

Inspiration and innovation – successful Plenary Assembly

The conference of the ICDLI (International Committee of the Decorative Laminates Industry) has taken place at 7th – 9th October in Ljubljana. More than 60 producers and suppliers were informed about new processes about HPL, design and market studies.



The conference began with a creative firework. Monika Fecht (Renolit SE) presented new color- and design trends for the upcoming season. She looked about the color spectrum in the nature – water, sky and earth is a source of inspiration.



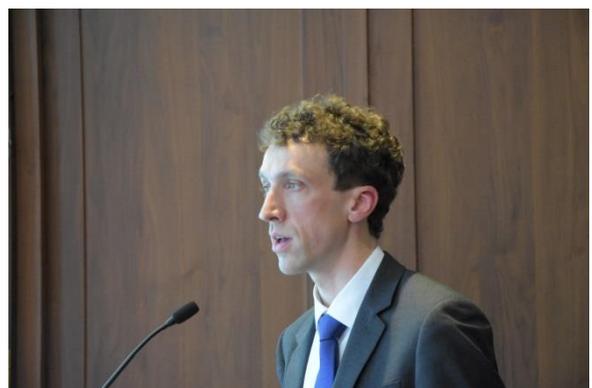
The team of Salvatore Figliuzzi (Interprint GmbH) walks new paths. New media, functionality and fascination with details have been important points in the lecture. Salvatore Figliuzzi, Daniel Heitkamm and Jens Weberling showed attractive decor-

trends with prominent character. In the course of this topic Rolf Wermelinger (Argolite AG) talked about marketing strategies for HPL and new tools to communicate the quality characteristics to the publicity.



The second part of the day attended to the debate about new technical developments and environment. Carlos Tavares Ferreira (Sonae Indústria) offered an overview about the actual regulations and critical values to formaldehyde. Dr. Lutz Reitzel (Resopal GmbH) presented the work of the technical commission from the ICDLI and focused the knowledge management.

The main focus of the lecture from Dr. Dominik Lucke (IPA - Fraunhofer Gesellschaft) was the smart factory. Even though the realization is being situated in the future, he sharpened the view for the next challenges.



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Michael Hesse (Hymmen Industrieanlagen GmbH) was focused on the single-pass digital print with UV-ink. He presented the production chain of decorative surfaces and specified the benefits of this kind of print technology. It moved on with a further trend-setting topic. Hans-Peter Laurent (Technocell Dekor GmbH & Co. KG) explained the complex composition of functional laminates. It seems to be like Science-Fiction, but it really exists: decorative surfaces, which can be used like an electronic switch. At the second conference day Dr. Robert Wagner (Metadynea Austria GmbH) clarified the effects of the demographic change. This aging of society has also consequences for the development of the furniture industry. Afterwards Janos Gáspár (Eastern Europe Construction Forecasting Association) made a summary of the Eastern European construction market. Inter alia he showed, in which construction segments the next boom is to be expected.



Concluding Markus Höchli (Argolite AG) presented the published annual report about the HPL data. The statistic shows the development of the European HPL market in detail.

Beside hard facts and creative ideas, the guest had also the possibility to get new inspirations by the social program. A guided tour across cobblestone provided an insight into the atmosphere of the city. At the common dinner in historical castle wall, the guests had some time for reviewing the days.



And the next station is...

Make a guess:

Antoni Gaudi lived in this city
Ada Colau i Ballano is the first mayoress of this city
La Rambla is the longest promenade in this city

Yes, it is Barcelona!
So please note the next date for the Plenary Assembly: **12th – 14th October 2016**

Calendar 2015

November 10 to 11

Technical Committee, Sobiate, Italy