

BCF Press release

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BCF presidency handed over to Pronto Industrial Paint's David Beckford at BCF Annual Conference

In May 2018, the British Coatings Federation (BCF) held their Annual Conference and Gala Dinner in Oxford. During the event, outgoing BCF President Vincent O'Sullivan, of PPG Architectural Coatings handed over presidency of the BCF to David Beckford, of Pronto Industrial Paints.

Commenting on his new role, David said: "The coatings industry faces a number of challenges, including the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, the defence of TiO₂ and continued pressure on raw material prices. It's in times like these we need our trade associations, and I know the BCF will continue to work hard on our behalf to ensure that we have the support and knowledge to be able to adapt accordingly, so that we continue to grow and prosper as an association and industry." Vincent O'Sullivan thanked the BCF team and said it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as BCF President and that he was incredibly proud of the achievements of the BCF during his term.

The Gala Dinner followed a day long business conference, with topics ranging from the political and economic position of the coatings industry, recruiting and retaining talent, to apprenticeships and sustainability. The afternoon focussed on cybersecurity and how to protect your business online, and a review of the last 12 months from BCF completed the programme.

Tom Bowtell, BCF's Chief Executive commented: "I've really enjoyed working with Vincent O'Sullivan as President – he's challenged myself and the team to take things to the next level, and I look forward to working with David Beckford as we continue working on Brexit and other challenges, to support the future prosperity of the UK coatings industry."



Photo: BCF Presidency handover from Vincent O'Sullivan (left) to David Beckford (right)

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Notes to editors:

- The British Coatings Federation is the sole Trade Association representing the UK paints, printing inks, powder coatings and wallcoverings sectors in the UK. For further information, please contact Tania Morrill by email tania.morrill@bcf.co.uk or telephone BCF on 01372 365989.
- The BCF President is handed over during the BCF Annual Conference and Gala Dinner every two years. John Falder of HMG Paints was the president before Vincent O'Sullivan.