



70TH FEFPEB CONGRESS

**Wooden pallets
and packaging
in the centre of the
sustainable
economy.**

28-30 Settembre 2022
Firenze, Grand Hotel, Baglioni



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It is a great pleasure to welcome the FEFPEB membership at this full-scale congress in Firenze. We had to postpone the congress two years due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Now a very interesting and enjoyable congress programme is prepared and some most rewarding days in Tuscany are to be expected.

The headquarters of the congress are located in the excellent Hotel Baglioni, near the railway station in the centre of Firenze. The splendor of Firenze will come over us, not only as fantastic dinner locations have been arranged.

First and foremost it is the business angle that drives the congress, with a variety of themes and qualified speakers at the business session and a professional tour with leading companies in pallet manufacturing, pallet repair and Industrial packaging.

Assoimballaggi, part of FederlegnoArredo, is hosting the congress and in conjunction with the FEFPEB organization our Italian friends will make us feel at home in Italy.

I am looking forward and am honored to meet the FEFPEB community again.

Kind regards,
Rob van Hoesel
President FEFPEB



After 3 years, the Fefpeb congress is finally back! And for me, on behalf of Assoimballaggi/FederlegnoArredo, it is an honour and a real pleasure. The last time in Italy was about 16 years ago. I warmly welcome you to this year's FEFPEB Congress in Firenze. Firenze is the symbol of the Renaissance and we want to restart from here, after the forced stop due to the pandemic, with the 70th Fefpeb congress. In this historical period we are witnessing the consequences of climate change: rising temperatures, burning forests, drought... In this context, wood can play a leading role absorbing CO2 and carrying it within itself for life. So, this year, the focus of the congress could only be the Sustainability: "WOODEN PALLETS AND PACKAGING IN THE CENTRE OF THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY".

In the past, perhaps, we have taken for granted the importance of the wood in the environment because wood is wood, a natural material. Wooden packaging represents a low environmental impact industry and it is a virtuous example of circular economy: from the packaging to the panel industry for furniture. Wood and wooden packaging mean forest, respect for nature, certifications, thousand of workers, reuse, recycle, take care of the future...

And it is important to communicate our value in the best possible way, which also means to be united. The Fefpeb congress is an opportunity to be united building a strong network and discussing about the future of wooden packaging and more.

Furthermore, to enhance the connection between wood, environment and society, our gift for you is a key ring in recycled leather and reused barrique-wood handmade by students of a nonprofit organization.

My special thanks go to the Sponsors for their support to the Congress. Also, the companies that offer us by opening their own doors (Toscana Pallets, Pallets Bertini, Mo.Vi. Imballaggi) with enthusiasm and proactivity. And I can't forget the efforts of Fefpeb and Assoimballaggi staff and the other members of these associations. I wish you a congress with stimulating discussion with different points of view and, of course, a great stay in Italy.

Ezio Daniele
Assoimballaggi President

70th. INTERNATIONAL FEFPEB CONGRESS PROGRAM

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19:30-21:30

WELCOME RECEPTION – GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI

Enjoy a relaxing “Welcome to Florence” evening, while admiring a spectacular panoramic view of the Florentine skyline.

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07:30 am

PROFESSIONAL TOUR – GROUP A

Departure from Hotel Baglioni - Pallets Bertini - Mo. Vi. Imballaggi
Lunch (13:00-14:30) - Toscana Pallets

08:00 am

PROFESSIONAL TOUR – GROUP B

Departure from Hotel Baglioni - Toscana Pallets
Lunch (12:00-13:30) - Mo.Vi. Imballaggi - Pallets Bertini

20:30

GET-TOGETHER NETWORKING RECEPTION

RESTAURANT LA LOGGIA

After a hard day full of good exchanges, you will appreciate an excellent cuisine while admiring the best view of the entire city.
(19:45 Departure of shuttle service from Hotel Baglioni)

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09:00-17:00

INTERNATIONAL FEFPEB CONGRESS

The main topics of the congress will be:

- a. Sustainability of timber
- b. Evolution worldwide forestation strategies and policies
- c. Future of wooden pallets and packaging

08:30-17:00

EXHIBITION OF THE SPONSORS

Gold Sponsors and Silver Sponsors present their products and services important for the wooden pallets and packaging sector.

19:30

CLOSING CELEBRATION – PALAZZO BORGHESE

Celebrate a successful conference connecting with those you have met during the past days at Palazzo Borghese, a pearl hidden in the centre of Florence
(No shuttle service)



SPEAKERS



Tom Austen

Managing Director at Miller McKenzie, recruiting top-performing talent at all levels of the Timber and Forest Products industries across the UK and around the world. Keynote speaker for The European Confederation of Woodworking Industries and The European Organisation of Sawmills; providing and implementing solutions to improve Talent Practices within the industry.



Antonio Brunori

Forestry doctor and freelance journalist, he has been Secretary General of PEFC Italy since 2001. Member of the wood supply chain table of Agriculture Ministry, participates in EU projects on sustainable forest management and enhancement of forest products, traceability and digitization of wood supply chains, quantification and promotion of forest ecosystem services.



Simona Bonafé

Simona Bonafé is a member of the European Parliament, Vice-President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) with responsibility for Parliamentary Affairs. Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and as an alternate member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). Co-chair and co-founder of the Parliamentary Intergroup “Sustainable and long-term investments and competitive European industry”. She was the European Parliament rapporteur for the revision of the four directives contained in the circular economy package. Her commitment to environmental issues earned her the 2016 Mep Awards.



Fons Ceelaert

Secretary General FEFPEB, Tilburg, The Netherlands
Fons Ceelaert was appointed secretary general of FEFPEB in 1997 and is a seasoned association manager. FEFPEB gradually became the representative European Federation for the Wooden Pallet and Packaging Industry, and has a pivotal role in defending the interests of our industry. Contacts and partnerships with EU institutions, FAO / IPPC and colleague sector associations and federations worldwide have been build up and are maintained. It did create a basis for any intervention or pro active lobby on important topics, such as ISPM 15, the revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive, trade disruptions, the use of timber as packaging material. FEFPEB supports the cooperation on a global level actively. Interpal and the Global Forum Wooden Pallet and Packaging Industry are important initiatives.

SPEAKERS



Corrado Cremonini

Graduated in Forestry Sciences from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Turin, PhD from the Henri Poincaré University, Nancy I (France). Since 2006 researcher belonging to the Department of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Sciences (DISAFA), where he carries out teaching and research activities.



Lorenzo di Masi

Lorenzo Di Masi is a lawyer in the Brussels office of Crowell & Moring, where he focuses on EU and international trade law. Lorenzo's practice covers the broad spectrum of international trade law, most notably trade remedies investigations EU customs law, as well as EU sanctions and export controls law.



Bernd Dörre

Bernd Dörre, 55, worked as a lawyer and consultant for the European Pallet Association e.V. (EPAL) from 1997 to 2021. Since 2021, he is managing EPAL's business as CEO. The focus of his work as CEO of EPAL is to position EPAL as a key player in sustainable and circular packaging logistics.



Mattia Pellegrini

Mattia Pellegrini is currently Head of Unit for «From Waste to Resources» at DG Environment, European Commission. Previously he was Head of Unit for Raw Materials, Metals, Minerals and Forest-based Industries at the European Commission's Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. Previously, he worked as Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Nelli Feroci and as a Member of the Cabinet of the Vice President of the European Commission, in charge of Enterprise and Industry. Mr Pellegrini has a Master's Degree in European Legal Studies obtained at the College of Europe, Bruges, and a postgraduate diploma in EC Law obtained at L.U.I.S.S. "Guido Carli", University of Rome.

SPEAKERS



Valerio Rossi Albertini-Tiranni, detto Albertini

Graduated with full honors in Atomic and Molecular Physics and first PhD in Italy in Materials Science. Author of 130 scientific articles on international journals in the fields of physics, chemistry, engineering, molecular biology. Director of the X-Ray Spectroscopy Laboratory belonging to the Italian Research National Council. Professor of Quantum Theory of Matter at “La Sapienza” University of Rome. Professor of Dissemination of Science at “Tor Vergata” University of Rome. Author of studies included in the collection of the most important studies carried out at the European Synchrotron Facility in Grenoble (Fr). Conductor, consultant and guest on over 50 different Italian national broadcast programs of the Rai, Mediaset and La7 channels. Author of the most viewed TED Talk in Italian. Included in the 37th edition of the “Who’s Who in the World” handbook.



Fabio Salbitano

Forest ecologist, he is currently professor of Silviculture and Ecology at the Departments of Agriculture and Architecture, University of Florence. Since 1986 he has conducted research on sustainable forest management, urban forestry, urban and landscape ecology, co-design and co-management of Nature-based solutions.



Rob van Hoesel

President FEFPEB, Tilburg, The Netherlands
Graduated as Forest Engineer Rob served as managing director of several companies in forest logging, the paper industry, saw milling and the pallet industry. In 2000 he acquired PKF one of the leading pallet manufacturers in the Netherlands. In 2013 he transferred the company to his son and since then he is active for the common interest of our industry, with several functions national and international and since 2013 he is president of FEFPEB.



GOLD SPONSORS



Archimbaud Group

Important player in the European supply chain, the Archimbaud Group is the first fully integrated french manufacturer pallets. From the arrival of the wood logs to the production of pallets, recycled wood blocks and biomass energy, the Archimbaud group gives the wood resource a sustainable value throughout its life cycle.



#WeStandWithUkraine 

Baltic Block

We are Baltic Block, an award-winning manufacturer of durable pressed woodchip pallet blocks located in Latvia. Our strategic location provides us direct access to the major transit routes of the Baltic Sea and raw materials of excellent quality. During our nine years of operation, we have become one of the most advanced and largest plants in Europe, delivering more than 12 000 m3 of blocks to 30 countries worldwide. With continuously increasing production capacity, we can ensure uninterrupted delivery throughout the year. In 2022, high-quality pallet timber will be added to our sustainable product range.



BES Bollmann / KARA Energy Systems

We are proud to present at the FEFPEB you our new Control system for the drying kilns! Smarter, easier and better! The controller of the future.

The TROMATIC NEXT

BES Bollmann is a manufacturer of Drying kilns. Efficient, fast and easy to handle. Our focus is on price pro pallet to make sure that you can supply your customers with best quality and guaranteed pallets. BES drying kilns are controlled by BES' own Tromatic Control system including an integrated ISPM 15 certification. BES Bollmann has solutions fitting all type of kilns for increasing efficiency, improving drying times and energy savings. We make every kiln better!

Our mother company is KARA Energy Systems, a manufacturer of combusting systems, fuelled with all types of timber and wood residue from harvesting the logs or left over at your production site. Together we can offer you with our family-based companies turn-key heating and drying solutions.



Big on Dry

BIGonDRY Srl, an Italian company worldwide known for its ability to do Research and Development, with more than 30 years of activity in the drying sector, recognized and highly appreciated for its great experience and competence to be among the world leaders in HT treatment plant with very innovative solutions of sterilization systems, distinguishing itself for its great ability to engineer customized solutions for each specific request of its customers, taking care to optimize the ISPM15 treatment processes in an intelligent way and with lower consumption, to put objectives such as environmental sustainability in the foreground, through the constant monitoring and control of energy consumption, but without compromising the productivity and needs of wood packaging producers.

GOLD SPONSORS



Cape

CAPE is one of the world's leading suppliers for automatic equipment for pallet production. From basic equipment to fully automated lines, CAPE uses the latest and most adequate technology to ensure success on every project. The constant research and development makes CAPE the right partner for producers with a long-term vision.



Coral

CORALI was born in 1957 out of the intuition and the activity of its founder, Mr. Bruno Corali, who designs and builds machines to stitch with metallic wire wooden boxes for fruits and vegetables. In 1965, the company starts producing machines and lines for pallets and industrial boxes.



A Brambles Company

Chep

CHEP is the invisible backbone of the supply chain, our pallets, crates and containers help to move more goods to more people, in more places, than anyone else on Earth. We help the world's supply chains work better together to become more economically and environmentally sustainable.



Daas & Chemicals

DAAS identifies new opportunities in the global market through the creation of business networks, outsourcing of services and processes and searching for supply and/or production sources. We can identify new markets or production relocation and, thanks to our relationship network and representative offices abroad, assist our Customer on its path.



Conlegno e FITOK

Conlegno (Consortio Servizi Legno Sughero) is a private non-profit Consortium established in 2002 with the aim of protecting the forest heritage and biodiversity, encouraging the use of wood, from raw material to packaging, and promoting the use of natural materials by virtue of an eco-sustainable approach.

In 2005 Conlegno, with its Technical Committee FITOK, was recognized as Managing Authority of the IPPC/FAO trademark for ISPM n.15 in Italy.



Ecoblocks

ECOBLOKS® is the only Italian pallet BLOCKS producer following a virtuous circular economy system. The Factory is the result of the most innovative technology in this sector, regarding both the production processes and the purification ones of the emissions in the environment. ECOBLOKS business aims: the product quality, the highest customer care before and after sale thanks to our back office dedicated, the sustainability of our blocks thanks to the ecological production process.

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Eirebloc

Established in 2007, and now part of the GP Wood Group, Eirebloc manufactures composite pallet blocks from its purpose-built factory in Cork, Ireland.

We produce over 100,000m³ per annum of composite block and export to many European countries and beyond.

We use an in-line quality control system which ensures that every block produced complies with the requirements for height, length, width, weight, and density of each individual block.

Please contact us on info@eirebloc.com or 00353-21-7336752 or www.eirebloc.com



Epal

EPAL, international product brand, distinguishes the most widespread exchange system of reusable pallets in Europe. The EPAL brand stands for quality, safety and sustainability in logistics. EPAL Italia is responsible for the mark in Italy. Through the inspection company Bureau Veritas, EPAL Italia guarantees the quality of pallets with over 3.400 checks per year in Italy (and more than 25.000 checks throughout Europe).



Euroblock-Verpackungsholz GmbH

Euroblock-Verpackungsholz GmbH is a sales and distribution company for composite pallet blocks packaging timber.

The shareholders of Euroblock Verpackungsholz GmbH are Pfeifer Holz GmbH with headquarters in Imst/Austria and the Dutch Presswood International B.V. from Ermelo. EUROBLOCK is market leader for wooden pallet components and packaging timber in Europe. The benefits of this joint venture to anyone who needs or manufactures professional packaging solutions are obvious: Comprehensive know-how, first-class service and optimized product segments. EUROBLOCK is present on the international market and can supply every customer on a just-in-time basis. With more than 45 years of experience in composite pallet blocks, four production facilities and a wide product portfolio EUROBLOCK is able to optimally fulfill all customer requirements.



G-BLOC

G-BLOC is attending in Firenze for the fourth time at the pinnacle reunion of the wood packaging industry. We are very proud to be the original producer of high quality compressed pallet blocks made out of 100 % recycled post consumer waste wood. G-BLOCS are the best examples of how circular economics help our environment.



Incomac

Incomac Srl designs, produces, installs, and tests kilns for drying and heat-treating wood, pallets included. Incomac solutions are customized based on customer's needs and guarantee energy savings and fast drying cycles. Kilns for pallet drying and heat-treating are equipped with a dedicated ISPM15 FAO control system. Full customer service available.

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Rilegno

Rilegno, born following the Ronchi decree in 1997, has the task of organizing and guaranteeing the prevention, recovery and recycling of wooden packaging throughout Italy. In 25 years of activity, Rilegno and its systemic circular economy have become an excellence recognized in Europe.

In 2021 Rilegno collected and recycled 1,985,251 tons of wood, equal to 64% of all packaging released for consumption, transforming it for 95% into panels for making furniture. The activity of the Consortium allows a saving of almost 2 million tons of CO2 per year. With its 2,000 consortium members, Rilegno promotes the culture and innovation of the circular wood economy for a sustainable future.



Weinig

Millions of goods are transported worldwide. To ensure that goods reach their destination safely, packaging concepts are becoming increasingly important. Suitable machines and precise planning of the manufacturing processes are crucial for the efficient production of packaging. For this, the WEINIG Group offers powerful solutions for the production of wooden packaging and pallets in terms of machinery as well as services.



Storti

STORTI S.p.A. has been producing woodworking machinery since 1960: complete sawmill and nailing lines and robotized automations. Well-known for its ability in engineering bespoke solutions both for single personalized machines and for complex plants. Worldwide leader, it is the sole producer of complete lines "from log to pallet".



Termolegno

Termolegno Company offers design, production and installation of machines for drying, steaming and HT heat treatment (ISPM-15) of the wood. Each type of service is designed to meet the customer requirements. Termolegno drying kilns allow companies considerable energy savings, optimized drying cycles and finished products of the highest quality.



SILVER SPONSORS



PROFESSIONAL TOUR

“ The professional tours will take place on **29 September**. Delegates will be divided (by the organisers) in two groups, as follows:

GROUP A

07:30 am Departure from Grand Hotel Baglioni
Visit Pallets Bertini and Mo. Vi. Imballaggi
13:00-14:30 Lunch
Visit Toscana Pallets and return to the hotel

GROUP B

08:00 am Departure from Grand Hotel Baglioni
Visit Toscana Pallets
12:00-13:30 Lunch
Visit Mo.Vi. Imballaggi and Pallets Bertini and return to the hotel



Hereafter a brief description of each company:

TOSCANA PALLETS



Toscana Pallets is located in Bientina (Pisa), in the heart of Tuscany, in a place characterised by the presence of artisan enterprises and companies operating in various product sectors. The company was founded in 1968 by Franco Vierucci. The generational change led Luca Vierucci, Franco's son, to take over the management of the company in 2016. Adopting the entrepreneurial values of rationality and pragmatism, Luca has designed the new organisational structure, supporting the company's evolution with significant investment plans aimed at the continuous improvement of production activities.

www.toscanapallets.it

PALLETS BERTINI SpA



Leading Italian company for pallet repair, located in San Miniato (Pisa). Specifically, Pallets Bertini spa deals with pallets disassembly for wood recovery, construction of new pallets, and removal of pallets with used wood, customised pallets with own logo and production of industrial packaging boxes.

www.palletsbertini.it

Mo.Vi. IMBALLAGGI srl



Located in Capannori (Lucca), MO.VI. Imballaggi S.r.l. is a major company in the industrial packaging sector. The company offers targeted technical consultancy in order to identify the best types of wooden packaging, considering the characteristics of the product to be packed, the regulations in force, the technical specifications required by the customer, the country of destination, and the transportation modes. MO.VI. Imballaggi Technical Department carries out 3D processing of customised wooden packaging, suitable for goods of any type and size.

www.mo-vi.it

PARTNERS PROGRAMME

“ FULL DAY - 29 September 2022

PRIVATE SANTA MARIA NOVELLA AND OLTRARNO DISTRICT TOUR WITH SANTO SPIRITO CHURCH

Meeting Point with the guide:
10am - In front of the entrance of Basilica Santa Maria Novella

Private local English speaking guide at disposal for 6 hours

Lunch in a typical restaurant

Drop-off: Approx 6:00pm at Grand Hotel Baglioni



“ FULL DAY - 30 September 2022

CHIANTI TOUR WITH WINE TASTING AND LUNCH

9am Departure from Grand Hotel Baglioni

Free time in Greve in Chianti

Typical Tuscan Lunch including starter, first course with truffle, tasting of 5 types of pecorino cheese accompanied by honey and marmalade, Vin Santo and Cantucci, grappa and coffee.

After Lunch return to Grand Hotel Baglioni



BUSINESS SESSION – FRIDAY 30 SEPTMBER 2022 - GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI, FIRENZE

8.30 Registration

09.00 Opening by FEFPEB President Rob van Hoesel (NL)
Welcome by Dario Nardella, Major of Firenze

FIRST SESSION

Timber and sustainability

- 09.15 Rilegno for your companies: between sustainability and circular economy
By Prof Valerio Rossi Albertini (I)
- 09.45 Certification systems / impact and future objectives
By Antonio Brunori, Secretary General PEFC Italy (I)
- 10.20 EPAL: vision on certification and sustainability by the open pallet pool
By Bernd Dörre, CEO EPAL (G)
- 10.45 Coffee break in the Pallet and Packaging Forum

THIRD SESSION

Selected items

- 14.15 Perspectives and challenges for our industry: Attracting and nurturing young talent. How can we ensure the right people are in place to drive our industry forward?
By Tom Austen (UK), director Miller McKenzie
- 14.45 ISPM 15: Harmonisation and due diligence
By Professor Corrado Cremonini (I), University of Torino / FAO representative
- 15.15 Coffee break in the Pallet and Packaging Forum

FEFPEB federation matters

- 16.15 FEFPEB objectives and activities. *By Fons Ceelaert (NL), secretary general FEFPEB*
- 16.30 INTERPAL 2023 / End of September 2023, Montreal (Canada).
Announcements by Scott Geffros (C), General Manager CWPCA
- 16.40 Closing remarks by FEFPEB President *Rob van Hoesel (NL)*

SECOND SESSION

Impact on the future of wooden pallets and packaging

- 11.15 European Union: Circular Economy and Sustainable Product Legislation - the European Green Deal is taking shape
By Simona Bonafé (I), Member of the European Parliament / Chair Club du Bois
- 12.00 EU Policies on circular economy: perspectives and incoming legislation on packaging and on packing industries
By Mattia Pellegrini (I), European Commission, DG ENVI, head of Unit B3 - From Waste to resources
- 12.30 Lunch in the Pallet and Packaging Forum
- 13.45 Commercial disputes, risks and opportunities wooden pallet and packaging industry
By Lorenzo di Masi (I), Crowell & Moring LLP

FOURTH SESSION

Evolution worldwide forestation strategy and policy

- 15.45 Global impact of (re)forestation: impact on the wooden packaging industry
By Professor Fabio Salbitano (I), Firenze University

THE EVENING

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WELCOME NETWORKING RECEPTION B-Roof Grand Hotel Baglioni

All the flavor of Florence. On the fifth floor of the Grand Hotel Baglioni, the B-Roof restaurant is a special place where you can enjoy haute cuisine while admiring a spectacular panoramic view of the florentine skyline. From here you will almost be able to touch Brunelleschi's Dome and Giotto's Tower while tasting traditional dishes, characterized by colours, flavours and aromas reinvented by our expert chefs.

Open buffet from 19:30 to 21:30

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GET-TOGETHER NETWORKING RECEPTION Restaurant La Loggia

Since 1867, the La Loggia restaurant has been the reference point for those who want to appreciate excellent cuisine while admiring the best views of the entire city. From the top of Piazzale Michelangelo, in fact, Florence offers itself in all its beauty: from the ancient Roman walls to Fiesole, the glance is breathtaking and contains all the monuments of the cradle of the Renaissance.

19:45 - Shuttle service from Grand Hotel Baglioni
20:30 - Dinner

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CLOSING CELEBRATION Palazzo Borghese

Located in the middle of the historic centre of Florence, very close to the Duomo, Santa Croce Square and Signoria Square, Palazzo Borghese is one of the most striking examples of neoclassic architecture of the Tuscan capital.

Once inside, however, the beauty and the pomp are dazzling: the imposing honour staircase leads to the noble floor. The heart of the building is formed by the Mirror Room and the Monumental Gallery (or Reception Hall), which is a true architectural and artistic jewel. The gallery of two hundred square meters of frescoes, plasters, bas-reliefs, niches, statues, columns and draperies represents the classic idea of renaissance. Today Palazzo Borghese remains one of the most remarkable buildings in the city.

19:30 Dinner - No shuttle service will be provided



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