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President's message

Dear Colleagues,

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, I am pleased to share several important updates from across IFRA's global network.

Preparations are well underway for the Global Fragrance Summit 2025 – Scent Connections: Advancing standards and collaboration across cultures, taking place this October in Singapore. With a strong provisional program of confirmed sessions and speakers, and a dynamic focus on innovation and sustainability, I warmly encourage all members to register before the early bird deadline on 30 June. You can do so at www.globalfragrancesummit.com

We are also strengthening our team to better support our mission worldwide. Leon Huang has joined IFRA as Senior Advisor for North Asia, based in Beijing, and Johannes Weiß has come on board as Public Affairs and Sustainability Manager for Europe. Their experience and expertise will help us deepen engagement with stakeholders and authorities in these key regions.



Finally, last month I had the privilege of visiting Latin America for a series of strategic meetings in São Paulo.

Engaging with national associations, visiting Natura, and joining our LATAM Regional Committee reaffirmed both the strength of our partnerships and the opportunities for growth and collaboration in this vital region.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and engagement.

Warm regards,

*Alexander Mohr, PhD
President, IFRA*

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Scent connections

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15–16 October 2025

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Webinar

Regulatory developments surrounding para-cymene

Wednesday, 26 March 2025, 12:00-13:30 CET

IFRA and Cosmetics Europe members only



Webinar

Extended Fragrance Allergen Labelling in the EU: From regulation to implementation

Thursday, 17 April 2025, 13:00-14:00 CET

IFRA and Cosmetics Europe members only



General IFRA news

IFRA-Cosmetics Europe webinar on Regulatory developments around para-cymene

This was a webinar for IFRA and Cosmetics Europe members on 26 March.

This webinar was in-depth update on the regulatory developments surrounding para-cymene. Speakers discussed the recent opinion adopted by ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) proposing its classification as reprotoxic category 1B, its impact on Natural Complex Substances (NCS), and the implications for the cosmetics industry.

Updates on our contributions within the European Commission Working Group on Cosmetic Products were also given.

Video: <https://vimeo.com> | Password: *paracymene*

Contact: CA

IFRA-Cosmetics Europe webinar - Allergens Labelling

This was a webinar for IFRA and Cosmetics Europe members on 17 April.

The new fragrance allergen labelling rules under the EU Cosmetic Products Regulation are coming into effect, requiring the relabelling of many cosmetic products.

In light of these changes, this webinar explored the implications, the complexities of the new requirements, and how they particularly relate to natural ingredients.

Video: <https://vimeo.com> | password: *allergens*

Contact: MV



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General IFRA news



IFRA speaks to German Society of Perfumers

IFRA's Vice President of Scientific Affairs addressed the German Society of Perfumers.

Matthias Vey had the honour to present at the Annual Meeting of the Germany Association of Perfumers (DGP). He highlighted how regulatory challenges (internal, via the IFRA Standards) and external have developed over the period of 30 years, since he is deeply involved in the field of fragrances, marking his 25 years within IFRA this year.

The event took place in Holzminden, one of the most relevant cities in Germany when it comes to the fragrance industry and included a visit of the recently opened interactive museum to experience the world of fragrance and flavor – Sensoria.

Contact: MV

Furocoumarins

Furocoumarins: Scientific Rationale supporting revised IFRA policy published

The scientific documentation supporting our second leave-on threshold of 5 ppm for furocoumarins has just been published.

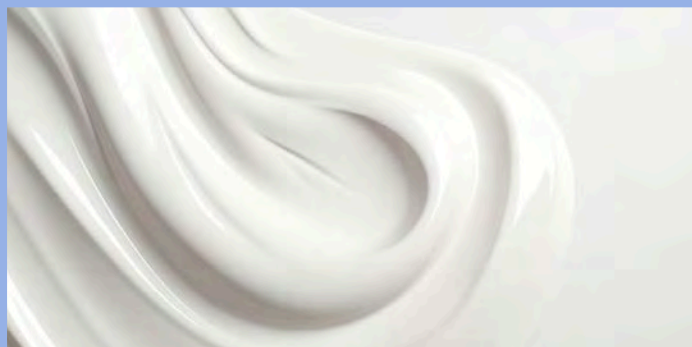
Irizar, A., Boislève, F., Gautier, F., Nash, J.F., Pfuhler, S., Ritacco, G., Vey, M., Wolf, N., Cadby, P.A., 2025. Phototoxicity and skin damage: A review of adverse effects of some furocoumarins found in natural extracts. Food and Chemical Toxicology 115332.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0278691525000997>).

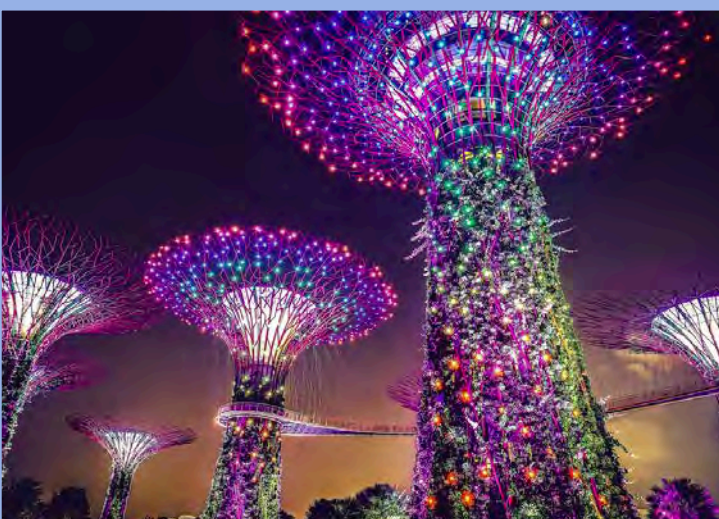
Both concentration and UVA exposure are critical factors in potential skin effects. Thresholds can be identified to effectively manage risks and ensure safe formulation.

This research is the result of collaboration within the IFRA Furocoumarin Stakeholder Group. This publication will serve as the key reference in the IFRA FC Standard.

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IFRA Global Fragrance Summit 2025 - Don't miss out!

IFRA Global Fragrance Summit 2025 – Scent Connections: early program highlights

The Global Fragrance Summit 2025 – *Scent Connections: Advancing standards and collaboration across cultures* – will take place on 15–16 October at the Fairmont Hotel in Singapore, bringing together senior fragrance leaders, perfumers, and experts from around the world.

Confirmed highlights include an interactive 'Sensory Journey' led by Calice Becker of the Givaudan Perfumery School, insights on innovation for the beauty and personal care sector by Jessie Tong from Singapore Polytechnic's Consumer Chemicals Technology Centre, and an update on the upcoming changes to the IFRA Standards by Matthias Vey and Jennifer Dorts of IFRA.

The expanded innovation program will explore emerging technologies and opportunities, offering a dynamic view of what lies ahead for the sector.

Networking opportunities include a welcome cocktail, a gala dinner, and an optional guided tour of the Singapore Botanical Gardens in the days either side of the main conference.

Early bird registration is open until 30 June, offering preferential rates for all participants, in addition to preferential rates at the hotel. Don't miss the chance to help shape the future of global fragrance.

Visit www.globalfragrancesummit.com to find out more and register.

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Ingredient defence and Regulatory Affairs



Reminder: Publication of IFRA-IOFI GHS Labelling Manual

The IFRA-IOFI Labelling Manual was published on 9 January 2025. See IL 1999 for more details.

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News by region: Asia Pacific (APAC)

International Symposium on the Sustainability of the Fragrance and Flavor Industry

Shanghai, May 13

The one-day symposium is a joint effort of IFRA-IOFI together with Chinese Association of the Fragrance Flavour and Cosmetic Industries (CAFFCI) and will be held in the Courtyard hotel by Marriott Shanghai Central on May 13. Chinese local fragrance and flavour (F&F) companies including about 80 audiences will attend the workshop.

IFRA and IOFI Presidents, Alexander Mohr and Sven Ballschmiede will introduce the IFRA-IOFI Sustainability Charter 2.0 as well as key activities from the two international associations. Speakers from Chinese academies, international and local F&F companies will present the Chinese sustainability policies and plan, life cycle assessment tool and their current best practices. Chinese local F&F companies are welcome to voluntarily sign the IFRA-IOFI Sustainability Charter.

Contact: LH

IFRA China Working Group (CWG) Visited CCIA

On April 14, Yang Haihua, Chair of the China Working Group (CWG), and Leon Huang, IFRA Senior Advisor for North Asia, visited the China Cleaning Industry Association (CCIA).

CCIA President Wang Minyan, Executive Secretary-General Wang Hao, and Deputy Secretaries-General Bian Feng and Qiang Wen warmly welcomed the visit and organized a discussion session.

The two sides had in-depth discussions on topics including sustainability development trends in the industry, the improvement of relevant industry standards, and exchanged ideas regarding CCIA's 2025 conferences, exhibitions, and related activities. The two sides agreed to jointly promote in-depth collaboration between their respective associations, leveraging technical exchanges and shared standard-setting to foster high-quality and healthy development for both industries.

Contact: LH



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News by region: Asia Pacific (APAC)



Further support for IFRA's APAC efforts

Leon Huang Joins IFRA as Senior Advisor, Asia North

The International Fragrance Association (IFRA) has appointed Leon Huang as Senior Advisor, Asia North, to support public affairs and regulatory engagement in the Asia Pacific region.

Based in Beijing, Leon joins IFRA as an independent consultant, reporting to Caroline Li, Regional Director for APAC, and to IFRA President Alexander Mohr. He brings over 28 years of regulatory affairs experience across multiple categories, including detergents, cosmetics, oral care, and medical devices, with senior roles at Procter & Gamble China and Japan.

Leon's appointment reflects IFRA's commitment to strengthening relationships with authorities and stakeholders in the region to support safe fragrance use and continued industry innovation.

Contact: LH



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News by region: Europe EMEA



Animal testing

European Commission Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing in chemical safety assessment

Activities by the European Commission to develop the Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing in chemical safety assessment are intensifying, as the publication is planned for early 2026. IFRA continues to actively engage in relevant stakeholder events to contribute to this evolving discussion.

The Animal-Free Chemical Safety Assessment Conference took place in Brussels on 4–6 March 2025; a flash report is available [here](#). On 16–17 June 2025, the European Commission, in collaboration with ECHA, will host a third workshop to present and consult on draft recommendations and milestones of the Roadmap: [link](#).

The report of the European Commission's December 2023 workshop on the Roadmap has been published [here](#).

Recommendations from the June 2024 multi-stakeholder roundtable, which included IFRA's participation, have been published in ALTEX: [link](#).

A robust and comprehensive Roadmap is critical to maintaining fragrance innovation in the medium to long term, avoiding unnecessarily conservative safety assessments, and ensuring the continued defence of fragrance ingredients.

Contact: AI



News by region: Europe EMEA



IFRA at JAG meeting

IFRA hosts roundtables to discuss the fragrance value chain and EU Regulations

In the framework of its Joint Advisory Group (JAG) meeting on 10 and 11 April 2025, IFRA was pleased to host two roundtables that brought together a wide range of stakeholders from the fragrance value chain, along with policymakers from the European Commission and the Council.

The first session explored key regulatory developments impacting the fragrance value chain in the early months of the new EU legislative cycle (2024–2029). Discussions centred on the hazard-based approach and ingredient classification under the EU's CLP Regulation, the evaluation of the current Cosmetic Products Regulation, as well as the revision of the Detergents Regulation.

The second panel focused on the European Commission's upcoming proposal to revise the REACH Regulation under the Chemicals Industry Package, expected in late 2025. Speakers examined how this initiative is likely to affect the fragrance value chain, with a focus on balancing regulatory ambitions with industry competitiveness.

Contact: AP



New support for IFRA Europe public affairs

Johannes Weiß joins IFRA as Public Affairs & Sustainability Manager Europe

Johannes' role will focus on public affairs and sustainability, strengthening IFRA's position in ongoing and upcoming European legislative and policy developments.

Johannes is a German national who has worked in various public affairs positions in Brussels, including at EUK Consulting and the European Policy Centre. He will report to the IFRA President and to Aurelie Perrichet, Regional Director for Europe.

Contact: JW

News by region: India

Farmers, scientists, industry awareness program in vetiver cluster, Cuddalore

In April 2025, IFRA, FICCI, CIMAP, and Ultra International hosted an awareness workshop for 200 farmers, processors, and entrepreneurs involved in vetiver cultivation in Pondichéry and Cuddalore.

The workshop addressed post-cultivation challenges, scientific and technological interventions, and resource management strategies. Presentations included responsible sourcing practices, the application of IFRA's Green Chemistry Compass Tools, and guidance from CSIR-CIMAP scientists on distillation techniques and chemical analysis. Field demonstrations showcased improved harvesting, transportation, and storage methods to reduce waste and enhance productivity.

Contact: SS



IFRA Participates in Fragrances and Flavours Association of India (FAFAI) Summit for first time

In March 2025, IFRA took part for the first time in the Fragrances and Flavours Association of India (FAFAI) Summit, strengthening engagement with key stakeholders across the fragrance value chain.

The summit provided an opportunity to present IFRA's aims and activities in India and to build relationships with members and partners. Participation in technical sessions on regulatory challenges, new technologies, artificial intelligence, biodiversity, and market trends is expected to support future collaborations and deepen ties with FAFAI.

Contact: SS

News by region: India

IFRA Discusses New Biodiversity Act with Indian Authorities

India's amended Biodiversity Act (2023) and new Biodiversity Rules (2024) are awaiting operational guidelines from the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).

To address concerns raised by domestic and international stakeholders, IFRA met with NBA's Secretary in Chennai.

At the meeting, IFRA secured confirmation that the NBA will present on the amended framework and respond to industry questions during a FICCI-hosted webinar planned for 6 June 2025, supporting clarity and ease of business in the sector.

Contact: SS



Perfumery Students Begin Industry Internships at Hindu College

Thirty students from Hindu College's perfumery program have started an eight-week internship across partner industry sites, gaining hands-on experience across the fragrance and perfumery value chain.

Following intensive classroom training and mentorship, including a session with Sant Sangneria, Founder of SSF, the students are now preparing for an upcoming seminar in July 2025 with the Director of CSIR-CIMAP on responsible sourcing and fragrance ingredient processing.

Contact: SS

IFRA flags fragrance sector priorities at resource efficiency event

In March 2025, IFRA participated in a FICCI symposium on resource management and circular economy, engaging with industry and government to highlight fragrance-related issues for upcoming chemical regulations.

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News by region: Latin America (LATAM)



Strengthening Fragrance Collaboration in Brazil

IFRA President engages national associations, visits Natura, and joins LATAM Regional Committee.

This month, IFRA President Alexander Mohr was in São Paulo for a week of strategic meetings and engagements across Brazil's vibrant fragrance value chain.

The visit began with high-level discussions with five leading national associations: ABIQUIM (Brazilian Chemical Industry Association), ABIHPEC (Brazilian Association of the Personal Hygiene, Perfumery and Cosmetics Industry), ABC (Brazilian Society of Cosmetology), ABAS (Brazilian Aerosol Association), and ABIPLA (Brazilian Association of the Cleaning Products Industry). These exchanges helped align on shared priorities, regulatory issues, and future collaboration—while offering valuable insights into the scale and complexity of Brazil's upstream and downstream sectors.

Alexander Mohr also toured the facilities of Natura, a global leader in sustainable beauty, to see their innovation and responsible fragrance practices in action.

The week concluded with a hybrid meeting of the IFRA Latin America Regional Committee, held at the IFRA Latin America regional office in São Paulo, which is co-located with valued National Association member ABIFRA. Committee members reviewed implementation progress on IFRA's strategy, identified regional priorities, and set the course for the coming months.

IFRA extends its thanks to Lucia Lisboa, Chair of the IFRA Latin America Regional Committee; Eduardo Valle, IFRA LATAM Regional Manager; and Silvia Roizenblatt Davidovici, Executive Director of ABIFRA, for their warm hospitality and coordination.

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News by region: North America

FCA Secures Tariff Exemption for 50+ Fragrance Ingredients

FCA successfully advocated to exclude key fragrance-related materials from President Trump's new tariffs.

FCA shielded the fragrance industry from new U.S. import costs by securing exemptions for more than fifty key materials from President Trump's April 2 "Liberation Day" tariffs. Leveraging White House relationships honed across the Obama, Trump, Biden, and now second Trump administrations—and the rapid coordination of trusted advisors—FCA delivered this win and continues to engage on the Trump Administration's broader economic agenda.

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FCA Fragrance Encapsulates Exclusion in California

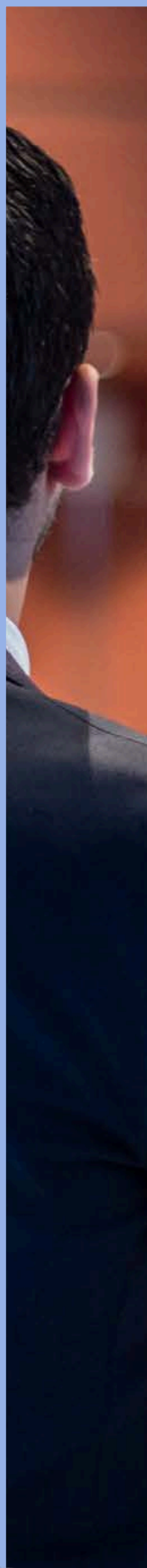
FCA led a coalition advocating for the exclusion of certain microplastics – including fragrance encapsulates – from a California bill seeking to ban microbeads

Late last year, the California legislature introduced a bill to ban microbeads in a wide range of consumer products, including personal care and cleaning products. As a result of FCA's efforts, the author amended the bill to clarify that non-abrasive microbeads in personal care and cleaning products – including fragrance encapsulates – are no longer subject to the ban.

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Upcoming events



World Candle Congress 2025

05-08 May 2025, Orlando, USA

<https://candleseurope.com/event/world-candle-congress-2025/>

China Beauty Expo (CBE Shanghai)

12-14 May 2024, Shanghai, China

<https://www.chinabeautyexpo.com/cbe-supply-2/cosmetics/personal-care/>

IFRA-IOFI-CAFFCI Sustainability workshop

13 May 2025, Shanghai, China

PCPC's Legal & Regulatory 2025 conference

13-15 May 2025, New Orleans, USA.

<https://www.personalcarecouncil.org/events/2025-legal-and-regulatory-conference/>

EFEO 2025 AMG & Conference

03 June 2025, Paris, France

<https://app.guestoo.de/public/event/2e4df6a5-1228-42f2-8e88-5fb7a543941b?lang=en>

Fragrance Foundation awards 2025

15 June 2025, New York, USA

<https://fragrance.org/events/>

SIMPPAR-International Exhibition of Raw Materials for Perfumery

4-5 June 2025, Paris, France

<https://c2c-congress.org/en/>

IFRA-IOFI LATAM Week 2025

10-12 June 2025, Santiago de Chile, Chili

Cosmetics Europe Annual Conference 2025

11-12 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium

<https://cosmeticseurope.eu/news-events/cosmetics-europe-annual-conference-2025>

IFRA UK olfactory heritage event 'Scents of Time'.

12 June 2025, London, UK

<https://www.ifrauk.org/events>

Barcelona Perfumery Congress 2025 (IFRA speaker)

18-19 June 2025, Barcelona, Spain

<https://perfumerycongress.com/>

Prodarom Annual Meeting

26 June 2025, Paris, France

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