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**N E W S L E T T E R 2018-1**

**FATIPEC MEMBERS for further distribution**

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Dear **REPRESENTATIVES** of the **FATIPEC MEMBERS**,  
Dear **MEMBERS** of our **FATIPEC MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**,

2017 is already gone – as quickly as it came. And due to the many changing items we are standing astonished besides, always trying to act with perspective and as good as possible ...

But first of all we want to thank everybody for the support of **FATIPEC** in 2017!

We look back to that passed year 2017 as being an intermediate one – working on our goals and preparing for the next **ETCC in 2018**. Our formal activities comprised the **BOARD MEETING** in the beginning of April 2017 during ECS in Nuremberg and our regular **EXCO MEETING** in September 2017 in Berlin. We continued and almost finished most of our tasks of our workshop: “**Future of FATIPEC**” we held as **EXCO** in March 2015 in Frankfurt. And we helped to prepare the next **ETCC** and already made the decision for the site of the following one in **Cracow, Poland in 2020**. And, also important, we tried to keep communication ongoing with you as the representatives of our members.

For **FATIPEC** is **ETCC** as a strong European technical and scientific congress the most valuable asset besides the **MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**. And we as your representatives are very happy to be able to support **Dr P. GEURINK** and his team of **NVVT** to prepare **ETCC 2018 in Amsterdam**. As mentioned earlier, we were able to combine that congress with CoSi 2018 – the most important European yearly scientific conference in the field of coatings and respective materials.

The **ETCC 2018** call for papers ended in late December 2017 and now, with the help of **ESC** and other interested **FATIPEC supporters**, the evaluation process is ongoing and will end in early January 2018. This process is most important for maintaining a high quality of the presentations and to separate the submitted papers in presentations for one of the four parallel sessions and posters.

And we are also proud that we will be able to support ~~seven~~ **Young Scientists** with the help of our **MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS** for giving a presentation or presenting a poster in Amsterdam. Nevertheless, the process of selection of the Young Scientists seems to be not an easy one for the member associations, and we must look at this process to make it a little bit more stringent in the future.

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Concerning further new members we are still active, but this way, as already mentioned last year, is tedious, as some of the traditional and potential country organisations in Europe stopped working and due to other odds. So we still try to invite e.g. Austria, Croatia, Serbia, Turkey, Baltic States, Romania, Belarus, and some other possible candidates. The contacts to other selected countries will be carried on within the next years. Co-operation with the Mediterranean coatings association UATCM is in progress. And we try to re-establish productive contacts with the Scandinavian association SLF.

Were there other important issues in 2017 within **FATIPEC**? Yes: The **FATIPEC PRESIDENT** was invited by the Japan Society of Colour Material (JSCM) as partner association within **Coatings Societies International (CSI)** ([www.coatingscsi.org](http://www.coatingscsi.org)) to Tokyo middle of October 2018. JSCM was celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on 18 October 2017 the yearly **CSI BOARD MEETING** was taking place on invitation of JSCM. This meeting was important insofar, as the decision was to be made about continuation of **CSI**, and linked with this decision, the election of the new **CSI PRESIDENT** for a period of four years took place. Despite the fact that more and more of the members quit the association with the consequence, that in 2017 only the three former commonwealth associations (**OCCA**, **SCAA**, **SCANZ**), one Japanese (**JSCM**), **SLF** of Scandinavia as a declared “passive member”, and **FATIPEC** for Europe formed the **CSI** member base, it was decided to continue the attempt to represent the coatings world by this federation of person associations. **CSI PRESIDENT** from 2018 – 2021 will be **Dr Michael Hilt** – and the idea is, to try to have a close co-operation in the operative tasks between **FATIPEC** and **CSI**. This was the same between **CSI** and **SCAA**, which hosted the **CSI Secretariat** in the last four years during the presidency of **KENNETH LOFHELM**. Help was also offered by our sister association **OCCA**, which is also in a transformation process. In the next **CSI BOARD MEETING** in May 2018 during SURFEX in Coventry, GB the next steps for **CSI** will be decided.

2017 is over – what will bring the future? The in early 2017 anticipated erosion in the political settings in and around Europe came to a certain standstill. The major elections in Europe were pro-European – and it was widely accepted that sitting in between the new America, due to the new American president, and the Eastern part of Eurasia, it is good to appreciate the own values. Britain will regrettably leave the core of Europe – but things hopefully will come due to clever Brexit negotiations to a certain stability again. And hopefully Germany will get a stable Government in 2018 again and Italy will get a new and motivated Government, too!

As your representatives in **FATIPEC** we try to make the best of it – even if there are some political odds. We strongly believe in collaboration in our working field on a world-wide basis, and also in the benefits of direct contacts to our sister organisations in Europe and elsewhere in the world. The idea of **FATIPEC** is collaboration in the scientific and technical fields of our working area, and so we do not support the setting up of new frontiers.

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2018 is a year of **ETCC** – and we wish **NVVT** and foremost **PIETER GEURINK** all the best for preparing the rest of **ETCC 2018** and the congress itself. We are sure, that this next big congress will be very successful. **NVVT** and **FATIPEC** are working eagerly to strengthen our main goal – to improve the exchange and contribute to the progress in our interesting and always changing business area of coatings, by the means of fruitful personal contacts of the interested colleagues.

And 2018 is also a year of **FATIPEC elections** for the period 2019 – 2022. Candidates for **FATIPEC PRESIDENT** and **GENERAL SECRETARY** are available – we are still calling for a volunteer to become **FATIPEC TREASURER**.

For 2018 we wish you and your families all the best and hope to see you end of June 2018 in our **BOARD MEETING** (for **FATIPEC BOARD MEMBERS** only, at 26 June 2018 in the morning) in Beurs van Berlage/Amsterdam/The Netherlands and/or at our congress **ETCC 2018**.

With kind regards

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