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WORLD FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT ORGANISATIONS MEETS WITH SIGNIFICANT MANUFACTURERS OF CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS

...Federation shares experience and benefits of technical assessment with manufacturers of innovative construction products

Berlin, Germany the World Federation of Technical Assessment Organisations met on 16 – 18 September 2018 to further discuss the issues of critical importance to the manufacturers and exporters of innovative and non-standardized construction products.

The event was hosted by DIBt – Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik – and comprised among other a full day of sharing and exchanging experiences with technical assessment with German and global manufacturers of construction products, associations and regulators.

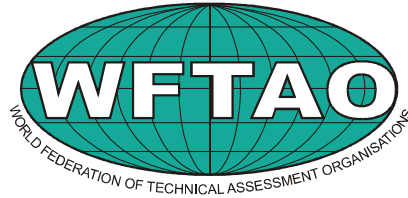
The aim was to give the conference attendees an insight into the various global approval procedures on the basis of short presentations given by the WFTAO members

The federation now comprises 25 organisations from 23 nations, including organisations from the Pacific Rim, Europe, Africa and the Americas. This is the 18th General Assembly of the organisation and it was hosted and chaired by the German member of the organisation, DIBt – Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

As a further step to grow and promote the organisation, Korea Conformity Laboratories (KCL) from South Korea was welcomed as a new full member of the organization.

During the General Assembly the globally important issue of sustainability in the construction sector was again the key feature, and the General Assembly included a site visit for the members to the Energy Efficiency Plus house with Electro Mobility in Berlin, which is a live-in example of a dwelling embracing the newest technologies in construction in order to reduce substantially its environmental footprint.

The manufacturers of innovative construction products and non-standardized construction products remain the primary stakeholder of WFTAO, and is globally recognized that the Environmental Product Declarations (EPD's) for construction products will become a more and more important tool for the manufacturers.



The WFTAO task group, which was set up to consider the possibility of developing a common format for Environmental Product Declarations in the framework of WFTAO, reported on their findings and further work in this field was planned.

WFTAO agreed on further actions to promote the organisation and its mission and to provide more detailed information on the competence and service of its members. Mutual trust and recognition has been always highly valued.

A new web site for the organisation was discussed and will be presented during the first half of 2014.

Also, the need for renewed and targeted promotion of the organisation towards potential new member institutes was re-iterated.

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