPE, workwear and technologies are shaping tomorrow's work environments. Roughly 67,000 trade visitors came to Düsseldorf. With the guiding theme 'People Matter', it became clear how closely linked safety, comfort and sustainability are with each other today.

At **EXO PARK**, visitors could experience exoskeletons and digital ergonomic tools up close. The Fashion Show in Hall 15 presented workwear as a combination of protection, function and design. The Start-up Zone and the BMW (German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy) area also impressed with creative solutions – from AI-supported protection systems to sustainable materials.

With roughly 3,000 participants and more than 100 events, the 39th **A+A Congress** offered practical inspiration on subjects such as mental health, climate change and digitisation in occupational safety. New formats, such as the Vision Zero Stage and the A+A Cinema, promoted the exchange of information between research and practice.

The next A+A will take place in Düsseldorf from **19 to 22 October 2027**.

Good To Know

Your opinion is wanted

The four associations, ESF, ETSA, EURATEX und FESI, have developed a [questionnaire](#) on the PFAS restrictions in PPE. How is PFAS actually used in PPE? What risks do restrictions bring? By participating, you can provide realistic and practical data and information as a decision-making basis for the European Commission and the ECHA. The questionnaire is open until 31st December 2025.

PPE expert training course

GermanFashion (IVPS cooperation partner) will be offering the training course to become a PPE expert (IHK) with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry again in 2026. The course imparts compact and practical knowledge in nine modules, so that participants will be able to market legally compliant PPE. The course starts in Spring 2026. Please contact [us](#) if interested.

PPE in plant protection

The Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) is responsible for approving pesticides in Germany. The demands on 'PPE when handling plant protection products' have been published in a [BVL guideline](#). IVPS supports the BVL in keeping access to relevant PPE up to date in its [Data Collection](#). Contact us if you would like to enter/update your products.

Breathing protection – clear and comprehensible

The BG RCI (German Social Accident Insurance Institution for the Raw Materials and Chemical Industry) has developed a Respiratory Protection Guide in close cooperation with the DGUV (German Social Accident Insurance) Respiratory Protection group. This guide provides practical support and delivers important information on the selection, use, protection level and lifespan of respiratory protection equipment – available online at any time: [BG RCI Respiratory Protection Guide](#)

Harmonised standards

The EU Commission published a new [list](#) of harmonised standards for PPE in the Journal of the European Union in May 2025.

SAVE THE DATES

Here are the dates for our **IVPS members' meetings** in 2026.

Spring: 29 April 2026

Autumn: 12 November 2026

Both meetings will take place in Cologne. Full details to follow in due course.

A+A 2027

The next International Trade Fair and Congress for Safety, Security and Health at Work will take place in Düsseldorf from 19 to 22 October 2027.

PPE seminar

The ESF will also be hosting a seminar in Belgium in 2027. More information will be published [here](#) well in advance and communicated through us.

Save the date:

**16–18 June 2027
in Genval, Belgium.**

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