



Federation of European tile-fixer's association

## Press release

The EUF organized its Tile Days of this year on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Dagmersellen/Switzerland.

Main topics were the re-election of the EUF-Board and a specialist symposium.

Delegates of 12 European regional associations voted **Robert Howard**, Great Britain, new president. EUF-board members are (also see photograph):

Belgium	Georges Pardon
Germany	Hans Körner
France	Pascal del Toso
Italy	Paolo Colombo
Luxembourg	Marc F. Decker
The Netherlands	Gerard Reus (vice-president)
Switzerland	Silvio Boschian
Managing Director	Werner Altmayer

The former EUF president, **Jacques Vinet**, France who will be departing after 2 terms of office, is handing over a well working and active organization to the new EUF team. Jacques Vinet is honored with the Golden EUF-Pin of Honor for his services.

The specialist symposium which followed the election dealt with marketing matters and technical topics.

**Silvio Boschian**, president of the Swiss association SPV, explained the organization and the main topics of the association's work. Tile specialist distributors as well as tiling companies are organized within the SPV. Trainings are carried out directly through the association. Switzerland is the country which won the most awards and medals during competitions.

[www.spv.ch](http://www.spv.ch)

**Thomas Seifert** of company wedi explained the significance of the floor slab in wet areas. Variety of products, functional and creative solutions with system were mentioned as added values as well as trainings for the manufacturing sector. Floor slabs are toxic-free and are therefore also highly recommendable for an healthy living at home.

[www.wedi.de](http://www.wedi.de)

**Toni Brigadir and Michael Nissler** of company ViSoft gave some information on the variety of digital communication and room planning. The 3-D-glasses gives an impressive insight into this new world. Planning software is the new digital tool for trade and craftsmanship.

[www.visoft.de](http://www.visoft.de)

**Graziano Sezzi** of the Italian association of tile producers “Confindustria Ceramica” gave an overview of figures and trends of the European markets. Following these information the Italian tile manufacturers are leading in this line of business. They were able to extend this positive development during the first three months of this year.

[www.italytile.com](http://www.italytile.com)

**Dr. Erich Nolting**, managing director of the association Säurefliesner-Vereinigung and of the testing institute Großburgwedel, explained the testing methods and procedures for tiles, building plates and construction-chemical products. He also mentioned his participation in several national and European standardization committees.

[www.saeurefliesner.de](http://www.saeurefliesner.de)

The EUF itself will continue its trendsetting work by initiating according tasks. The study “**Tiling business 2025**” which is initiated by the EUF kicked off a project committee for trade, specialist trade and manufacturers. First results of this study will be published end of this year.

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