

PDA Europe Annual Conference 2010 News



After a difficult year, particularly for an association as young as PDA Europe, it was reassuring to see that polyurea still generates a great deal of interest in Europe. The conference, which took place from 15th to 17th November 2010 in Sidges (Barcelona), Spain, was well attended

with 113 participants including attendees from 20 different non-ECC countries. A bi-lingual conference session (Spanish-English) was held for the first time.

New and interesting projects were introduced during the pre-

sentations, such as a paper given by Murphy Mahaffey (WIWA) on the repair of a water dam in France or the “moon landing” project presented by Elisabet Michelson (Elmico), where polyvinylester laminate was substituted in a CAP pilot plant (Chilled Ammonia Process).

Ten companies used the opportunity to present their new products in the exhibition area. Albemarle introduced its Ethacure 90, a slow-curing aliphatic diamine for curing aliphatic and aromatic Polyurea systems. The product has been commercially available in the US since November 2010. We will have to wait a little longer in Europe. (Fotos zur Auswahl anbei!!)

Dr. Inga Hohberg (Deutsche Bauchemie) presented the “trials and tribulations” of environmental and health regulations, which sometimes assume ridiculous proportions.

In connection with the polyurea brochure, created by PDA Europe in cooperation with the Deutschen Bauchemie, Dr.

Bertleff (BASF SE), head of the Industrial Committee, again pointed out that even in the construction industry approvals were being missed and that without documented case studies, polyurea will not be considered for specifications and standards in the future. Therefore PDA Europe has developed a form, available for download from the PDA Europe website, and Dr. Bertleff would like to remind all members to take the time to fill in their relevant construction projects (be it 50 or 5000 m²). If anybody has questions, Dr. Bertleff is available to help as much as he can.

More information:

The next board meeting will take place on 3rd February 2011.

The next PDA Europe spray course will take place in the 2nd or 3rd week of February at the company Elmico in Norway.

Further information for both deadlines is available at the PDA Europe website www.pda-europe.org.