



IFAT 2014

XVIII International Trade Fair for water, water treatment and purification, waste processing and utilisation IFAT 2014 – world's leading forum for ecology and environment protection took place in Munich from 5 to 9 May 2014. Specialists and experts in industrial production, public utility, water purification and supply companies, environmental protection companies, research and development institutes and organisations participated in the event.

According to Eugen Egetenmeir, Managing Director of Messe München, IFAT have broken all previous records in 2014 in exhibition space (230,00 sq.m.), the number of participants (over 3,000 from 59 countries) and the number of the visitors (over 135,000 including 60,000 foreign visitors).

The exhibitors have noted the high quality of the visitors: a significant share of them was decision makers, which resulted in successful negotiations and meetings with possible future productive cooperation.

Almost all leading European producers of plastic piping took part at the exhibition: Aliaxis (Friatec), Egeplast, Georg Fischer, HOBAS, PipeLife, Plasson, POLYPLASTIC, Simona, Wavin, valves producer like AVK, Hawle, TALIS, etc.

This substantial international forum is, above all, the platform for ideas exchange that gives a perfect opportunity to show latest innovations to the wide circle of potential customers and learn about experience of colleagues, evaluate the market trends and decide on the innovation priorities.

One of the tendencies in PE pipes production seems to be an extensive use of PE100 grade with high crack resistance (PE 100RC). Materials of this grade are not only used for pipes production but also for different types of fittings. It is quite possible they will replace the traditional PE100.

Push-fit type fittings are becoming very popular. They are mainly used for in-house water supply and heating networks, however, some manufactures like Reinert-Ritz are already offer fittings of significantly bigger sizes – up to DN500 mm.

A number of solutions in plastic manholes were also presented at the Fair, which signifies the growth of their use in pipeline systems. The main part of the solutions is leading toward production unification by creating module

design, which will allow assembly of the manholes using standard spares. Some companies presented new plastic hatches for manholes – plastics are pushing the metal out of this traditional “cast iron” niches.

Fitting suppliers have demonstrated solutions for cut-ins, pulling, bends negotiations etc., which are designed to help construction and operating companies effectively work with modern materials.

Stand of major German manufacturers like Egeplast and Gerodur had consultants who spoke Russian. This proves the interest of Western producers in Russia and Russian speaking markets.

POLYPLASTIC Group presented Russian pipe producers. Its big and light stand was a centre of attraction of all Russian visitors. The stand demonstrated water and heating pipes and produce of the Group’s partners: pipes for electrical networks from EVOPIPES, Radius Systems production and solutions, Subterra trenchless pipelines technologies and AEON valves.

It is estimated that POLYPLASTIC Group stand was visited by over 450 people from different countries – Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Netherlands, Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Spain and Britain. They were a lot of visitors from CIS countries and old partners of POLYPLASTIC Group. There was a magician at the stand who attracted the visitors. The guests were met with Bavarian beer and hot sausages. POLYPLASTIC Group’s delegation was about 70 people. The stand held almost non-stop negotiations and pre-booked meetings. However, the Fair was not the only programme of the visit. The Group organised excursions and meetings for the guests and partners, on the 7 May it held POLYPLASTIC evening at Hofbräukeller restaurant where the partners of the company were invited. The guests and employees (about 70 people) were officially presented a new family member, a Latvian EVOPIPES.



IFAT Fair comparing to other similar exhibition events has a very long history, the first IFAT took place in 1966. IFAT today represents the widest range of innovations and solutions for Environment protection. Climate change, raw materials price growth, increasing number of mega cities and industrialisation process in developing countries – all this stimulates demand for the produce and services.

This Fair at large looks at water treatment, water purification, processing and waste utilisation and sets the strategy of rational use of natural resources and its conservation for future generations.

Next IFAT Fair will take place from 30 May to 3 June 2016 in Munich. Radius Systems and POLYPLASTIC Group and partners will definitely take part in the forum.

