

## CLOSING REPORT

6 April 2017

### **For the first time more than 30,000 visitors! New records set at European Coatings Show**

- **More successful than ever: 30,000+ visitors and 1,135 exhibitors**
- **Highest international participation of all time**
- **Conference has outstanding attendance with more than 840 participants**

**More than 30,000 trade visitors from far more than 100 countries and 1,135 exhibitors from 40 countries – the European Coatings Show 2017 was bigger and more international than ever. The show continues to expand its position as the leading event for the global coatings industry. In an expanded space at Exhibition Centre Nuremberg, the exhibiting companies presented innovative and new products and services for every aspect of paints, coatings and sealants production. The European Coatings Show Conference was just as popular: over 840 participants from about 50 countries set another record for this hub for discussion among coating researchers and developers. The next European Coatings Show will be held at the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg from 19–21 March 2019.**

Held every other year, the European Coatings Show reflects the entire process chain in paint production, and offers its trade visitors a comprehensive view of development and production. In addition to raw materials for paints, printing inks and adhesives, the exhibitors also present laboratory and production technology, as well as testing and measuring instruments.

#### **International participation and group pavilions for countries**

The 2017 European Coatings Show filled seven halls and boasted a more extensive international presence than ever. In addition to one Chinese pavilion, the group pavilions of the Czech Republic and the Republic of Korea provided an overview of their particular nations. Young innovative companies from Germany appeared at a joint pavilion funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). Product presentations in three halls offered short talks by exhibitors with additional specialized knowledge about uses, effects and technical data.

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## Conference impresses with specialized knowledge for current challenges

With more than 840 participants, the European Coatings Show Conference was even more heavily attended than in previous years. More than 140 specialised presentations by internationally renowned speakers explored the production of paints, sealing compounds, construction chemical materials and adhesives. The focus was on current needs like functionality and environmental protection. The keynote speech at the Plenary Session was given by Renaud Nicolaÿ, a researcher from the École Supérieure de Physiques et de Chimie Industrielles de la Ville de Paris who studies covalent bonds and their potential applications. In his talk, "When everyday plastics become high-performance re-usable materials", he showed how to produce high-resistance vitrimers with new properties, including ease of deformation, self-healing capability and recyclability – all while still maintaining their original characteristics. This year's European Coatings Show Award for the best submission went to Bas Tuijelaars from DSM Coating Resins. The jury recognized his environmentally friendly approach to making amine-free resins.

### The Leading Coatings Shows

- 3–5 October 2017 ABRAFATI, São Paulo, Brazil
- 8–10 March 2018 PAINTINDIA, Mumbai, India
- 14–21 March 2018 European Coatings Show Reloaded/online
- 10–12 April 2018 American Coatings Show, Indianapolis, USA
- 19 –21 March 2019 European Coatings Show, Nuremberg, Germany

For more information on the European Coatings Show please visit:

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