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The EU wooden pallet and packaging industry
in a sustainable and competitive EU Economy


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By Gil Covey



It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 62nd FEFPEB Congress to be held 30 September/1 October 2010 in Brussels. The theme of this congress is the EU wooden pallet and packaging Industry in a sustainable and competitive EU economy so the natural venue for these discussions is in Brussels at the very heart of the European Union.

In common with all other industries, the European timber pallet and packaging industry is coping with the aftermath of the global recession of 2008. We will be discussing the impact of the financial crisis in the EU economy as it is critical that we understand the context in which we will be operating in the future.

Our industry has a fantastic story to tell in terms of its environmental and economic advantages. We are honoured to have Dr Patrick Moore who is inspired by the environmental advantages of trees and appreciates that our industry is critical to the ongoing health of the forest based sector.

Timber pallets and packaging manufacturers are well used to working in challenging times and anticipating and responding to dynamic market developments. It is always our role to be commercial and to be responsive to our customers. There are however 3 special issues which require our attention during this congress;

- The proposed extension of ISPM15 for intra-community movements of timber pallets and packaging within the EU.
- The emergence and subsidisation of the renewable energy industry which is competing for logs that normally supply our industry. This has serious economic, supply and continuity implications.
- Intensifying competition from the plastic pallet industry and in particular the emergence of a plastic pallet pool in the USA which is heavily promoting plastics and issuing negative information about timber pallets.

FEFPEB's influence and workload have been expanding dramatically in recent years so that we can effectively deal with decisions at the European level and indeed be involved with our colleagues on a global basis.

Thankfully the membership of FEFPEB has significantly expanded during this critical time as we have recruited into membership important countries such as Turkey, Lithuania and others and the pallet pools (both closed and open loop) have become active members which is highly important as they are major players in our market worldwide. We have a common interest in safeguarding and promoting our industry.

I want to thank the FEFPEB membership for their usual strong support in attending and sponsoring this year's congress. Despite the economic gloom and difficult trading conditions it is clear that an effective European industry association is more important than ever!

The business session promises to be highly relevant and interesting and I am grateful to our first class selection of speakers who I am sure will make this congress a great success. Similarly the social programme in Brussels for partners is very important and will no doubt be most enjoyable. It undoubtedly remains the case that the special atmosphere and camaraderie of FEFPEB congresses create a great environment in which to network and discuss matters of common interest with all of our colleagues from Europe and around the World.

I am confident that there is something for everyone and that each of you will find the investment of your time to be fully justified.

I look forward to welcoming you at the congress.

Gil Covey
FEFPEB President



PROGRAMME

Thursday, 30 September 2010

DELEGATES & PARTNERS

18.00 – 19.30 hours Welcome cocktail & Official opening by Gil Covey, President
Introduction speech by member of the EU Parliament (Foyer)

Friday, 1 October 2010

DELEGATES:

09.00 – 17.00 hours Business Session

PARTNERS

Tasting Brussels: A cultural & gastronomic tour through the centre of Brussels

10.45 – 11.00 hours Meeting at the lobby of the Marriott Hotel

11.00 – 11.30 hours Start of the tour

11.30 – 11.55 hours Appetizer at De Brouwers van de Grote Markt

11.55 – 12.05 hours Continuation of the tour

12.05 – 12.50 hours Entrée at Scheltema

12.50 – 13.20 hours Continuation of the tour

13.20 – 14.20 hours Main course at Le Cap

14.20 – 14.30 hours Continuation of the tour

14.30 – 15.00 hours Dessert at Le Cercle des Voyageurs

15.00 hours End of the tour

DELEGATES & PARTNERS

19.00 – 20.00 hours Official reception (Foyer)

20.00 – 23.00 hours Gala dinner (Olympia-Bourse Ballroom)

PROGRAMME

Business session

Friday, 1 October 2010

Business session (Olympia-Bourse Ballroom)

DELEGATES

- 08.50 hours** Welcome and opening by President **Gil Covey** (United Kingdom)
- 09.00 – 10.30 hours** **Dr. Patrick Moore** (Canada), The sensible environmentalist
Trees are the answer / wood is good
- 10.30 – 11.00 hours** Coffee break
(Meet your suppliers & colleagues in the sponsor area)
- 11.00 – 11.45 hours** **Peter Praet** (Belgium), Executive Director of the National Bank of Belgium
Current and future impact of the financial crisis on the EU economy
- 11.45 – 12.15 hours** **Gil Covey** Introduction FEFPEB PR Campaign
- 12.15 – 13.15 hours** Lunch (Restaurant Midtown Grill)
- 13.15 – 14.00 hours** **Harry Arijis** (Belgium), DG Sanco / Chairman EU Standing Committee on Plant Health
Evaluation of the EU Plant Health Regime / ISPM 15 matters



- 14.00 – 14.45 hours** **Dr Edmundo Sousa** (Portugal), Ministério da Agricultura / Researcher PhD in Population Dynamics (Forest Entomology): *Final results of the scientific research on the risk of Pine Wood Nematode through contact with Wooden Packaging Material*
- 14.45 – 15.15 hours** Coffee break
(Meet your suppliers & colleagues in the sponsor area)
- 15.15 – 16.00 hours** **Dr. Cormac O'Carroll** (United Kingdom), President & CEO Pöyry Forest Industry Consulting Ltd, Bio-energy
Current and future developments in the field of Renewable energy and impact on the pallet and packaging industry
- 16.00 – 16.45 hours** **Filip de Jaeger** (Belgium), Secretary general CEH-Bois
CEH-Bois strategy in connection to renewable energy sources: the cascade use of timber
- 16.45 hours** Closing remarks by FEFPEB President Gil Covey

Simultaneous translation in five languages provided.

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Patrick Moore (Canada)

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader in the international environmental field for over 30 years. He is a co-founder of Greenpeace and served for nine years as President of Greenpeace Canada and seven years as a Director of Greenpeace International. As the leader of many campaigns Dr. Moore was a driving force shaping policy and direction while Greenpeace became the world's largest environmental activist organization.

In recent years, Dr. Moore has focused on the promotion of sustainability and consensus building among competing concerns. He was a member of British Columbia government-appointed Round Table on the Environment and Economy from 1990 - 1994. In 1990, Dr. Moore founded and chaired the BC Carbon Project, a group that worked to develop a common understanding of climate change.

Dr. Moore served for four years as Vice President, Environment for Waterfurnace International, a manufacturer of geothermal heat pumps for residential heating and cooling with renewable earth energy. He is now a Director of NextEnergy Solutions, the largest distributor of geothermal systems in Canada.

As Chair of the Sustainable Forestry Committee of the Forest Alliance of BC from 1991 - 2002, he led the process of developing the "Principles of Sustainable Forestry" which were adopted by a majority of the industry.

In 2000, Dr. Moore published *Green Spirit – Trees are the Answer*, a photo-book that provides a new insight into how forests work and how they can play a powerful role in solving many of our current environmental problems.

Dr. Moore currently serves as Chair and Chief Scientist of Greenspirit Strategies, a consultancy focusing on environmental policy and communications in forestry, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, mining, biodiversity, energy and climate change.

Honorary Doctorate of Science,
North Carolina State University, 2005
Ph.D. in Ecology,
Institute of Resource Ecology,
University of British Columbia, 1974
Ford Foundation Fellowship,
1969-1972
Honours B.Sc. in Forest Biology,
University of British Columbia

Peter Praet (Belgium)

Peter Praet was appointed executive director of the National Bank of Belgium in 2000 and is responsible for financial stability. In 2002 he was also appointed to the Management Committee of the Belgian Banking, Finance, and Insurance Commission (CBFA), where he is responsible for prudential policy for banking and insurance.

Before joining the National Bank, Mr. Praet served as chief of cabinet for the Belgian Minister of Finance from 1999-2000, as chief economist of Générale de Banque and Fortis Bank from 1988-1999, as professor of economics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles from 1980-1987, and as economist at the International Monetary Fund from 1978-1980. Mr. Praet earned a Ph.D. in economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1980. He currently teaches money and banking at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and from 2001-2004 he held the Chair of Business Ethics at the Faculté polytechnique and the Solvay Business School of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.



Mr. Praet serves on several high-level international committees, including the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems, the Committee on the Global Financial System, the Committee of European Banking Supervisors, and the Banking Supervision Committee of the ESCB as Chair. He is an alternate director of the Committee of G10 Governors and the International Monetary and Financial Committee. He is also co-chair of the Research Task Force of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

Mr. Praet is a member of the board of the European think tank Bruegel (Brussels European Global Economic Laboratory) and a member of the International Advisory Council of the International Centre for Financial Regulation (ICFR).



Harry Arijs (Belgium)

Employer:
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Function: Acting Head of Unit for the recently created Plant Health Unit Chairman of the Standing Committee on Plant Health

Domain: EU legislation for the control of harmful organisms in the plant sector EU legislation for plant reproductive material (seeds and propagating material)

Dr. Edmundo Sousa (Portugal)

Edmundo Manuel Rodrigues de Sousa, born 4th of July of 1958 at Faro, Portugal, researcher and Coordinator of the Unity of Forestry and Forest Products of LINIA, INRB. I.P.(ex-EFN), Oeiras, Portugal. Address Instituto Nacional dos Recursos Biológicos, edifício da ex-EFN, Av da República, Quinta do Marquês, 2780-159 Oeiras, Portugal.

University degree in Forestry Engineer (1984), specialized in Forest Production, by the "Instituto Superior de Agronomia", Lisbon. Doctor in Science (Ph.D.) Entomology, Claude-Bernard University (URA CNRS 243), Lyon 1 France (1996) 1979 - 1984

In the field of Agrarian Sciences has dedicated his activity in the Forestry domain with particular emphasis on Forest Entomology, namely on Tree - Insect - Fungi/Nematodes relationships, Bio ecology of forest insects, Tree resistance mechanisms against insects, Effects of climatic changes on tree - insect relationships and spatial and temporal progression of forest pests.

At the same time has dedicated his activity to the knowledge and evaluation of mechanisms evolved on forest decline due to biotic factors in Portugal, and has integrated several international research teams with European and North African countries.

In the Forest Entomology domain has worked with the entomologic fauna of maritime pine and cork oak, namely on the prospection, identification, biological behavior, control and evaluation of the sanitary status. Current working lines evolve the study of xylomycethofagous insects, particularly the transmission of fungi and nematodes by insects such as *Platypus cylindrus* and *Monochamus galloprovincialis*, vector of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* in Portugal.

Additional research has been developed in the domain of sampling, harvesting and transportation techniques, namely in the establishment of a national prospection network of forest pests and diseases and on

the definition of control strategies, namely against the PWN and its vector in Portugal.

He has been participating in eighteen national and international work commissions, in more than fifty national and international research projects, supervising more than twenty degree thesis in different institutions, presented in Portuguese and other countries' Universities. He is editor of four books, and author of thirty book chapters, twenty five articles in international and thirty national scientific journals with referee, fifty articles in scientific meeting proceedings and forty other publications. He has been participating in about seventy national and international seminaries where he presented oral communications and/or posters.



Dr. Cormac O'Carroll (United Kingdom)

Education

BSc (Forestry), University College Dublin, 1984
PhD (Environmental resource management),
University College Dublin, 1993

Current Position

President & CEO, Pöyry Forest Industry
Consulting Ltd

Languages

English, French (fluent)

Speciality

Dr O'Carroll has worked extensively in the field of finance, forestry, bioenergy, wood products (panels and sawmilling) and speciality papers. Prior to his current role as head of the London office of Pöyry Forest Industry Consulting, he was responsible for Pöyry's global wood panels practice area. Before joining Pöyry, Dr O'Carroll worked for the Jefferson Smurfit Group in strategic and business development roles.

Key areas of expertise include strategic planning, due diligence, corporate finance, feasibility studies, market strategy, project evaluation and supply chain/procurement.

- 2006 - date** President & CEO,
Pöyry Forest Industry Consulting Ltd.
- 2008** Head of financial clients team for Pöyry
Forest Industry Consulting (Europe)
- 2002 - 2006** Principal, JP Management Consulting,
responsible for global wood panels
practice area
- 1999 - 2002** Associate Principal, JP Management
Consulting, responsible for
European wood panels practice area
- 1997 - 1999** Vice President,
Jaakko Pöyry Consulting (Europe)
- 1994 - 1996** Manager Wood Products, Jaakko Pöyry
Consulting (UK) Ltd Previous Experience
- 1993 - 1994** Jefferson Smurfit Group, Ireland Strategic
Planner (corporate)
- 1989 - 1993** Jefferson Smurfit Group (Woodfab),
UK Manager, Sales & Marketing
- 1988- 1989** Ets Serge Espiet, France Marketing
Consultant - Panel Products



Scientific Publications

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yield for Norway. Spruce on fen peat in central
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Productivity on Minerotrophic Peat in central
Ireland. Proc. Int. Symposium on Peat/
Peatland Characteristics and Uses. S.A.
Spigarelli, Editor. May 16-20 1989, Bemidj
State University, Minnesota

Other Publications

A great many papers and presentations
published in the proceedings of conferences
worldwide, covering wood-based panels,
sawmilling, forestry, bioenergy and decorative
surfacing of panels.

Various articles published in forest, wood
products and bioenergy trade journals

Filip de Jaeger (Belgium)

Filip De Jaeger, of Belgian nationality, was
born in 1964. Graduated as a Master in
Germanic philology (German and English)
with a qualification as high school teacher, he
started working for the Belgian woodworking
industries federation in 1989 after a short
career as high school teacher. After an
intensive learning phase within Febelbois he
was responsible in particular for the European
wood preservation and parquet industries
sector. Since 2003 he is the secretary general
for CEI-Bois, the European Confederation of
Woodworking Industries.

Filip is married, father of two sons. In his spare
time he very much enjoys mountain sports,
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