

ADVISORY BOARD

In putting together the TABEXPO Congress, *Tobacco Reporter's* team benefited considerably from the support of the TABEXPO Advisory Council. Comprising industry experts from various parts of the tobacco supply chain, the advisory council helped us determine topics and select appropriate speakers. When necessary, it also made introductions.

Tobacco Reporter is honored to present the members of its advisory council below. Their views and opinions have weighed heavily in the creation of the TABEXPO 2011 Congress program. We believe the result (see agenda on page 26) speaks for itself.



Mark Aldridge

Mark Aldridge is managing director and regional director Asia for Molins Tobacco Machinery. Aldridge joined Molins Tobacco Machinery in July 2003 as the regional director for Asia. He was based at the company's offices in Singapore until August 2009, when he relocated to Molins Tobacco Machinery's head office in the United Kingdom to take up the role of managing director for Molins Tobacco Machinery Group.

Aldridge has worked in the tobacco industry for more than 28 years in various sales, project management, engineering and manufacturing roles. Prior to joining Molins, he was sales and marketing director at Dickinson Legg Ltd.



Tomislav Budin

Originally an agricultural economist at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, Dr. Tomislav Budin joined the tobacco industry in 1982. He started at the Tobacco Institute Zagreb, where he developed economic research and consultancy services for various segments of the tobacco industry.

While working at the institute, he was also involved in the framing of policies for the restructuring of Croatia's tobacco industry as the former Yugoslavia's planned economy gave way to a free market.

In 1998, Dr. Budin joined Tobacco Factory Rovinj, where he worked until 2007. He retired as a management board member of Adris Grupa, a holding company that owns TDR, Hrvatski Duhani (Tobacco Processing) and Istragrafika.



Rainer Busch

Rainer Busch is the founder of NewCo, a service company for consultancy, sales and purchasing assistance, business development and outsourcing of expertise in the

tobacco industry. Originally set up in Germany, Serbia and, later, Italy, the company now has branches worldwide. For the past three years, NewCo has also been present in the Far East, with its headquarters in Singapore.

Under the same concept of transparency and cost efficiency, Busch was also behind the Uncommitted Tobacco Auction, whose mission is "to be accepted as a serious cost-effective facilitator to the tobacco trade and provide a neutral platform for sales of global uncommitted tobaccos."

Prior to founding his own businesses, Busch held senior positions at Dimon and Gebrüder Kulenkampff.

Busch is a graduate of the Technical College for Wholesale and Foreign Trade in Bremen, Germany.



Christopher Crawley

Christopher Crawley is the founder/owner of Axiom Select LLC, which specializes in tobacco industry services, equipment and raw materials in the Americas. He is also a founding partner in Tobacco Today LLC, a tobacco-friendly blog.

Crawley has been in the industry since 1981 and has conducted business in more than 80 countries. Prior to founding Axiom Select, he worked for Filtrona Richmond and Cerulean.

An expert in instrumentation/measurement and cigarette filters, Crawley has a well-rounded technical background that allows him to interact with scientists, researchers, engineers and production and quality personnel.

He has been actively involved in Coresta and ISO TC126 and is well acquainted with tobacco's regulatory environment.



David J. Doolittle

Dr. David J. Doolittle earned a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point in 1977 and a doctorate in toxicology from Michigan State University in 1981. He successfully completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology in 1983 and accepted a position as head of genetic toxicology at Rohm and Haas Co.

In 1985 he joined R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. as a senior toxicologist, where he served until his retirement in 2009. He was vice president of product evaluation from 2000 to 2008 and finished his career with RJR as senior principal scientist.

Doolittle has authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific manuscripts published in peer-reviewed journals and more than 100 published abstracts of presentations at national and international scientific meetings. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology, a member