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FEICA European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO 2017 **550 participants from 30 countries attended the 2017 FEICA Conference and EXPO which focused on innovation and the circular economy.**

This year's FEICA European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO, held in Sardinia, Italy, from 13 to 15 September, was the place to be to discuss the industry's new market drivers, trends and innovations.

This year's Conference Business Forum, titled "Driving Innovation", demonstrated that the need to create and sustain a more circular economy can actually go hand-in-hand with exciting growth strategies in the adhesives and sealants industry. Dr Hugo Maria Schally, Head of Unit "Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption" at the European Commission inspired the conference attendees with the EU Circular Economy Action Plan and explained how seamlessly this can merge with new opportunities for business.

The FEICA President, Steve Kenny (H.B. Fuller) brought his two-year term to a conclusion by stating that the Conference and EXPO is an extremely effective platform for FEICA to showcase how the industry supports a circular economy whilst championing innovation. He added 'adhesives and sealants are a success story that contribute greatly to the economy and make thousands of everyday products possible. A strong Association is vital to ensure that our industry retains the ability to contribute to and improve regional and global development, and to flourish'.

Incoming FEICA President Dr Boris Tasche (President of IVK - Industrieverband Klebstoffe e.V.) stated that he was proud to have been elected President of FEICA "as it tirelessly keeps up with all the latest industry developments in order to provide great support to members and the industry at large".

FEICA's newly elected Vice-President, Denise Beachy (Dow Europe) and Boris Tasche were both elected unanimously with 100% of the vote. The FEICA European Executive Board organigram is available via www.feica.eu/about-feica/organigram/executive-board.aspx.

FEICA 2017 also saw the launch of the FEICA/EURADH (European adhesion societies) award for Innovative Adhesion Science. The award aims to stimulate the interactions between industrial and scientific activities in adhesion science. It is funded by FEICA and will be presented at the EURADH conferences across the continent in the future. More is available on www.adhesionaward.org.

FEICA thanks our sponsors, speakers and moderators, exhibitors and every single participant who attended and contributed towards the success of the 2017 FEICA Conference & EXPO. The 2018 FEICA Conference & EXPO will be held in Riga, Latvia, from 12-14 September 2018.

For more information, please visit the FEICA Conference & EXPO website: www.feica-conferences.com

What our participants had to say...

"FEICA Sardinia Conference 2017 was really great. Once again the industry came together to discuss the adhesive and sealant business. Great speeches and incredible networking and in a marvelous natural Italian setting. FEICA is the place to be!"

– Guido Cami, CEO - Industrie Chimiche Forestali S.p.A.

Congratulations to FEICA on a successful annual conference and EXPO in Sardinia last week. The European adhesive and sealant industry is healthy and strong. See everyone in Riga in 2018!

- William Allmond, President at The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC)

"I found the whole community at the conference to be friendly and welcoming. The presentations were extremely useful and informative, as they focused on what really mattered to the industry (regulations, innovation) and highlighted the new developments targeted to meet the needs of the industry. The whole industry seemed to be represented and I was able to meet and spend time with many of the key customers, even without scheduling meetings ahead of time. The FEICA staff was extremely helpful with a strong personal touch. Since this was my first FEICA event, they ensured I had everything I needed to make the conference a success for me and my company".

– Karen Winkler, Global Strategic Marketing, Lanxess Corporation

"The annual FEICA event brings doing business, networking, learning, sharing and innovation together in a pleasant ambiance. It is for me the ideal venue for meeting all key customers, prospects, co-suppliers, raw material suppliers as well as end-users in the European Adhesives and Sealants industry."

– Huub Molenaar, Technical Sales, Emerald Kalama Chemical BV

"The FEICA conference provides a good combination of lectures and networking opportunities. It is an ideal event to meet people from the adhesives & sealants industry from all over Europe."

- Jaitske Feenstra, manager VLK (Dutch association of adhesives & sealants)

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FEICA, the Association of the European Adhesives and Sealants Industry, represents the industry at a European level and works with all relevant stakeholders to create a mutually beneficial economic and legislative environment within which they can operate and prosper.

Our industry provides leading edge technologies that make the manufacture and supply of many everyday products possible; it contributes greatly to the European and global economy, fosters sustainable development, encourages innovation and offers stimulating careers for people with a wide range of skills.

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