



## European Brushware Federation

### Report

*Subject* : **General Assembly 2020**

*Date* : **15-10-2020**

*Attending* : Peter Langenegger (President), Alice Castle, Gian Antonio Pogliani, Richard Renwick, Thomas Nuessli, Jürg Nüssli, Karsten Skov, Youcef Baslimane, Christopher Boomer, mrs Danièle Quemper, Philip Coward, Eberhard Hörz, Reinhold Hörz, David Parr, Alessandro Acquaderni, Andrea Acquaderni, Daniel Strowitzki, Arndt Stollberg, Thorsten Stollberg, Dylan Goodwin, John Rainey, Carlo Pogliani, Holger Kruse, Gigi Haug, Marco Acquaderni, Paulo Acquaderni, Josie Wadd, Charles Bentley, Dieter Lessmann, Andrew McIlroy, Gianluca Bignotti, Steffano Paggini, mrs Cordula Herneth, Rick Bollen (FEIBP secretariat), Fons Ceelaert (general manager)

*From* : Fons Ceelaert

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#### 1. Opening

President Peter Langenegger opens this General Assembly, a novelty in FEIBP history as it is a virtual meeting due to fact that no physical FEIBP congress is possible this year as a consequence of COVID-19.

Hopefully this is a one-time affair and can we meet next year in Prague for the 62nd FEIBP congress.

On behalf of the ABMA David Parr (executive director) represents our USA friends, also very busy in surviving the corona crisis. The scheduled ABMA convention for March 2021 is in danger as well and the ABMA board will decide in November 2020.

#### 2. Special item: impact COVID-19 on the EU brushware industry

The FEIBP membership has been informed by COVID-19 updates on the impact of this crisis.

Impressions and opinions were shared.

Obviously the industry is able to cope with the circumstances but for sub-sectors such as the technical brushes is difficult with volumes down to -20/25%. Contrary to the paintbrush

manufacturers, with higher demand in the DIY section and the professional market, performing really well.

Overall recovery for all sub-sectors was reported since Q3/2020 but a second wave can cause new disruptions.

A forecast for 2021 is impossible to give with the current uncertainties.

### **3. Working Groups**

In September / October 2020 the four Working Groups have held interesting meetings. All chairmen are proud on the progress made content wise and in terms of attendance. The conclusion is that we have 4 best performing working groups!

The meeting received feedback on the outcome of these Working Groups:

- Working Group Technical Brushes (Alessandro Acquaderni)
- Working Group Paint Brushes (Fons Ceelaert – replacing chairman Piet van Erp)
- Working Group Professional Hygiene Brushware (Philip Coward)
- Working Group Personal Care (Christopher Boomer)

### **FULL REPORTS OF THESE MEETINGS ARE ATTACHED**

### **4. Raw Materials**

Many thanks to the suppliers for the annual market reports:

- Steel wire, by Holger Kruse, (Gustav Wolf GmbH)
- Vegetable Fibres by Urte Rietdorf (Friedrich Platt GmbH – not in attendance)
- Bristles by Reinhold Hörz (DKSH Switzerland Ltd)
- Fine Hair by Mark Samuel (Mark Samuel Trading Co.Ltd. – report read by Fons Ceelaert)
- Synthetics by Andrew McIlroy (Perlon GmbH)

### **ALL MARKET REPORTS RAW MATERIALS ARE ATTACHED**

### **5. Annual report 2020 FEIBP**

General manager Fons Ceelaert did report on the FEIBP activities since the 61<sup>th</sup> congress in Lucerne.

### **ANNUAL REPORT IS ATTACHED**

### **6. Finance**

As always treasurer Andrea Acquaderni guides the meeting through the financial sheet.

This year, even without InterBrush, a good year but this is mainly due to less costs for a.o. meetings and travelling.

The financial situation of the FEIBP is good and under control.

#### Proposal budget and subscription fees 2021

FEIBP activities have continued throughout 2020 during the corona crisis but since March no physical meetings and unfortunately no FEIBP congress in Prague.

The number of virtual meetings and contacts shows a substantial increase.

As the congress is without any doubt the annual highlight in our federation year, the outstanding days for meeting your colleagues and focus on the broader perspectives of the brushware industry, the proposal is to lower the annual subscription fee with 10% for 2021.

More than ever it is important to work together to the benefit of the industry.

As a consequence the provisional budget 2021 shows a negative result of appr € 6.000.

The meeting agrees unanimously on the budget and subscription fees 2021.

#### **7. FEIBP officers 2021 – 2022**

Fons Ceelaert explains the proposal as described in the agenda of this GA.

After having served for three years, the Presidency of Peter Langenegger will end at this General Assembly.

For a period of two years, ending at the 2022 FEIBP congress, it proposed to elect the following officers.

*Andrew McIlroy (Germany/UK), President*

*Peter Langenegger (Switzerland), Past President*

*Alessandro Acquaderni (Italy), vice-President*

*Andrea Acquaderni (Italy), Treasurer*

Alessandro Acquaderni is available as President for the period 2023–2024

The traditional way of electing the new FEIBP officers is not completely in line with the statutes, as any proposal by the board was always unanimously accepted by companies represented in the general assembly, simply by raising hands (and applause!)

Relevant articles in the FEIBP statutes are:

##### 7.1

The board shall propose and the General Assembly confirm, by **vote**, each year at its Annual General Meeting the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Federation.

##### 13.1

Each full member country as described in article 4.2 of this constitution has **1 vote**.

The group of associate members has **1 vote**

The FEIBP board proposes to maintain the normal procedure and trusts that you will accept the proposal and welcome our newly elected FEIBP officers.

This procedure was accepted and consequently the new FEIBP officers were elected unanimously (with long distance applause!)

#### **8. 62<sup>nd</sup> FEIBP congress, 22 – 25 September 2021, Prague (Czech Republik)**

The arrangements in Prague have been secured for next year and President Andrew McIlroy, with the active support of *Perlon*, takes the FEIBP to Central Europe.

A step forward in expanding the FEIBP membership to Central European countries.

It will be a congress hosted by the FEIBP as federation.

#### **9. Any other business**

##### Website analytics

Alessandro Acquaderni gave a short presentation on use and behaviour of the website visitors from all parts of the world. 4300 visitors, + 10% compared to 2020

#### **PRESENTATION ATTACHED**

##### The future of the FEIBP

Dieter Lessmann referred to the interactive discussion last year in Lucerne and would like to make progress on this strategic topic.

Fons Ceelaert informed that the FEIBP board did take next steps in their latest physical board meeting, January 2020 in Prague but COVID-19 put things on hold. The item however is regarded as crucial and will be picked up in order to conclude on a proposal for next years' congress.

#### **10. Closing remarks**

Andrew McIlroy appreciated to show his gratitude and respect on behalf of the FEIBP membership to Peter Langenegger, who was an excellent President for the last three years. Following a good FEIBP tradition Andrew gave Peter some gifts.

Andrew became more active in the FEIBP since the Brussels congress, representing the suppliers / sponsors to help the federation in defining new directions and how to improve the congress format.

Andrew was elected board member on behalf of the suppliers and now the FEIBP is trusted to a supplier for the first time in the history of the federation!

With Alessandro Acquaderni as incoming President the younger generation comes up and this is one of the objectives for the next phase.

He hopes to hand over the Presidency in 2022 when the congress will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland with the support of *Denroy Ltd.*

Andrew believes that it was a good meeting in specific circumstances, wishes everybody well and then the meeting was closed.

