



## European Brushware Federation

### Report

*Subject* : **FEIBP Working Group Paintbrushes, Brussels**

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*Attending* : A. Stollberg, P. Simler, M. Samuel, P. van Erp, Y. Baslimane, I. Moss, Th. Stollberg, R. Hoerz, Mrs. U. Rietdorf, U. Rietdorf, G. Pogliani, C. Pogliani, J. Marcussen, A. Civiero (chairman), F. Ceelaert (general manager)

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#### 1. Opening

Chairman Alessandro Civiero welcomes the FEIBP congress delegates in attendance.

#### 2. Report of the meeting of the Working Group Paintbrushes, held on 13 September 2013 in Copenhagen

This report was approved without any remarks.

#### 3. Selected items as introduced by the chairman Alessandro Civiero

##### **a. Trend Price index**

The index started with three categories: wooden handles, ferrules and bristles.

This is regarded too limited.

Pierre Simler questions: do we talk about flat or round ferrules? How to take into account the different length in bristles?

The index is a manufacturers index, leaning on input by a group of individual brushware manufacturers.

Last year there was a discussion to what extent supplier information can be part of the index.

In the room are the companies Pogliani (synthetics) and DKSH (bristles).

The chairman also mentions the company Dalle Crode.

Thorsten Stollberg mentions the company Kriegler.

The general manager points at the fact that the EU Compliance Law needs to be taken into account, information from only 1 company for any category is not to be advised.

Pierre Simler believes it to be important to stress that the paintbrush manufacturers are buying filaments, not raw materials. Prices of filaments are relevant, this is about the components.

Piet van Erp suggests to transform the index into a suppliers and a manufacturers section. In the end it was decided to extend the number of categories, and this could be on a more detailed level, and every member of the Working Group Paintbrushes will be asked to deliver suggestions to the FEIBP secretariat.

It was decided support the work on the index, it could be a valuable addition to the existing general indexes, relevant for the brushware industry.

#### ***b. CITIES convention***

Thorsten Stollberg reports that both Daniel Zahn and Hans Friedrich Bieringer applied to be appointed, but the CITIES secretariat in Geneva gave no answer yet.

Mark Samuel mentions that he is the only company so far to have obtained an export certificate for involved type of marter hair. He confirmed the destruction of goods at the US customs.

#### ***c. ABC Charter***

The ABC Charter is a proposal, based upon clarification of the components of a paintbrush. Both Pierre Simler and Thorsten Stollberg believe that there is no desire for such a charter, when it is about private label paintbrushes.

It is questionable to what extent quality is a serious issue in the DIY market.

Piet van Erp believes that the content of the charter is going too far.

The good thinking by the chairman on the development of the Charter has more or less an Italian background, that has to be accepted.

The chairman observes that all over Europe the paintbrushes are sold without clearly declaring the composition and origin (made in country) both in catalogues and on products. This should be a basic information for buyers and consumers. Similar charters have been already developed for apparel (clothes, shoes etc...), food, cosmetic industry etc.. The country-of-origin information could become mandatory in EU countries in the future.

Most of the present companies declare that the company brand is the best guarantee for the consumer.

It was observed that a charter, comparable to the PHB charter, only has a chance to become a success if it is related to the quality of the paintbrush products.

The chairman is open for new proposals for the charter, so that it can become a “quality based charter”. A proposal for the future for example is recycling . However the currently proposed charter is the base to start with.

#### **4. Any other business**

No further issues.

## **5. Date next meeting**

A tab for the new items to be considered should be prepared by the chairman and the members should fill it out and return it to the secretariat.

As already mentioned, new proposals for a chart are welcome as well.

Matters to be discussed during the next board meeting in Amsterdam (12 December 2014) and if required, a conference call will be organized.

## **6. Closure**

A quite animated meeting has taken place and it is the wish of all members to find a clear goal for the WG paintbrushes.