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## Editorial



The purpose of the European Society for Sugar Technology is to promote Science and Research as well as Education. These ends are achieved through conferences and meetings – we just had the 5th ESST/VDZ Meeting in Dresden – as well as publications, establishment of Committees serving these purposes, and by working together with publicly funded research bodies. With regard to the last point, in 2015 ESST initiated a research project at the Łódź Technical University on “Characterisation and impact of polymers in sugar processing”. The initial grant provided by ESST helped Dr. M. Wojtczak to acquire additional funds for his research group. With the article by M. Wojtczak and colleagues “Changes in technological quality of frost damaged sugar beet during storage”, we report in this issue on the first outcome of this ESST sponsored research.

The European Commission has published its first estimate of the beet area in the EU. As widely expected, the area has increased by 232,000 ha. We describe the considerable regional differences in the expansion of the beet area, which was made possible thanks to the end of the quota regime.

In addition, we report on the annual results of the two large French cooperatives, Tereos and Cristal Union, as well as by Italy’s CoProB. They all profited from the healthy EU sugar prices in 2016.

In the end of August 2017, Sugar Industry will be present at the world’s largest sugar exhibition: Fenasucro, in Sertãozinho, Brazil. We will be present with our stand and will be looking forward to your visit.

We at Bartens Verlag publishing house hope you enjoy this month’s issue of *Sugar Industry Journal*.

Jürgen Bruhns  
Editor

## Headlines

**Broader EU sugar beet area.** In the first year after the end of the quota regime, the beet area has increased substantially by 232,000 ha (or 16.2%) to 1.66 mn ha.

**Agrana to expand Pischelsdorf plant.** Agrana will invest €92mm in the production capacity of its wheat starch factory in Pischelsdorf.

**Last Israeli refinery closed.** Sugat announced the closure of its Kiryat Gat sugar refinery due to competition from EU sugar producers.

**Cristal Union reports higher profits.** Cristal Union reported revenues of €2.48bn for the 16 months going from 30 Sep 2015 to 31 Jan 2017. During this period, EBIDTA was €293mn (up from €124mn in FY 2014/15, 12 months).

**World sugar market.** Volatility returns to the global sugar market. The front month raw sugar price in New York (NY) fell to a new low of 12.55 cents/lb. on June 28, reflecting a 47.49% drop from the four-year high in October 2016.

**Belgian growers consider new sugar plant.** The Association of Walloon beet growers (Association des Betteraviers Wallons – ABW) is contemplating the construction of a new sugar factory in Belgium by 2020.

**CoProB sees bright future.** Italy's CoProB Group has registered consolidated revenues of €233mn in 2016. The group's net profit more than doubled from €1.2mn to €2.8mn.

**Higher sugar prices help Tereos.** Tereos reported revenues of €4,81bn, up 14.7% from €4,20bn in FY2015/2016. The Group's adjusted EBITDA rose by 38% to €607mn, up €168mn (or 38%) from €440mn in 2015/2016.

**EU increases Brazilian sugar imports.** The European Commission has increased by 78,000 t the quota of sugar that the EU can import from Brazil at lower tariff.

## Schlaglichter

**EU-Zuckerrübenanbaufläche 2017.** Die EU-Rübenanbaufläche im ersten Jahr nach der Abschaffung der Quotenregelung nimmt deutlich um 232 000 ha oder 16,2 % auf 1,66 Mio. ha zu.

**Agrana erweitert das Werk Pischelsdorf.** Agrana plant, die Produktionskapazität für Weizenstärke in Pischelsdorf für 92 Mio. € zu verdoppeln.

**Letzte Raffinerie in Israel geschlossen.** Sugat kündigte die Schließung seiner Zuckerraffinerie in Kiryat Gat wegen des Wettbewerbs mit EU-Zuckerproduzenten an.

**Cristal Union steigert Gewinn.** Cristal Union erzielte einen Umsatz von 2,48 Mrd. € für die 16 Monate vom 30.09.2015 bis 31.01.2017. Im Zeitraum 2015/2017 betrug das EBIDTA 293 Mio. € (124 Mio. € im Geschäftsjahr 2014/15, 12 Monate).

**Weltzuckermarkt: Die Volatilität kehrt zurück.** Am 28. Juni fiel der Rohzuckerpreis in New York auf ein neues Tief von 12,55 ct/lb, was einen Rückgang von 47,49 % gegenüber dem Vierjahreshoch im Oktober 2016 entspricht.

**Belgische Anbauer planen Zuckerfabrik.** Die Vereinigung der wallonischen Rübenanbauer (Association des Betteraviers Wallons – ABW) will bis 2020 eine neue Zuckerfabrik errichten.

**CoProB sieht hoffnungsvoll in die Zukunft.** Die italienische CoproB-Gruppe hat im Jahr 2016 einen Konzernumsatz von 233 Mio. € erzielt. Der Nettogewinn der Gruppe stieg von 1,2 Mio. € auf 2,8 Mio. €.

**Höhere Zuckerpreise helfen Tereos.** Tereos erzielte einen Umsatz von 4,81 Mrd. € und lag damit um 14,7 % über dem Vorjahreswert von 4,20 Mrd. €. Das bereinigte EBITDA des Konzerns stieg um 38 % auf 607 Mio. € und lag damit um 168 Mio. € (bzw. 38 %) über den 440 Mio. € im Jahr 2015/16.

**EU steigert brasilianische Zuckerimporte.** Die Europäische Kommission hat die Zuckermenge um 78 000 t erhöht, die die EU aus Brasilien zu einem niedrigerem Tarif importieren kann.



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