

# **British Pyrotechnists Association - BPA**

## **Benefits of Membership**

The British Pyrotechnists Association, the BPA, is the trade association representing the UK's premiere firework display companies. Membership is governed by certain criteria regarding turnover and facilities, and all members agree to abide by the BPA code of conduct.

Benefits of membership include:-

- Access to wealth of experience and information from other members
- Quarterly meetings to which all members are invited - a chance to air views, formulate policy and to interact with some of the most famous names in the industry
- Active, private, website and forum for members
- Active public website and forum, open to all - a useful place to seek views and promulgate information to non-members
- Representation on various Government, Industry and other committees including
  - British Standards Committee
  - Explosive Industry Forum
  - DTI Firework Publicity campaign
- BPA office manned to provide consistent information to press and other enquiries
- BPA information sheets highlighting industry developments, press statements etc
- Close links with other industry bodies including TESA, EIG and BFA
- Access to "BPA Box Matrix" scheme - a flexible packaging scheme for the firework and pyrotechnic industries (this scheme is subject to a deposit to BPA and to PIRAs fees)

The BPA has recently reformed, and high on it's agenda for forthcoming projects are:-

- Unified training scheme for professional firework and pyrotechnic operators
- Professional Firework and Pyrotechnic operator register
- Work with insurance companies to dispel the myths of a high risk industry
- Work with transport companies to facilitate cheap and reliable third party transport of fireworks

For more information about the benefits of becoming a BPA member please visit our website - <http://www.bpa-fmg.org.uk>, or contact the BPA secretariat on 01480 861975. An application form is available online or from the secretariat.