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

As 2020 is over, we want to give you a short update concerning the activities of **FATIPEC** – this time it will be really short, because, as you surely also felt, everything came to a certain standstill due to the SARS-CoV-2-pandemic. Nevertheless, our **FEDERATION** was active behind the scene – we had to transfer our organisational activities into the virtual world, and we accepted the challenge doing this by the means of (many) video conferences. And indeed – some decisions in 2020 were not easy to make!

So again, many thanks to all of you for your support of **FATIPEC** in 2020!

In 2020 we had planned our major event – the **ETCC 2020 in Krakow, Poland**. After many discussions – phases of optimism and pessimism fluctuated – we had to postpone it. This is also a major issue for our member association **SITPChem** – standing in the operative frontline and being the organiser of this congress.

The decisions made concerning **ETCC 2020** so far were unanimously confirmed at our **BOARD MEETING**, held virtually on 1 September 2020. Besides **ETCC**, budgeting and other operational topics were on the agenda. **AFTPVA** reported about the preparations made to host **ETCC 2022** and the pre-decision was made, to go to Greece with **ETCC 2024** at **GACPVID**. More details can be found in the meeting protocol.

The annual and virtual **ExCo** meeting took place at 10 December 2020: Pre-decisions concerning a next **ExCo** meeting end of February 2021 and concerning **ETCC 2020**, planned to be held from 3 – 5 September 2021 in Krakow, were made. And we worked on our actions list. We all learned in 2020 from manging the SARS-CoV-2-pandemic: It is good to have a strategy, but in times of crises it is even better to react operatively on a short term basis! And so we will have another meeting in early January 2021 to discuss possibilities of an online **ETCC preview conference** with the focus on presentations of young scientists – nothing is decided as at now.

To sum it up: We are in some turbulent waters – but we still have our goals in mind, and compared to other federations we have a rather healthy asset situation.

And what could we do within **CSI (Coatings Societies International – www.csi-coatings.org)**? From our side as representatives of **FATIPEC** we did our very best to handle the operative activities like **bookkeeping, renewal of the CSI website, and**

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others. Due to virtualisation we had an extraordinary and an ordinary **CSI BOARD MEETING** in 2020. At the ordinary **CSI BOARD MEETING** on 15 December 2020 five of the six parties took part and the financial books for 2019 were confirmed, as well as the budget proposal for 2021 was accepted. Due to the relative ease of video conferences from the PC – one of the rare beneficial consequences of the SARS-CoV-2-pandemic – it was decided, to have **CSI BOARD MEETINGS** as regular meetings/communications during the year, to establish a technical exchange concerning the focus points of our working area.

And in 2021 **CSI** must also set the “track switches” for the **CSI PRESIDENCY** lasting from 2022 – 2025.

We, Jozef Koziel and Michael Hilt, as your actual representatives in **FATIPEC**, again will try to make the best out of our limited resources in the next two years for the benefit of **FATIPEC**. In the next **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING** in 2021 – planned to take place before or after **ETCC 2020** (taking place in 2021) – one of the topics will be the situation of the personnel after 2022. Elections for several functions must be made in the **FATIPEC BOARD MEETING** to be held in 2022 – and time is rushing! So please already start to think about possible candidates for the term 2023 – 2026.

And please have a look at the “renovated” websites www.fatipec.com and www.csi-coatings.org – we are open for ideas of optimisation and thank you in advance for hints of adjustments.

For 2021, like every year, we wish you and your families all the best and hope to see you or meet you personally in 2021.

With kind regards

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