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**Congress for the Worldwide Laminates Industry:**

### **Pan-American Laminates Conference and Workshop 4 – 6 October 2005**

**Subtitle: The first Pan-American Laminates Conference and Workshop will be held from 4 to 6 October 2005 at the Sofitel Montréal, Canada.**

**Vienna, 13 June 2005** – The first Pan-American Laminates Conference and Workshop will be held from 4 to 6 October 2005 in Montréal, Canada. Following the success of the previous conferences in Vienna, Shanghai and Berlin, this event will be an essential step towards the globalisation of this series of meetings.

The conference is sponsored and supported by a group of worldwide industry leaders: Dynea-Industrial Resins, Hymmen, Stora Enso, Technocell Dekor and Vits Systems.

The conference program features 17 technical and market-related presentations and is supplemented by 10 workshop discussions in the afternoon. The social highlights of the conference will be the sponsors' reception held at the conference hotel in the evening of 3 October, and the conference dinner, which will be held at the Club Mount Royal located right next to the hotel on 5 October.

#### **Organizer**

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#### **Conference Venue**

The conference will be held at the Sofitel Montréal, which is centrally located at Sherbrooke Street.

## **Monday, 3 October 2005**

### **19:00 – 21:00 Reception**

A reception will be held on behalf of the conference sponsors at the foyer of the conference rooms at the first floor of the Sofitel.

## **Tuesday, 4 October 2005**

### **9:00 Welcoming remarks**

Kurt Fischer, TCM

### **9:05 Keynote presentation**

Sponsors

### **10:00 Market overview**

Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry

### **10:30 Coffee break**

### **11:00 US wood products imports and competitive strategies**

Urs Bühlmann, North Carolina State University

### **11:30 Surfacing for furniture production - A permanent change**

Stephan Schunck, BauschLinnemann

### **12:00 Decorative surfaces and design democracy: Changing perceptions about panel-based furniture**

Kenn Busch

### **12:30 Lunch break**

### **14:00 Workshop 1**

#### **1. Market overview**

Moderator: Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry

#### **2. The future of laminates**

Moderator: Marcel van Berkel, DSM Melamine

#### **3. Overseas imports**

Moderator: Urs Bühlmann, North Carolina State University

#### **4. Design trends**

Moderator: Kenn Busch

#### **5. Finished foil vs. veneer**

Moderator: Stephan Schunck, BauschLinnemann

#### **6. Alternate raw materials**

Rob Haupt, Dynea

#### **7. Register embossing for flooring applications**

Moderator: Harold Pickar, Mannington

### **17:00 End of day 1**

**Wednesday, 5 October 2005**

**9:00 The importance of MF-impregnation for surface lamination of wooden materials**

Ralf Gross, DKB

**9:30 Introduction to lightweight decorative foil paper**

Michel Fortin, CDM

**10:00 Printed 3D effects in laminate flooring as an economical alternative to registered embossing**

Ulrich Ringelberg, Schattdecor

**10:30 Coffee break**

**11:00 Direct printing**

Andreas Lentner, Hymmen

**11:30 Resin systems for continuous laminate production**

Jürgen Lang, Dynea

**12:00 Digital future of decor printing**

Mathias Rump, Technocell Dekor

**12:30 Lunch break**

**14:00 Workshop 2**

**1. Market overview**

Moderator: Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry

**2. the future of laminates**

Moderator: Marcel van Berkel, DSM Melamine

**3. Overseas imports**

Moderator: Urs Bühlmann, North Carolina State University

**4. LWDFP - Technology and trouble shooting**

Moderator: Michel Fortin, CDM

**5. Review of tests and standards from a global perspective**

Moderator: Peter Ringö, Pergo

**6. Direct printing**

Moderator: Holbrook Platts, Platts Laminate Technologies

**7. Register embossing for flooring applications**

Moderator: Harold Pickar, Mannington

**17:00 End of day 2**

**19:00 Conference Dinner at the Mount Royal Club**

The conference dinner will be held at the Mount Royal Club, 1175 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal (Quebec) H3A 1H9, which is located right next to the conference hotel.

**Thursday, 6 October 2005**

- 9:00            Abrasion or scuff ... you be the judge**  
Jochen Schniepp, Mahendra Mehta and Martin Werner, MeadWestvaco
- 9:30            In-line monitoring of lamination quality**  
Kai Greten, GreCon
- 10:00          Automatic inspection and sorting of laminates in the production line with multi-sensorial vision technology**  
Robert Massen, Massen
- 10:30          Coffee break**
- 11:00          Laminate floorings - will new products and new norms change the business?**  
Peter Ringö, Pergo
- 11:30          Continuous laminate production**  
Andreas Lentner, Hymmen
- 12:00          EN 348 pt6 - Exterior grade compact laminates**  
Keith Philips, Trespa
- 12:30          Lunch break**
- 14:00          Workshop presentations**  
Moderators of the workshop groups will give a summary of the discussions.
- 16:00          End of conference**
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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 organizing scientific and technical conferences worldwide. The current focus is on the paper manufacturing industry and the wood processing industry.