

## Review: Plenary Assembly 2014 in Madrid



### Perspectives and Strategies for a Successful Future

From the 8<sup>th</sup> until the 10<sup>th</sup> of October the Plenary Assembly of the ICDLI took place in Madrid and was a great success.

In the Spanish capital industry experts discussed future-orientated décor trends, technical and ecological questions in the Decorative Laminates Industry, as well as current market developments.

Claudia Küchen, chief designer of Schattdecor AG, presented under the motto “Mix and Match” the newest colour- and design trends of the branch. These can be divided into three categories: “Progress is now”, a trend which follows a minimalistic, Scandinavian design in combination with soothing pastels. “Poetry rocks” fascinates with clear-cut lines, often in combination with natural elements such as wood. The third trend line emphasizes glamorous accents: dark and strong colour schemes on the one side as well as fine, light coloured wood accents on the other side.

Dr. Phil Hope, General Secretary of Formacare, focused in his speech on the recent formaldehyde

discussion. Thereby, Dr. Hope dealt with the political, economic and ecological effects by the use of formaldehyde. In the future the ICDLI and Formacare are going to work closer together.

Johannes Kreißig, Vice President Building & Construction der PE INTERNATIONAL AG, informed the participants about the experiences with EPD (Environmental Product Declaration) in construction projects.

In the lecture series „Markets“ two interesting presentations were on the agenda: Dr. Matthias Krull, Sales Director of Munsjö Germany Holding GmbH, reported of the global market of décor paper with focus on the HPL (High Pressure Laminates) industry. Then Josep R. Fontana, Senior Researcher of ITeC, showed the recent developments of the European construction market. ITeC is the Spanish partner institute of Euroconstruct.



Rolf Wermelinger, Argolite AG, and Matthias Pollmann, Kölnmesse GmbH, gave the green light for the HPL-Gallery at the Interzum trade fair 2015. The HPL-Gallery is realized with ICDLI members and is presenting the whole range of HPL. The conference was rounded off by Dr. Lutz Reitzel, Resopal GmbH, the Chairman of the Technical Commission of the ICDLI. He reported on four important fields of the Technical Commission: the knowledge transfer in form of the preparation of technical manuals, the standardization work, the technical cooperation with suppliers as well as on ecological topics.

Ralf Olsen, General Secretary of the ICDLI, explains: „From year to year the Plenary Assembly is growing with the support of a wide lecture program and many top speakers. We will continue and build upon this successful development in 2015 at our next Plenary Assembly from 7 until 9 of October in Ljubljana, Slovenia.”

**ICDLI Plenary Assembly  
07.-09. October 2015 in Lujibiana  
We are looking forward to seeing you!**

## ICDLI New Members

The ICDLI attracted two new members: ABET LAMENATI and Momentive Speciality Chemicals GmbH. On the annual Plenary Assembly in Madrid the members' meeting voted unanimously for the admission of the companies.

## Revised Statement: HPL Only

A revised statement was published on the Plenary Assembly's Internal Meeting, which reads as follows:

*The ICDLI aims at creating a strong and successful European community of manufacturers as well as the continuation of the success story of decorative high pressure laminates. To achieve these goals the ICDLI uses exclusively the term HPL (High Pressure Laminate) independent of the production process. 'HPL' is a product, whose quality is defined and standardized in EN 438/ ISO 4586.*

## Technical Commission: Closer Cooperation with Formacare

Formacare and the ICDLI agreed on the Plenary Assembly 2014 to work closer together. A first step into this direction has been taken: Mr. Phil Hope, General Secretary of Formacare, was welcomed as a participant at the meeting of the ICDLI's Technical Commission.

## Calendar 2015

### June 11

ICDLI Manufacturer Meeting,  
Argolite, Willisau/ Switzerland

### June 22 /23

Meeting Technical Commission, Vienna

### October 7 to 9

Presidents Committee, Ljubljana/Slowenia  
Plenary Assembly, Ljubljana/Slowenia  
Internal Meeting, Ljubljana/Slowenia