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of Paints in European Countries



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Dear **REPRESENTATIVES** of the **FATIPEC MEMBERS**,  
Dear **MEMBERS** of our **FATIPEC MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**,

We want to inform you concerning the activities of **FATIPEC**. In 2022 we saw a weakening SARS-CoV-2-pandemic in the European Union, but other crises emerged in a not foreseeable manner. Our **FEDERATION** was nonetheless very active, preparing the **ETCC (European Technical Coatings Congress)**, taking place from 12 – 14 July 2022 in Krakow, Poland. After two postponements, in 2020 and 2021, we finally decided – despite all odds – to let the Congress take place in presence! **ETCC 2022** was a success, and in spite of the relatively near war in Ukraine, we had 354 registered participants, 108 presentations in 5 parallel sessions, 60 poster presentations and 15 exhibitors. The feedback was mostly very positive. The Congress was attended by guests from 26 countries from all over the world and it was preceded by our special session "Summer School Coatings and Colourants", which took place with over 60 attendees the day before ETCC officially started. And last but not least **ETCC 2022** was – thanks to the activities of **SITPChem** and **FATIPEC** – also financially ok.

So we want to thank all of you again for your support of **FATIPEC** in 2022!

The day after **ETCC 2022** we had our **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING**, held in presence on 15 July 2022. As already communicated in the meeting minutes and in journals, we had elections of President, General Secretary and Treasurer – the persons who were in the lead from 2019 – 2022 were confirmed in their functions for the period of 2023 – 2026. Prof Maria Zielecka was elected as the Chairperson of the **FATIPEC ESC (European Scientific Committee)** and we could make decisions concerning new members for the **ExCo (Executive Committee)** as well as nominate the **Financial Auditors**.

Concerning the next **ETCCs** the previously made decisions were confirmed, that **AFTPVA** of France will prepare **ETCC 2024** in the Palace of Popes in Avignon (23 – 25 September 2024) and **ETCC 2026** will be hosted by **GACPVID** of Greece, most probably in Athens.

Besides **ETCC** issues the Strategy process of FATIPEC for 2019 – 2022 including finalised actions (review of the "ToDo" list), budgeting and other operational topics were on the agenda. Also the main activities for the next period were confirmed. More details can be found – as mentioned – in the distributed meeting minutes.

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The next **ExCo** meeting will take place most probably in the early months of 2023. The idea is, to decide strategic and operative issues – e. g. to transfer the achieved success of **ETCC 2022** to **ETCC 2024** and to work on the main goals for the new period. This actual time of crises also has its advantages – we easily communicate, if necessary, by MS-TEAMS to have spontaneous meetings – but it has also its disadvantages: In late March 2022 we received a letter from our Russian Association RCSA, informing us that the founding members decided to dissolve the Association, and due to that unfavourable decision we lost a **FATIPEC** member!

What happened in **CSI (Coatings Societies International – [www.csi-coatings.org](http://www.csi-coatings.org))** in the year 2022, the year after **FATIPEC** was presiding it? We must regrettably admit: not much! In the **CSI BOARD MEETING** on 30 September 2021, when five of the six parties took part, the accounting for 2021 was confirmed, and the budget proposal for 2022 was accepted as well as elections made. The **CSI PRESIDENCY** lasting from 2022 – 2025 should be taken over by Graham Armstrong – past President of OCCA. This never happened in practise due to different issues. Let us see, what will happen in this regard – thanks God it is not the responsibility of **FATIPEC** – we tried what we could do.

Jozef Koziel and I, Michael Hilt, being your representatives in **FATIPEC** for the next some years, we will try to make the best out of our resources in the year 2023 – a year between **ETCCs** – for the benefit of **FATIPEC**. The next **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING** in 2023 – planned to take place virtually at 5 September 2023 – we will be able to inform you about our proposals and decisions of **ExCo** in 2023.

And please have a look at the website [www.fatipec.com](http://www.fatipec.com) to continuously improve it – we are always open for ideas of optimisation and your input concerning local conferences!

For 2023, like for every year, we wish you and your families all the best and hope to see you virtually or better meet you personally in 2023.

With kind regards

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