

Re-election: ICDLI confirmed President Carlos Cruz in office



During the ICDLI's Plenary Assembly in Portugal, Mr Carlos Cruz was re-elected and confirmed as President by all members of the association. After successful three years of leadership, he will now preside for three more years.

"We are very pleased with the re-election of Mr Carlos Cruz as ICDLI president. It is an honour for the successful work of the association of the past years and is at the same time a statement of trust for the challenging years to come", says Mr Ralf Olsen, General Secretary of the ICDLI.

Review - Plenary Assembly 2013



Trends, Challenges and Networking in Cascais, Portugal

The ICDLI looks back on a very successful annual conference with a record number of participants in Portugal, Cascais. From the 9th until the 11th of October important sectorial topics about design, colour trends, the introduction of the new EU Construction Product Regulation as well as market reviews about the economic situation in Portugal, Spain and Russia inspired all participants.

Monika Fecht, Renolit SE presented important colour and design trends for the branch. In the future, colour schemes for different kitchen elements of decorative laminates will follow state-of-the-art fashion trends. Preferred colourings are tones of blue and green, as well as other colours which are borrowed from nature.

Georgios Katsarakis, European Commission, spoke about the introduction of the EU Construction Product Regulation, which entered into force on the 1st of July 2013 and replaces the previous Construction Product Regulation. It is the basis for the CE-marking. Beside others, the aim of the new Construction Product Regulation is to express the performance of construction products in order to promote a smooth functioning of the European international market.

Furthermore, President Carlos Cruz reported about the recent economic situation in Portugal and Spain. Both countries suffer under a high unemployment rate, a shrinking gross domestic product (GPD) and a continuous decrease of construction.

Dr. Robert Wagner, Dynea Austria GmbH, dealt in his speech with the Russian market. Despite of a shrinking population, Russia still counts as an interesting and recently growing economic sphere.

In addition, Matthias Pollmann, Kölnmesse GmbH, and Rolf Wermelinger, Argolite AG, presented the highlights of the Interzum trade fair and the special show Innovation of Interior. They visualised the great success of the Laminates Gallery, which was realised in cooperation with the ICDLI membership companies. Moreover, Markus Sander, Westag & Getalit AG, held a presentation about the refocus of the Fachgruppe Dekorative Schichtstoffplatten to proHPL and Bernd Reuß, Schattdecor AG, presented trends and developments of Decorative Digital Printing. The international companies Sappi Europe S.A., which was represented by Jaques van Riel and JCP Slotex, which was represented by Vadim Osipov, introduced their firm's work areas at the Plenary Assembly.

The well-attended event was rounded off by a diverse supporting program which offered all participants a lot of space and time for networking.

**Save the Date – Next ICDLI Plenary Assembly
8.-10. October 2014 in Madrid
We are looking forward to seeing you!**



Membership Growth: Two New Companies in the ICDLI

Two new members strengthen the International Committee of the Decorative Laminates Industry. The Managing Committee of the ICDLI decided unanimously during its annual meeting in Cascais, Portugal, the inclusion of the companies JSC Slotex and Sappi Europe S.A..

The Russian company gained a full membership of the ICDLI. The firm is specialised in Decorative Laminates and has its headquarter in Saint Petersburg.

Furthermore, the leading European paper producer Sappi Europe S.A. joined the ICDLI as an additional associative member. Its headquarter is in Bruxelles, Belgium.

Calendar 2014

Februar 6

Presidents Committee, Frankfurt/Germany

May 5 to 7

Technical Commission, Kotka/Finland

June 17

Presidents Committee, Frankfurt/Germany

October 8 to 10

Plenary Assembly, Madrid/Spain

November 11 & 12

Technical Commission, Frankfurt/Germany