



FEIBP ANNUAL REPORT 2023

General Assembly, Friday 22 September 2023 / 63rd FEIBP congress –

Belfast (Northern Ireland)

European Brushware industry steady and stable

a. General overview

As the Quarterly FEIBP market index indicates volumes remain stable but the general observations are less satisfactory than a year ago.

High inflation and a looming recession in EU member states are elements of concern. Raw materials in good supply and with decreasing price level and lower freight costs are positive aspects.

But the overall positive spin off caused by COVID 19 fades away and in fact we are more or less back to the situation before COVID 19.

It remains of the essence to supply our markets with high quality products and the awareness of the need to focus on sustainability to remain competitive worldwide.

The SME family owned manufacturing industry is able to tackle these new challenges and become more attractive for the young generation to make a career in our companies.

b. The FEIBP year at a glance

Family business and sustainability were items dealt with by excellent speakers *Philipp Haindl* and *Andrew Griffiths* at **last years' congress** in Prague, Central Europe.



Due to COVID 19 after three years again a real congress and the feedback was very positive.

The industry wants to meet in person to discuss businesses and build upon their European brushware network. The congress is still a must and the FEIBP keeps on putting efforts into the congress program and format.

Throughout the year **Working Group meetings** Technical Brushes, PHB and Paint brushes were held with interesting items.

The **website** is kept up to date and the **quarterly index** is being continued.

A big effort has been the creation of **IBIF**, the International Brush Industry Foundation. A joint venture FEIBP /ABMA to create an alternative for Interbrush Freiburg.

It took time to sort out legal matters and the selection process of a new exhibition venue. We are most happy to have found a new partner in **Bologna Fiere**, information on the **World Brush Expo** was shared at this congress. The event takes place from **22 – 24 May 2024** and the FEIBP will be visible there.

c. FEIBP federation matters

Membership status

The membership status is rather stable but the ambition is to grow.

When the French FFP dissolved end of 2022 French companies in the field of PHB continued as individual member. Good news is that there will be a new, smaller French Brushware manufacturers federation, to become FEIBP association member from 2024 on. Some well-known French FEIBP friends are the drivers for this great initiative.



Philip Coward steps down a chairman PHB after 25 years

Founding father of the Charter and a fantastic chairman for a very long period. Gratitude to Philip, whose achievements for our federation are hardly to underestimate. Philip is not able to join for this congress and hand over the chairmanship to Simon Lorillière at the meeting of the WG PHB. **Many thanks Philip** and we will be meeting at future FEIBP events.

Pierre Simler farewell to the brushware industry

For many years board member en former President, now retired.

Pierre is unable to attend this congress but gives his best regards and stressed to have enjoyed the FEIBP years.

FEIBP officers 2023 – 2025

The Presidency of **Andrew McIlroy** ends today, after having served for three years with putting an enormous amount of time, quality and energy into the FEIBP. A great

As proposed the following FEIBP officers will be elected for 2023 – 2025:

Alessandro Acquaderni (Italy), President

Simon Lorillière (France), vice – President

Andrew McIlroy (Germany), past – President

Peter Brunner (Switzerland), Treasurer



d. 63rd FEIBP congress, 20 – 22 September 2023 / Belfast (NI)

Another excellent congress hosted by **Denroy Ltd.** for the first time in Northern Ireland and what a treat is Belfast.

We appreciate the hospitality and the great job by **John Rainey** and **Christopher Boomer**. Special thanks to **Claire McComb** and **Emma Hobson** of Denroy Ltd, without their support and hard work it would have been impossible to have such a congress.

On top of that appreciation again for **mrs Elena Berto** of SIT who did the financial administration of the congress and FEIBP secretary **Marion van der Laan** for patience and sharpness.

e. 64th FEIBP congress, 9 – 11 October 2024 / Ibiza (Spain)

Under the helm of the new **FEIBP President Alessandro Acquaderni** to another island, sunny Ibiza. A great hotel has been arranged and Alessandro gave a presentation at the beginning of the congress.

f. Closing remarks

Again my sincere gratitude to **Andrew** for three years of very pleasant and constructive co-operation for the FEIBP.

With **Alessandro** as the second Acquaderni President we are set to go for two great FEIBP years.

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