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Conference for the global decorative surfaces industry:

Decorative Surfaces Conference 2013

Subtitle: Record-breaking conference in Berlin

Langenzersdorf, March 19, 2013. Even before the opening of the conference, the organizers were pleased to report record figures: 227 participants attended, and 20 sponsors supported, the conference, which means that for the first time since the pre-crisis year 2008 the number of attendees exceeded 200. The number of sponsors was the highest in the history of TCM, and a record number of 23 presentations were given on two days.

The Conference, which took place at the Radisson BLU Hotel in Berlin, was sponsored by DTS Systemoberflächen, Hymmen, DuPont, KapStone Paper, Bürkle, SESA, Cristal, Impress Surfaces, Kotkamills, Munksjö, SAPPI Warren, OCI Melamine, Chemisol, Sachtleben, Taghleef Industries, Nitto Denko, Henkel, Baumer Inspection, Alanod, and Surface & Panel Magazine.

The speakers of the first session were absolute heavyweights of the industry: Volkmar Halbe, CEO of Parador, illustrated his visions in a presentation called "I have a dream". Martin Geiger, managing director of Alois Geiger Söhne, talked about customers' expectations. These two presentations were followed by a market overview, given by Cormac O'Carroll and Tomi Hartikinen, both from Pöyry Forest Industry Consulting – a company that has been an integral part of our conferences for many years now.

The second session was about new decors and materials, with presentations given by Robert David and Frank Witte from Interprint, Heinz Haller from Süddekör, and Patrick Domnanich from the Austria Project Wood K+.

The afternoon session examined a joint venture project carried out by the companies Taghleef Industries and Interprint on the development and printing of OPP foils. Ron Rodeck and Peter Stasiowski were the speakers.

Ingolf Seeger, Bürkle, Axel Petrak, Homag, and Heiko Meyer, Nitto Denko, covered the last group of technologically highly demanding presentations for the day.

The Conference Dinner was held in the Brauerei Spandau brewery, where delegates enjoyed traditional German food and home-brewed beer.

The second day of the conference started out with equally top-quality speakers: Renee Hytry, Vice President Design of Formica, Birgit Hansen, self-employed designer, and Dieter Baumanns and Adrienne Oster, Bausch Decor and BauschLinnemann, talked about current trends in design.

The subsequent group of presentations dealt with digital printing. Speakers were Florian Ross and Jordi Reichert, Hymmen, and Robert Massen, Baumer Inspection.

The following presentations were technical in nature: Andreas Kanz, Henkel, talked about new adhesives, Rob Karsten, Phoseon Technology, explained the use of UV LED curing for wood coatings, Rainer Otto, Döscher & Döscher, spoke about moisture and grammage measurement in laminated paper, and Tim Benstead, LTB, dealt with VOC treatment in combination with external heat recovery. Last but not least, Jens Fandrey asked whether supermatt will be the next trend in furniture and flooring.

The final speaker was Peter H. Meyer, who introduced a new industry organization: MMFA – the Multilayer Modular Flooring Association, launched by the major producers of these new design floors.

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Pictures of the event are available for download free of charge at www.surfaces-conference.eu. Please contact the organizer if you need high resolution images.

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Technical Conference Management was established by Dr. Kurt Fischer and Claudia Fischer-Ballia in January 2000. TCM organizes global technical and scientific conferences with a focus on the wood-processing industry.