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## **PRESS INFORMATION**

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**Congress for the European Laminates Industry:**

### **Program of the European Laminates Conference and Workshop 19-22 April 2004**

**Subtitle: The second European Laminates Conference and Workshop from 19 to 22 April 2004 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Berlin, Germany, offers a number of new and exciting presentations along with extensive opportunities for discussion during workshop sessions as well as at social events.**

Vienna, 7 February 2004 – The program of the second European Laminates Conference and Workshop is again a well-balanced combination of technical presentations and opportunities for discussion.

#### **Sponsors**

The conference is kindly sponsored by Dynea, Hymmen, StoraEnso, Technocell Dekor, and Vits Systems.

#### **Organiser**

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#### **Conference Venue**

The conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt Berlin, which is centrally located at the Potsdamer Platz next to the Sony Center. The hotel offers state-of-the-art conference facilities and is also ideal for business and leisure-time activities in Berlin.

## **Monday, 19 April 2004**

18:30 - 21:30 Reception and pre-registration at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, first floor.

## **Tuesday, 20 April 2004**

### **European Laminates Workshop**

- 9:00 Welcoming Address  
Kurt Fischer, Technical Conference Management
- 9:05 Keynote Lecture  
Harald Steindl, Dynea Group
- 9:45 Something New: FOR YOU
- 10:45 Coffee Break
- 11:15 Workshop Introduction  
Kurt Fischer, Technical Conference Management
- 11:30 Market Update  
Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry
- 12:00 Global Differentiation by Design  
Michael Huth, MeadWestvaco Speciality Papers
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:00 Workshop Round Table Discussions

The entire afternoon will be dedicated to 9 parallel informal discussions. Topics were selected by a survey carried out among more than 100 industry specialists. Expert moderators will chair the discussions and answer questions. Discussion groups will be in close proximity to each other, so the delegates will be able to attend several discussions during the afternoon. The chairmen will give an overview of the topics discussed during the conference.

Workshop topics:

New Applications  
Moderator: Keith Phillips, Trespa

New Process Developments  
Moderator: Wolfgang Wienströer, Witex

Emerging Markets  
Moderator: Marcel van Berkel, DSM Melamine

Market Review  
Moderator: Cormac O'Carroll, Jaakko Pöyry

Quo Vadis Flooring?  
Moderator: Kenn Busch, Busch Creative Communications

The Challenges of Overseas Imports to Europe  
Moderator: Urs Buhlmann, North Carolina State University

Value, Branding and Differentiation  
Moderator: Frank Schouten, Trespa

Relevance of Testing  
Moderator: Volker Kettler, Pergo

Alternative Technologies  
Moderator: t.b.a.

17:00 End of day 1

## European Laminates Conference

Wednesday, 21 April 2004

- 9:00 EPLF: Targets, Tasks and Future Perspectives  
Ludger Schindler, Meister-Leisten Schulte, President of EPLF
- 9:20 Recent Projects of the EPLF Working Group "Technology"  
Theo Smet, Unilin Decor
- 9:40 Recent Projects of the EPLF Working Group "Marketing"  
Ralf Eisermann, Akzenta
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 The New European Fire and Classification System and the Effect on Laminates in the Application  
Chris van de Vorst, Trespa
- 11:00 Environmental Declaration of HPL  
Raffaele Bogana, Liri
- 11:30 What's New in EN 438  
ICDLI
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 13:30 Optimal Pressure Distribution With Multiple-ram Short-cycle Presses  
Ralf Griesche, Siempelkamp
- 14:00 Technology of Register Embossing  
Michael Hesse, Hymmen Group
- 14:30 Improvement of Edges at Laminate Floorings  
Stefan Schiele, Schiele Maschinenbau
- 15:00 The Use of Hotmelt-adhesives in Laminating Surfaces and Integrated Edge-wrapping  
Kai Rohrbach, Friz
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Pressure Equalization in Hydraulic Hot Presses  
Rolf Espe, Rheinische Press Pad
- 16:30 "Drum Sound" Performance of Laminate Floor Coverings - Measurement, Loudness Assessment, and Influence of Attenuating Underlays  
Burkhard Plinke and Friedrich Schlüter, Wilhelm Klauditz Institut
- 17:00 Reducing Laminate Noise to Increase Laminate Sales  
Ken M. Robb, Interfloor
- 17:30 End of day 2
- 19:00 Buses leave from conference hotel
- 20:00 Conference Dinner at the Zitadelle Spandau  
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**Thursday, 22 April 2004**

- 9:00 Reports from the Workshop Discussion Groups
- 10:00 Paper, Resin and Laminate Analysis as a Tool for Creating Value  
Risto Hovi, StoraEnso
- 10:30 How Can Raman Spectroscopy Contribute to Optimise Your Laminating Process  
Anita Spytkowski, Lilian Terwint and Lars Evers, DSM Melamine
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 New Developments in Laminated Flooring as Seen by a Decor Printer  
Ulrich Ringelberg, Schattdekor
- 12:00 Printing Inks for Decorative Laminates  
Jochen Fischer, BASF
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:00 Influence of Lacquering on Colour and Internal Bond of Pre-Impregnated Papers  
Thomas Kazmaier, Arjo Wiggins
- 14:30 New Halogen-free Non-toxic and Environmentally Friendly Base Paper for Fire  
Retardant High Pressure Laminates  
Juhani Posti, StoraEnso
- 15:00 Titanium Dioxide Quality Control for Decorative Laminates  
Erik S. Thiele, DuPont
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Impregnating Papers for Flooring - Influences on the Manufacture of Quality  
Products  
Carsten Würtz, Joachim Nüchel and Jochen Würtz, E und P. Würtz Chemicals
- 16:30 Surfactants in the Impregnation of Decorative Paper for the Laminating Industry  
Alberto Cigognini, WIZ Chemicals
- 17:00 A Simple On-line Test to Characterise the Performance of Decorative Low Pressure  
Laminate Paper  
David Rigg, Fantoni
- 17:30 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 organising scientific and technical conferences worldwide. The current focus is on the paper manufacturing industry, the wood processing industry, and the aviation industry.