

PI'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PI - Forest Products Engineers had a lot of activities during 2018. The clear main event was the international PulPaper 2018 event, which was held in Helsinki at the end of the May. In addition to that, there were many other forms of activity also. The renewed PulPaper-concept was well-received and strengthened PulPaper's position as one of the leading international pulp and paper industry exhibition in the Europe.

Member survey results from 2017 were addressed and based on the survey outcome, company excursions were added to the programme of both Spring and Autumn Summits. Also, this was the first time since early 1990's when PI's Autumn Summit was held outside of the capital region – this time in Lappeenranta. In addition to the large summits, PI continued to organize popular breakfast seminars in cooperation with PI member companies.

There were also some fully new projects especially designed and targeted for young talents. In addition to the traditional Forest-Based-Industries (FBI) Day, PI was a partner in organizing a new Wood U Make It Happen? -innovation contest for university students. The contest was a part of festivities related to the 100th anniversary of Finnish Forest Industries Federation. In October, PI organized for the first time a new PI Challenge - event, where target was to create a wider student network across industries. In addition, related to the student communications, PI produced and launched new photo and video material during the year.

Regarding publishing company Paperi ja Puu Oy the Bioapinen project, i.e. creating of a new electronic learning material on the basis of the existing Papermaking Science and Technology book series, progressed according to the plan. In the beginning of the year, the current bookstore was renewed, moved under PI's new website and opened with the new name: PST Bookstore. Also, the statutes of Paperi ja Puu Oy were renewed.

Internationally, in addition to PulPaper activities, PI had partnerships e.g. in China and Russia. PI was a conference partner in CIPTE event that was held in Shanghai at the end of the August and a media partner in PAP-FOR Russia event in St. Petersburg in November, where PI also gave a presentation. During the year, PI maintained contacts to foreign sister associations and other important international stakeholders.

In addition to many events, the year was very active also regarding the internal development work. At the beginning of the year, the electronic archives were moved to a Sharepoint-based cloud service and IT-service provider was changed. The statutes of PI's scholarship fund were renewed during the year. PI also addressed the new GDPR regulation's requirements by taking into use new register descriptions and privacy policy statements and by updating the personal data handling process principles. In the middle of many development steps, also the traditional printed yearbook was finalized and posted to all personal members.