



## EUROPEAN REFRACTORIES PRODUCERS' FEDERATION

### **European refractory industry held a successful congress in Chester (UK)**

The 64th PRE Congress took place in Chester, UK and was attended by around 70 participants from 14 European countries. The congress was kindly hosted by BCC, the British Ceramic Confederation.

During the PRE Economic Committee and General Assembly, PRE members were updated on 2016 PRE annual statistics and main import-export trends and the different European policies currently being debated in the European institutions (including an update on market access and EU trade defence system, the future of the Emissions Trading Scheme or the revision of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive).

A panel debate on raw materials took place during the Economic Committee, and four external speakers made presentations on the topics of innovation, market trends and China impact. Jon Bolton, CEO of Liberty Speciality Steel opened the General Assembly with a presentation on the current state of the steel industry.

Next year's PRE Congress will take place on 6-8 June 2018 in Paris, France and is kindly organised by SNIFPR (Syndicat National des Industries Françaises de Produits Réfractaires - National Union of French Refractory Industries).

