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

Years end is a time to look back and let the year pass. But it is also a time to be curious, what the coming year and the future will bring.

For our association the year 2015 was once again a successful one. In addition to our **BOARD MEETING** in April 2015 in Nuremberg during the ECS, we had two **EXCO MEETINGS**, one in March 2015 in Frankfurt/Germany (Workshop: “**Future of FATIPEC**”, definitions of actions) and another regular one in September 2015 in Schwerin/Germany. All these meetings were well documented and we could make valuable decisions for the future of **FATIPEC**. This is important to mention, as, after the elections in 2014, in January 2015 our organisation started with new **PRESIDENT**, **GENERAL SECRETARY** and **TREASURER**. To document the change formally, a trip to “our headquarters” in 5, rue Étex in Paris was necessary in January 2015. We were also visiting our bank to leave the new signatures and optimise the distribution of our money reserve on the different accounts (long-term, mid-term, and short-term for liquidity) in accordance with a bank representative and to implement online banking.

These were some of our formal activities. But 2015 was also the year of the preparation of the ETCC 2016 in Birmingham/GB, organised by our sister organisation **OCCA**. Due to the experience gained in ETCC 2014, **FATIPEC** was able to support our **OCCA** partners in preparing this important scientific and technical congress in the field of coatings and related materials. In many phone conferences organisational questions could be answered and decisions made, so that **ETCC 2016** will hopefully be a successful event, held in **Birmingham from May 25 – 26 2016**, and with a SummerSchool for students taking place before. What is the most important for every congress? This are the speakers. The planned concept will include three parallel sessions with plenary lectures – and the selection process of the speakers and the poster authors involved the members of the **EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ESC** of **FATIPEC**.

2015 was also the year of starting the increase of our member base. After several years of discussions, clarifications, and deep personal involvement of our **ESC CHAIRPERSON**, Prof. Dr. Thomas Brock, it was decided to integrate Iran as an associated member in our association. This very future-oriented decision proved to be

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trend setting, as during the year 2015 some political decisions set the basis for a much better collaboration of Iran with the partner states on a worldwide basis. We once again thank you all for that brave decision.

Concerning other new members we are still on the way, but as always, information exchange can in the time of email and other means of communication still be very challenging. Discussions with Ukraine are ongoing and other possible candidates will be contacted in 2016. These contacts to other selected countries will be carried on in the next years.

The way into a successful future of **FATIPEC** is challenging, as the **EXCO** worked out in its workshop "**Future of FATIPEC**". The necessary activities to achieve the projected goals are documented and tracked – this is sometimes boring or even inconvenient, but necessary!

A selection of the most important actions is the following:

- Improvement contacts to **Universities** and **Research Centres**;
- Promotion of **FATIPEC** in journals, press contacts;
- **Website** optimisation concerning contents, website mobile, website calendar for events;
- **Newsletter**, one page, distribution via email (like this one you have at hand);
- **New members**, co-operation with federations, optimisation and **mobilisation of member base**;
- **Scientific committee**: Activity involvement, bigger impact, collection of lecturers,
- Increase of **number of congress participants**, involvement of CSI.

And so you might have got and you will get one or the other email from the **ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD**, Mrs Maczynska, to declare your position in between our regular meetings or to finish an assignment until a certain date: Inconvenient but necessary!

What will the future bring and what will we be able to achieve in 2016? In 2015 we saw a more and more eroding situation in the political settings in and around Europe, but also in the world as a whole. What makes us optimistic, is that there is still a way of consensus on the big scale, as could be seen in the progress after very long-term negotiations to reduce the impact of climate change. And that will be the model – progress to shape consensus or at least to create compromises will not happen instantaneously, but will be the result of long and tedious negotiations. Another trend is the information overflow – something we also have to deal with. But we are convinced, that at the end not social media are the way for intense communication, but still the persons in their direct exchange and their personal contacts.

We as the representatives of **FATIPEC** have to adapt to these facts, if we like them or not. We see some reduced will of organised and formal 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. The idea of **FATIPEC** is collaboration in the scientific and

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technical fields of our working area, and so we do not support the setting up of new frontiers. We wish **OCCA** all the best for **ETCC 2016** and **NVVT** for **ETCC 2018**, for which many important decisions are already made (taking place in the last week of June 2018 in Amsterdam together with Cosl). And we hope, that working on our measures, including optimised communication by electronic means like our website etc. will make it possible 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 2016 we wish you and your families all the best and hope to see many of you end of May 2016 in our **CONGRESS ETCC 2016** and **BOARD MEETING** (for **FATIPEC BOARD MEMBERS** only at 24 May 2016 in the afternoon) in Birmingham/GB.

With kind regards

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