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

What was happening around us and in **FATIPEC** in 2024 – and what were our main activities?

In Europe we saw a multitude of challenges: Still the ongoing war in Ukraine started by Russia, in the direct neighbourhood of Europe still the wars in Gaza and Lebanon with Israel, influencing us with the effects of increasing migration, high energy prices and some inflation. All this and the eldery societies in Europe result in a fundamental change of the economic and societal situation – limiting the potential growth of wealth and letting people and voters look for a “safe haven”, which will not be possible to enter, due to new risks coming from global actors like the US – eventually leaving the long-term partnership with Europe – and China – having special interests in integrating Taiwan – and more and more.

A positive perspective concerning the global situation is the integration of former “emerging countries” like India or Brazil in the global decision making, eventually helping to achieve the very challenging goals to stop global warming. Politically there is some hope in the Middle East based on the development in Syria. And digitalisation and artificial intelligence (AI) are still on the technical development and political agendas with new chances, but also and new risks.

Our **FEDERATION FATIPEC** had a very active year in preparing **ETCC 2024 (European Technical Coatings Congress)**, which took place from 23 – 25 September 2024 in the Palace of Popes in Avignon, France. Our **FATIPEC MEMBER AFPTVA** did a very good job which resulted in a congress in a very traditional environment, having a very interesting scientific programme with 102 lectures, thereof 21 presentations of young scientists, 18 posters, in total 276 participants from 23 countries, an exhibition with a remarkable number of exhibitors, a SummerSchool before the **ETCC 2024** itself and – last, but not least – a positive financial result. Many thanks to all who spent their time and energy for the preparation and successful execution of this congress.

After the **ETCC 2024** we held our yearly **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING** in presence in Avignon and held after that an **ExCo (Executive Committee)** meeting in hybrid manner

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with the focus on strategic issues and the operative activities resulting from the goals set. A special item e.g. is the reworking of the statutes. It was also discussed about the future responsibilities for the coming **ETCCs** and the future personnel of **FATIPEC**.

It should again be mentioned, that in preparation of **ETCC 2024** many virtual meetings were held with the responsible AVTPVA executives.

We regularly hold our **FATIPEC BOARD MEETINGS** in presence only every two years – in the years of the **ETCCs**. That decision reduces travel costs and it makes the stress of organising a meeting in presence at the ECS/ECC in Nuremberg obsolete. And so we met in presence – as mentioned earlier – on 26 September 2024 for our **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING**, mainly to work on standard agenda items. Concerning the future **ETCCs** we discussed the proposal to change responsibility for **ETCC 2026** from our **Greek Member Association** to our **Czech Member Association CCS PPR (SCPC)** and to postpone the responsibility for the **ETCC** of our **Greek Member Association** to **ETCC 2028**. Later in the year this proposal was confirmed with the representatives of the associations and so we will meet in the second week of July 2026 for **ETCC 2026** most probably in Prague, and **ETCC 2028** will take place most probably in Athens/Greece.

As already mentioned in the year's end letter of 2023, the decision was made, that in "uneven years" between **ETCCs** a **FATIPEC Symposium** shall be organised – a virtual conference to give young scientists of our member associations the chance to present themselves internationally – starting in 2025. It is obvious for us to continue the planning process in January 2025 to be ready for May 2025 for that online symposium.

Last, but not least we want to inform you concerning an issue which is not nice, but we could not change it. One of our German Member Associations – **VILF e.V.** – decided in a general assembly at the end of the year 2024 to leave **FATIPEC** effective of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. We are sorry about that, but some discussions prior to that decision were not fruitful and showed the direction **VILF e.V.** wanted to go – more or less alone. We will have to discuss this issue in our coming **ExCo** meeting.

Now we want to thank all of you for your support of **FATIPEC** in 2024!

What took place in **CSI (Coatings Societies International – [www.csi-coatings.org](http://www.csi-coatings.org))** in the year 2024? Several **CSI BOARD MEETINGS**, in which most of the six parties (later seven parties) took part. The accounting for 2023 was confirmed, and the budget proposal for 2024 and 2025 were accepted. It was decided, to refrain from a membership fee for the next years.

The **CSI BOARD** decided in 2023, to hand the **CSI PRESIDENCY** over to the Australian association SCAA – starting in January 2024. John Keramidas – past President of SCAA – is now **CSI PRESIDENT**. We from **FATIPEC** were in 2024 still involved in handing over the responsibilities for the CSI Website, do the money transfer etc.

And a new **CSI MEMBER** in the United States (**Western Coatings Societies**) could be acquired – effective from October 2024.

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Being your representatives in **FATIPEC**, Jozef Koziel and I, Michael Hilt, will try to bring in some of our resources for **FATIPEC** also in the year 2025.

The next **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING** in 2025 – planned to take place at 2 September 2025 online – will hopefully give us some new ideas for an active collaboration within **FATIPEC**, and for the benefit of our members and their members.

Finally – please have a look at our website [www.fatippec.com](http://www.fatippec.com) to continuously improve it – we are always open for ideas of optimisation and for your input concerning local conferences!

For 2025, like for every year, we wish you and your families all the best and hope to see you virtually or better meet you personally in 2025.

With kind regards

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