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Congress for the European Laminates Industry:

A New Success for the European Laminates Conference and Workshop

Subtitle: The second European Laminates Conference and Workshop was held from 19 to 22 April 2004 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Berlin, Germany

Vienna, 28 April 2004 – The second European Laminates Conference and Workshop was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Berlin, Germany. 279 delegates from 25 countries attended the meeting, most of them from Europe, but also from Japan, China, Malaysia, India, the U. S. A., Canada and Brazil. In addition to a large number of professional presentations there was plenty of opportunity for meeting old and new friends.

On the evening before the meeting the sponsors Dynea, Hymmen, StoraEnso, Technocell Dekor, and Vits Systems invited the delegates to a reception at the conference hotel.

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to the Workshop. Kurt Fischer, Managing Director of Technical Conference Management, welcomed the delegates to Berlin. Frank Schouten, Trespa International, and Harald Steindl, Dynea Austria, gave the keynote lectures. Both focused on the value chain in the production of laminates, and emphasized the importance of cooperation between all suppliers and the manufacturers. Steindl compared the process to cracking of nuts, and for a clearer picture he distributed nut crackers among the audience. Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry Consulting, and Martin Werden, MeadWestvact, completed the morning program with presentations on market and design.

The afternoon featured an open space discussion. At nine round tables experts were available for questions and discussion. Under the moderation of Michel Philips, UCB Group, Peter Ringö, Pergo, Keith Phillips, Trespa International, Marcel van Berkel, DSM, Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry, Kenn Busch, KAOSS, Urs Buehlmann, North Carolina State University, Frank Schouten, Trespa International, und Volker Kettler, Pergo, lively discussions were held until late afternoon.

The second and third day of the meeting were the conference days. In 23 presentations authors reported news on engineering, testing methods, impregnation paper, print and printing inks, and additives. Some of the presentations were submitted by industrial organisations: Peter Meyer, Survey, Ralf Eisermann, Classen Gruppe, und Theo Smet, Unilin Dekor, reported news from EPLF, Chris van de Vorst, Trespa International, Raffaele Bogana, Liri, and Georg Petershofer, Isomax, gave presentations on European standards and regulations in a block coordinated by ICDLI. Several papers on engineering were submitted by VDMA.

The social highlight of the conference was the conference dinner. The sponsors invited all participants to the Zitadelle Spandau, where delegates celebrated in a medieval setting almost until midnight.

Outlook

The next European Laminates Conference will be held in April 2006, in 2005 the conference will be held in the United States.

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About Technical Conference Management:

Technical Conference Management was founded in January 2000 by Kurt Fischer and Claudia Fischer-Ballia with the aim of hosting and organising scientific and technical conferences worldwide. The current focus is on the paper manufacturing industry, the wood processing industry, and the aviation industry.