



# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Barcelona**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



## **Welcome and Apologies**



# Agenda of the meeting

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Safety
- 1.3 Legal guidelines for attending UTIPULP meetings
- 1.4 New members
- 1.5 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Manchester, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017)

## **2 SPECIAL SUBJECT DOSSIERS (trade)**

- 2.1 Compliance of the competition regulation by pulp sellers (Chairman/All)
- 2.2 Measurement of the moisture content (C. Viejo/J. Dittombee/All)
- 2.3 Measurement of the pulp brightness (PA Lacour/All)
- 2.4 Prevention of the drawbacks of the wires (V. Kamm/R. Baldi/all)



# Agenda of the meeting

- 3 SPECIAL SUBJECT DOSSIERS (environment)**
  - 3.1 FSC/PEFC/EU Timber Regulation (P.A. Lacour)
  
- 4 ASSOCIATION TOPICS**
  - 4.1 Finance and Administration (P.A. Lacour)
  - 4.2 Statistics (P.A. Lacour)
  - 4.3 Communication by EUROPULP
  - 4.4 Brexit update
  - 4.5 Member countries: special items and tour de table (all)
  
- 5 Any other business (all)**
  
- 6 CLOSE OUT (Chairman)**
  - 6.1 New date for the next meetings & location
  - 6.2 Close

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## Safety

- ☐ The chairman indicates the safety measures to follow, particularly in case of fire

## Legal guidelines

- ☐ The chairman presents the main requirements of the guidelines. Guidelines are available at any time during the meeting.



## MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ The Polish Pulp and Paper Association (SPPP) approached UTIPULP because one of its member companies is interested in UTIPULP activities.
- ☐ SPPP has not sent yet its answer, but should do it relatively soon.



## Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

Manchester, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

The previous meeting was held in Manchester  
on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 :

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## **SPECIAL SUBJECT DOSSIERS**





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**TRADE**



## Compliance of the competition regulation by pulp sellers

### Memo CEPI

- ☐ As agreed during the last GA, UTIPULP Secretariat contacted CEPI in order to have the views of its law attorney
- ☐ The outcome of the action has been the dissemination by CEPI, in July, of a memorandum
- ☐ This memorandum is good for the protection of the companies, and will to a certain extent encourage pulp sellers to undertake some actions if they take part to controversial conference
- ☐ But is there another step to consider?



## Measurement of the moisture content

- ☐ Report from the UTIPULP delegates in charge of the dossier.



## Measurement of the pulp brightness

Outcome of the survey



## Prevention of the drawbacks of the wires

- ☐ Report from the UTIPULP delegates in charge of the dossier.



## **ENVIRONMENT**



## FSC /PEFC/EU Timber Regulation

### FSC

- ☐ Since the last AG, the main development is related to the Standard on Controlled Wood (FSC STD 40 005 V3-0)
- ☐ This standard has been slightly modified into a V3-1
- ☐ This new Standard will be applicable as of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017
- ☐ The requirements of the FSC CW Standard are more and more difficult to meet. This illustrates a wish of FSC to substitute the FSC CW by the “regular” FSC
- ☐ This problem is mostly for the pulp producers, who may have more and more difficulties to sale pulp coming from controlled wood
- ☐ Is this identified as an issue by the pulp buyers?

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## FSC /PEFC/EU Timber Regulation

### ISO “chain of custody”

#### □ Reminder

- At the end of 2013, the Brazilian and the German standardization bodies informed ISO that this organization should set up a new Standard describing how to set up a Chain of Custody (CoC).
- In 2014, this proposal has been accepted by ISO and a new Provisional Committee (PC) has been created (PC287).
- This Standard is not particularly expected by the European p&p companies.
- However, the interest could be (i) to have a common frame for FSC and PEFC (but it's very unlikely that the two systems have one single CoC) (ii) to deliver to the market a guarantee regarding the features of paper products (e.g: fibers from a certain country....). This would be done via a category to be “specified”.





## FSC /PEFC/EU Timber Regulation

### ISO “chain of custody” (Ctd)

#### ☐ Where are we on this file?

- The Standard is in its final stage
- A public inquiry ended on 25 June 2017
- Several comments raised criticisms about the possibility to have an “ad hoc” (specified) feature
- The next step is an international meeting, in DIN (Berlin) in February 2018. The objective of the meeting will be to analyze and comments and include them (or not) in the Standard



## **ASSOCIATION TOPICS**



## **FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION**



## FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION

UTIPULP - 2017 BUDGET /2017 ACCOUNTS ESTIMATED				
DEBIT	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACCOUNTS	DIFFERENCE Euros	DIFFERENCE %
<b>MEETING EXPENSES</b>	<b>9 900,00</b>	<b>7 000,00</b>	<b>-2 900,00</b>	<b>-41,4%</b>
- Meeting room, accomodation	9 000,00	7 000,00	-	-
- Invitation of an expert	900,00	0,00	-	-
<b>SECRETARIAT</b>	<b>17 300,00</b>	<b>16 800,00</b>	<b>-500,00</b>	<b>-3,0%</b>
Salaries	15 500,00	15 200,00	-	-
Stationery	200,00	0,00	-	-
Accounting	1 600,00	1 600,00	-	-
<b>LEGAL ADVICE</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>2 000,00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>New WEBSITE</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Monitor Belge - New President</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>126,93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRANSACTION EXPENSES</b>	<b>130,00</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>-30,00</b>	<b>-30,0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27 330,00</b>	<b>25 900,00</b>	<b>-1 430,00</b>	<b>-5,5%</b>
CREDIT	2017 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE Euros	DIFFERENCE %
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>27 560,00</b>	<b>27 560,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,0%</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27 560,00</b>	<b>27 560,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,0%</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>230,00</b>	<b>1 660,00</b>	<b>1 430,00</b>	

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## VAT issue

- ☐ A new regulation regarding VAT has been put in force in France.
- ☐ As agreed during the last GA, the UTIPULP Secretariat asked a lawyer to clarify this issue. A memorandum on this topic will be soon finalized.
- ☐ The topic is more complicated than expected because (i) COPACEL is not a commercial entity, (ii) UTIPULP is an international association.
- ☐ The cost for the lawyer is 2 000 Euros



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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



## Executive Committee members

### ❑ Composition of the Excom

Bernhard BECK, Chairman	Germany
Paul BARTMANN	Austria
John GOVIER	United Kingdom
Victor KAMM	Belgium
Stéphane MOZDYNIEWICZ	France
Andrea PIAZZOLLA, Vice-chairman	Italy

❑ A call for volunteers has been sent to all the delegates by the Secretariat

❑ Members who informed the secretariat about their interest to join the Executive Committee:

- Steve ABDULLA (SCA Tissue ), succeeding to John GOVIER
- Norman SNEL (Sappi), succeeding to Victor KAMM

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## Statistics

### Keypoints





## Statistics

### Methodology for the preparation of the stats

- ☐ 1. At the beginning of each month, the UTIPULP Secretariat sends an e-mail to the National Associations taking part at the inquiry, indicating the deadline for the monthly statistics
- ☐ 2. One day before the publication of the report, the Secretariat sends a reminder to the National Associations which did not send the monthly figures
- ☐ 3. The secretariat fills in in the UTIPULP database thanks to the data received from the National Associations (in Word, Excel or PDF form), from EPIS and from all the other sources



## Statistics

### Methodology for the preparation of the stats (ctd)

- ☐ 4. When the monthly report is ready and validated by the president, the monthly files are uploaded on the Utipulp website and an information e-mail is sent to Utipulp members
- ☐ Step number 3 could be improved, as the update of the database is still done “manually”
- ☐ In order to improve this (increased reliability and gain of time), it is proposed that the National Associations upload online their data on a secured website.



## Communication by EUROPULP

- ☐ In order to publicize the event, but also with the objective to facilitate business contacts, EUROPULP would like that, for the next Seminars, the list of attendees is made public online (we guess this list will be updated regularly during the weeks before the Seminar)
- ☐ What is the position of the General Assembly regarding this request?



## BREXIT UPDATE

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## **MEMBER COUNTRIES: SPECIAL ITEMS**

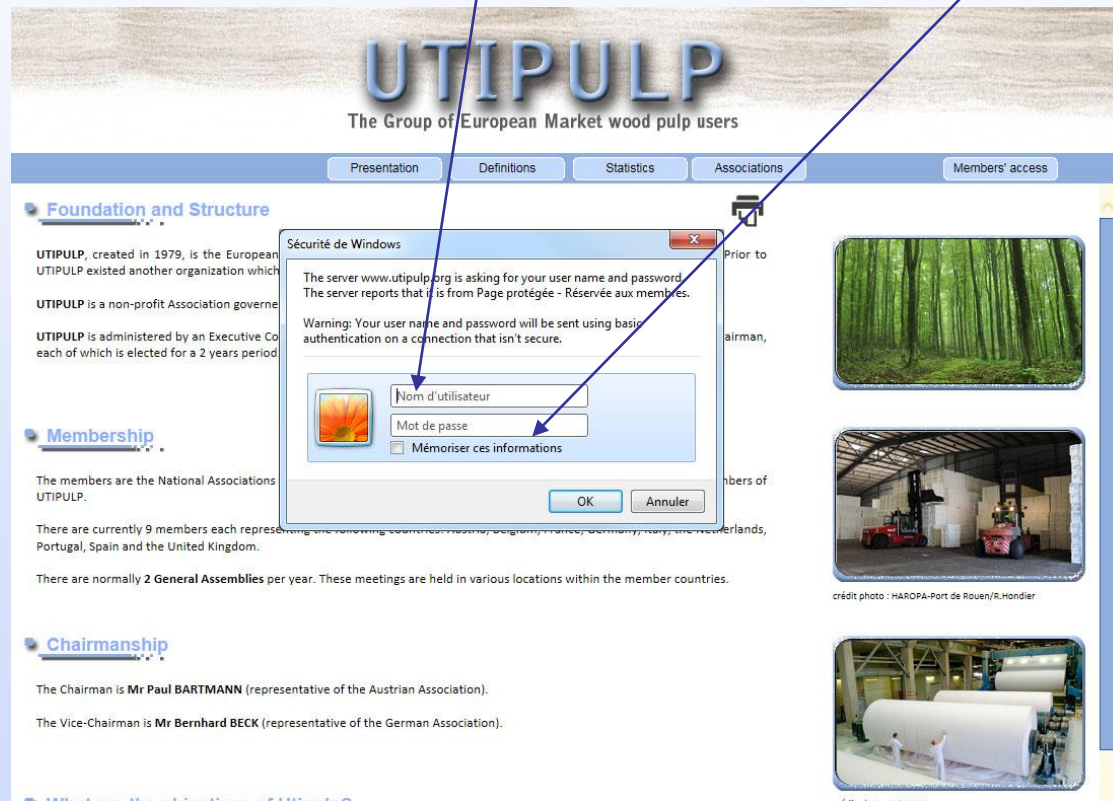


**Any other business**



## UTIPULP website: New login and password

- **New password and user name as from May 2nd, 2017:**
- **Identifier or user name: utipulp**      **Password: wood2pulp**



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**Close out**



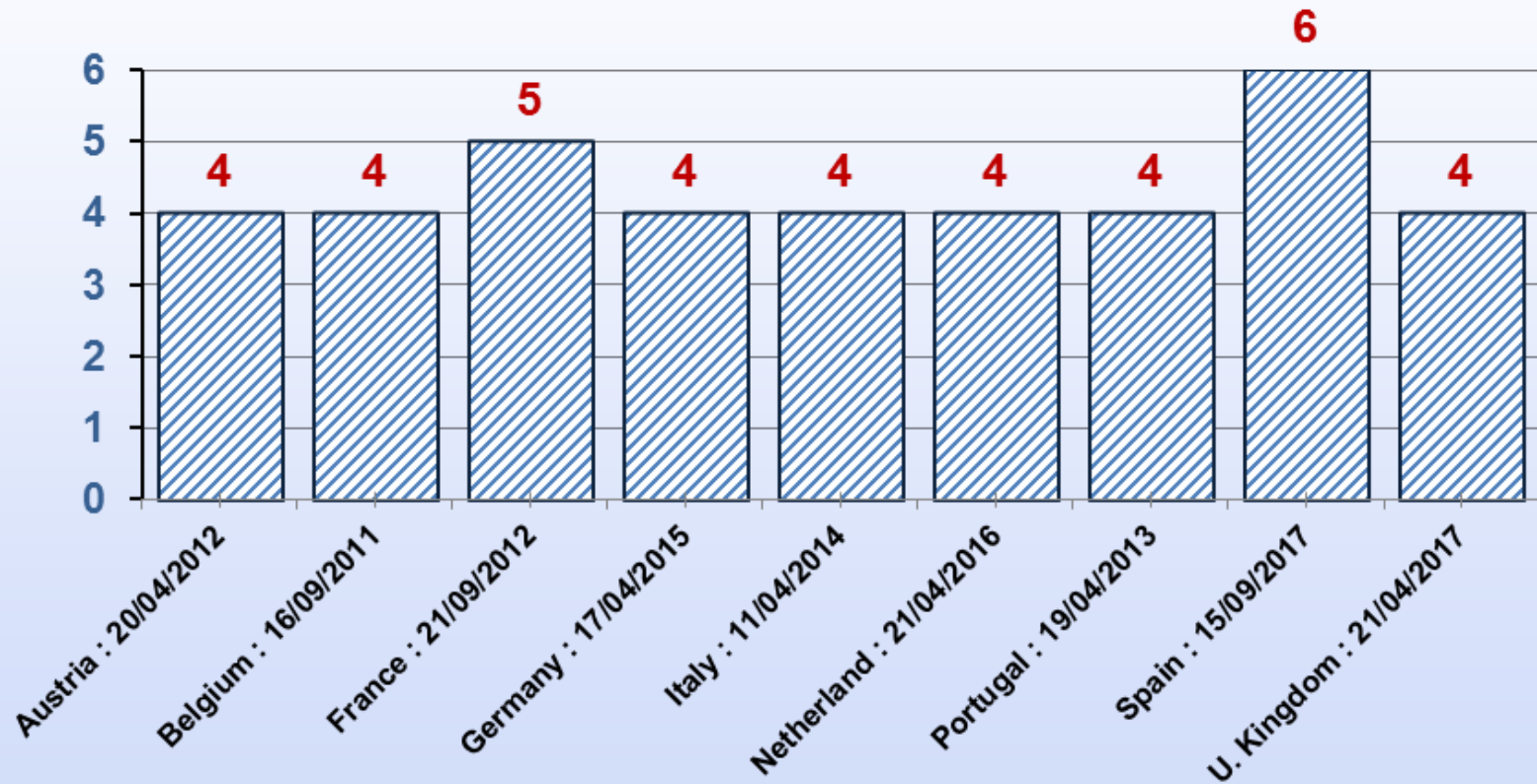


## Date and location of the next meeting

- ☐ The Belgian Association (COBELPA) will not be able to host the UTIPULP GA in April 2018, but volunteered for April 2019
- ☐ The Austrian Association kindly proposed to host UTIPULP in April 2018
- ☐ The original date of the meeting (April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018) is not possible any more
- ☐ A possible option is 19/20 April



## *Date and location of the previous meetings*



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