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

Again the year passed, and due to the multitude of incidents – not only in **FATIPEC** – it seemed to us that it had just begun.

For FATIPEC we look back to that passed year 2016 with some pride. It was once again a successful one. Concerning our formal activities: We had our **BOARD MEETING** in May 2016 in Birmingham during the ETCC, we had our regular **EXCO MEETING** in November 2016 in Amsterdam and we could achieve many of our tasks of our workshop: **“Future of FATIPEC”** we held as **EXCO** in March 2015 in Frankfurt. These meetings were well documented and we could make valuable decisions for the future of **FATIPEC** and hopefully also to some part for our members.

2015 was the year of the ETCC 2016 in Birmingham/GB, organised by our sister organisation **OCCA**. This was an experiment, as we had made before made a contract with **OCCA** and now the sense if these ideas laid down in the contract had to be implemented. Some experience we gained in ETCC 2014, and so we as the representatives of **FATIPEC** were able to support our **OCCA** partners in preparing this important scientific and technical congress in the field of coatings and related materials. In several phone conferences organisational questions could be answered and decisions made, so that **ETCC 2016** was a successful event, held in **Birmingham from May 25 – 26 2016**. It attracted the considerable number of 284 mostly satisfied visitors and with a **EUROPEAN SUMMERSCHOOL** for students it also was interesting for the approximately 40 younger people of Great Britain and other countries. Three parallel sessions including some plenary keynote lectures took place, as well as a poster session. And the selection process of the speakers and the poster authors involved the members of the **EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ESC** of **FATIPEC**. An at the end of the conference we endowed the **FATIPEC AWARD** for the best lecture to **J. AKKERMAN** as well as the **YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD** for the best young scientist's lecture to **A. WITTMER** - also to mention the traditional **ATIPIC AWARD** for the best paper concerning sustainability in the coatings field, which is in responsibility of our member organisation **ATIPIC**, which was given to **C. GABRIEL**, also a young scientist. So all in all, the format of the conference was good and also the financial result for the organisers and **FATIPEC** – despite some odds due to exchange rate evils resulting from the Brexit vote of the British people.

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In 2016 we could again increase of our member base. After several discussions and clarifications, we decided to integrate the Ukrainian **AUVLP** (Ukrainian Paint and Coatings Association) as an associated member in our association. This future-oriented decision will hopefully be another promising step to increase our coatings network in Europe. Such steps are only possible by the personal involvement of engaged colleagues – in this case special thanks go to **Dr. R. ADAMEK** from our Polish member organisation **SITPCHEM** and **FATIPEC BOARD MEMBER**.

Concerning further new members we are still on the way, but this way is challenging, 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 and some other possible candidates. The contacts to other selected countries will be carried on in the next years.

What else happened in 2016 within **FATIPEC**? A not so satisfactory CSI meeting in Birmingham/GB and many subsequent email contacts with the **CSI PRESIDENT** as well as a phone conference. It is uncomfortable for us to admit – but there is a strong trend that **CSI** cannot fulfil its mission. Uncomfortably more and more of the members quit the organisation with the consequence that in 2017 only the three former commonwealth organisations (**OCCA**, **SCAA**, **SCANZ**), one Japanese (**JSCM**), **SLF** as a declared “passive member”, and **FATIPEC** form the **CSI** member base. That is regrettably far away from the goal of **CSI** to represent the coatings world!

Nevertheless, to maintain the contacts within **CSI** the **FATIPEC PRESIDENT** decided to accept the invitation of our Australian **CSI** partner **SCAA** to attend the yearly coatings conference in Melbourne in early September 2016. A very interesting experience with insights into the Australian economy in the field of coatings and direct contacts to the **PRESIDENTS** of **SCAA** and **SCANZ**!

Based on an invitation of **AETPVA/UATCM** the year ended with a trip to nice to offer to the **UATCM BOARD** an intense collaboration in the field of congresses and eventually concerning the faire **EUROCOAT** in Europe. The proposal concerning collaboration was not yet accepted – it will be for sure a long way of further negotiations – but there is still the chance of further steps towards more collaboration and of pursuing common interests.

The year 2016 has passed – what will be next? In 2016 regrettably the more and more eroding situation in the political settings in and around Europe continued, as well as in the world as a whole. 2017 will mark some change in the world due to the new American president, due to Brexit negotiations, some instabilities in the south of Europe and more instabilities beyond south and east of Europe. But for sure in Germany and the Netherlands and eventually in Italy there will be new governments in the end of 2017, and in France a new president! Hopefully the consensus oriented drivers will win in the long run!

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Being your representatives in **FATIPEC** we accept these trends and try to make the best of it. We still believe in collaboration in our working field on a world-wide basis, and also to a certain extent in the direct contact to our sister organisations in Europe. There is no change within one year in the long term necessity: 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.

2017 there is no **ETCC** – but we wish **NVVT** all the best for preparing **ETCC 2018** and we are sure, that tis next big congress will be very successful, as most of the important decisions are already made and the contract with **CoSI** is signed. And we 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 contacts of the interested colleagues.

For 2017 we wish you and your families all the best and hope to see many of you beginning of April 2017 in our **BOARD MEETING** (for **FATIPEC BOARD MEMBERS** only, at 6 April 2017 in the afternoon) in Nuremberg/Germany at **ECC 2017**.

With kind regards

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