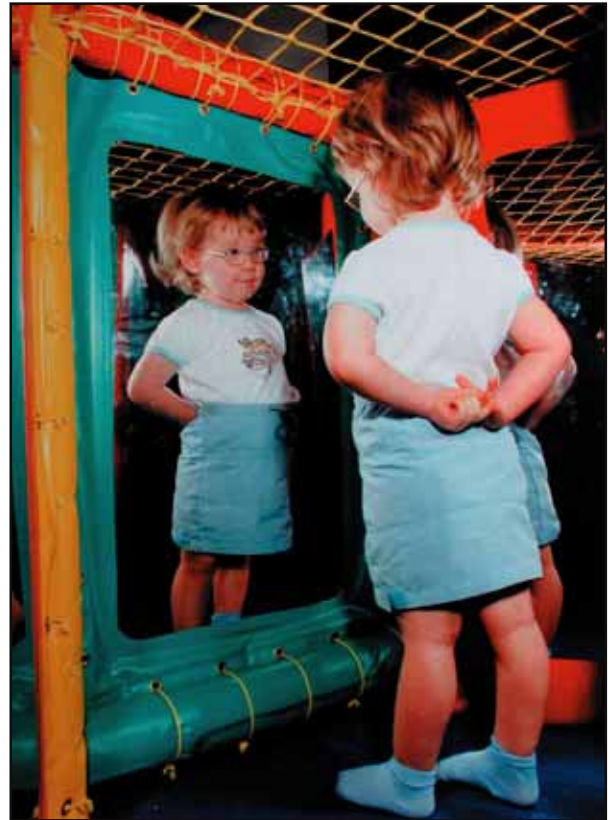


A FIRST EUROPEAN STANDARD FOR INDOOR PLAY

Europe's only national trade organisation for 'play' manufacturers



So far, this project is over 2 years in the making and still with a year to go until 'A draft document' is achieved. The panel comprises of representatives from play equipment manufacturers, consultants, inspecting and regulating bodies and technical experts from all over Europe. To date, Austria, Germany, Holland, France, Belgium and the UK have all provided representation.

Nick Balmforth (The Play Inspection Co.) is the group's convenor, David Charleston (B.S.I.) is the group secretary and John Simmons (API), Lesley Knight (SPI Europe) and Chris Vacher (House of Play), complete the UK delegation.

Research has been thorough and so far the revised British Standard (BS8409) the American, French and German standards have all been used as reference documents from which a 'draft' framework of 31 sections has been devised. Headings include: design and manufacture; slides; arial runways; ball pools and maintenance. Participants have been individually tasked with researching specific areas and reporting back to the group.

Visits to play equipment in different countries have formed part of the research and much credence has been afforded to the Association of Play Industries (API) as the UK currently appear to be the only country with a recognised 'body' for play manufacturers. Contact the API for more information.

API SEMINAR AT EWx 2005

The API is hosting a seminar programme on Wednesday 20th April 2005 at the External Works exhibition taking place at the NEC, Birmingham.

Speakers include:

Professor David Ball, Middlesex University - 'Managing Risk in Play'

Mike Heath, Media Marketing Services - 'Public Consultation and Partnering - The Way Forward'

Melanie Nicholas, Play Consultant - 'So you think you know about Play? The secrets of good playground design and how to avoid common mistakes'

Keith Dalton, The Play Inspection Co. - 'Keep on Playing - a good practice guide to inspection, maintenance and assist management.'

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