



FIPAGO ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

1. Introduction President

Dear members,

The FIPAGO Newsletter appears every year in the first months. Although I have been a FIPAGO member during the past decades, it is a première for me as new elected president of our association, and I apologize if not every one feels his wishes realized at FIPAGO.

Enrique Arconada López, my predecessor in office, did his job excellent as president. Special thanks go to him. He left the presidential chair to give a chance for a re-start of FIPAGO with the German members and a new president. Time will tell if this will be successful.

Anyway, I was glad to see so many members in December 2007 at our annual board meeting in Amsterdam. We had an active and interesting discussion and we are confident to continue with all our friends during the next congress on June 5th. and 6th. in Prague/Czech Republic.

And so I want to ask for visiting this year's congress to bring forward our collective wish to promote gummed paper tapes as being the best and economical sealing methods. It also would be desirable if all members attending would have fresh ideas and proposals in their luggage. Solving problems in the areas of environment, food contact and REACH, just to mention some examples, will pose a great challenge in the future. Hoping to see again all members and guests with their partners, I remain with the best wishes for you all.

Hans Kaiser

President

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2 CONGRESSES

a. STRASBOURG FRANCE 2007

The 51st. FIPAGO congress took place on April 27th. in Strasbourg France. Nineteen delegates from 6 countries attended the meetings. During the meeting, Mr. Hans Kaiser, General manager of Neubronner GMBH, Oberursel Germany was elected new president. He is the successor of Mr. Enrique Arconada of Ibergum Spain. Enrique was president since 2000. Mrs. Marion Schütze-Notermanns of Schoeller-Aldo GmbH &Co KG, Langerwehe Germany was elected vice-president.

Considering the small number of FIPAGO members, it was agreed that in future all members will be invited to participate in Board meetings.

The gummed paper market was considered more or less stable in Europe with positive figures on the reinforced tapes, caused by the increasing urgency of security of transports. People felt that the widely spread economic growth will influence positively our markets; however there was concern on the continued increase of paper prices. It was unanimously agreed that the weak dollar will affect the business as well. It was noticed that in the far East the booming economies still will have a positive influence on the demand of gummed paper tapes.

After the meeting a visit was paid to the buildings of the European Parliament. The plenary session was attended as well. After this session an interesting discussion took place with some individual MP's on the future of the European community.

b. WELCOME TO THE 2008 CONGRESS ON JUNE 5-6 in Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC

On June 5-6 the next Congress will be organised in the Amarelis Jerome hotel (www.hotelamarilis.cz), in the centre of Prague near the Wenceslas Square. We succeeded in making block room reservations against special room rates:

- Single rooms: Euro 85,- p.p.
- Double rooms: Euro 72,- p.p.

Attached you will find the reservation form. **Give particular notice to the fact that the rooms will be paid by Fipago and that these are included in the congress rate. We ask participants to do a first payment of Euro 450, - . The definite amount of the congress fee will be invoiced to you after the congress.**



The provisional programme looks as follows:

June 5

Afternoon/evening: arrival of the participants
20.00 hrs. Dinner

June 6

09.00 - 12.00 hrs.	Meeting Board and General Assembly
09.00 - 12.00 hrs.	Ladies program
12.30 - 13.30 hrs.	Lunch
13.30 - 17.00 hrs	Sightseeing tour
20.00 hrs.	Dinner

For people who would like to stay over the week-end, we will come with some interesting suggestions in due time.

In the attached documents you will find more detailed information including your reservation form. **Participants are requested to send this form back before March 15th.**

3 TEST PAPER

Fipago has new test paper in stock: Standard Fipago 2006. Information on properties and ordering you can find on www.fipago.org

4 STANDARDS

The German organisation DIN is updating the industrial standards for gummed paper tapes. Neubronner was asked to give support reviewing these standards. In the eighties of the last century FIPAGO created a standard for gummed paper which for the greater part was copied from the German standards. These standards still are very important for both, quality reasons and protecting our industry and customers against some imports from China. People are convinced we continue to need these standards for our industry. Copies of these standards are available (downloadable) on the FIPAGO website www.fipago.org.

There are two major standards:

- ***Plain sealing tapes from kraftpaper***

This standard covers the specification and use of "plain gummed tapes from kraftpaper, unbleached or bleached".

The purpose of this standard is:

- the assessment of minimum requirements for quality and delivery specifications of gummed tapes;
- standardization of application equipment;
- reduction of stockkeeping;
- optimum conditions



- ***Sealing tapes fibre reinforced from kraftpaper (double ply)***

This standard covers the specification and use of "laminated double ply paper tape reinforced with glass fibres".

The purpose of this standard is:

- the assessment of minimum requirements for quality and delivery specifications of gummed tapes;
- standardization of application equipment;
- reduction of stockkeeping;
- optimum conditions.

During the next congress in Prague the state of the update will be discussed as well as the way of transforming these into adjusted FIPAGO standards

5. MEMBERS

Attached you will find the latest list of FIPAGO members. FIPAGO welcomed two new members: Gebrüder Seidel and Schoeller&Aldo Kg (both Germany). Sopal NL left FIPAGO because of finishing its activities.

6. MISSION STATEMENT

FIPAGO's activities are based on the following mission statement:

"To develop a program to expand the gummed tape industry by educating and informing the commercial and industrial public of the superior performance of gummed, reinforced and plain paper tape as the modern natural carton-sealing system".

Web Site: www.fipago.org

FIPAGO still needs the support of members, especially on the issue of "frequently asked questions". We have to do both, to put the relevant questions and to supply the right answers. Please send us your input, preferably by mail to info@fipago.org. We also appreciate receiving your comments on the site and news from both, your company and/or your country. We will publish your information on the web page.



7. FACTS ON THE CORRUGATED BOARD INDUSTRY

Year end 2006 corrugated Production/shipments (million square meters)

REGION / COUNTRY	YEAR TO DATE		
	2005	2006	% CHANGE
ASIA	59,218	64,539	9.0
NORTH AMERICA	42,493	42,973	1.1
EUROPE	42,508	44,334	4.3
CENTRAL/S. AMERICA	8,485	8,789	3.6
OCEANIA	2,377	2,435	2.4
AFRICA	1,851	1,913	3.3
WORLD	156,933	164,983	5.1

Source: ICCA

Classification of shipments by end-use sector as a % of volume, in various European countries

2006

Country	Food	Non-food
Spain	57	43
Great Britain	43	57
Netherlands	57	43
France	55	45
Germany	35	65
Italy	33	67
Turkey	37	63

Die-cut boxes as a % of total shipments in m²

	2000	2006
Germany	40	42
Spain	54	55
Great Britain	36	30
Italy	34	NA
The Netherlands	36	42
Turkey	20	29
Europe average	40	43

Source: FEFCO annual reports



8 FEES

The 2008 fee levels remain the same as they were last year.

Large members	€ 1490,00
Other members	€ 810,00
Associate members	€ 265,00

9 FIPAGO PUBLICATIONS 2007

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The web page www.FIPAGO.org is still visited well. FIPAGO Brochures, on the advantages of Gummed Paper Tape and equipment, are still available at the secretariat in the languages English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

10 REVIEW FIPAGO CONGRESSES 1957-2007

See attached document.