



Bernhard Lysser Named Winner of the Second FEP Award

Brussels (Belgium), 6th of June 2013 – The European Federation of the Parquet Industry (FEP), the umbrella organisation of the wood flooring industry in Europe, announced that Bernhard Lysser is the laureate of the 2013 FEP Award. As a prominent expert in the field of wood flooring products, more specifically of parquet, Bernhard Lysser has proven to be a valuable colleague who has made a significant contribution to the expertise of the Swiss and European parquet industry. This is the second time that the FEP Award is presented. The FEP strongly believes that the award will serve to further strengthen the already existing ties between Bernhard Lysser, the Swiss Parquet Federation and the European Parquet Industry, paving the way for improved expertise to the benefit of parquet consumers all over Europe.

The FEP Award

Being the European representative of an industry producing innovative quality wood flooring products, the FEP created the FEP Award to recognise the dedicated efforts of an individual, organisation, institute or authority having made a significant contribution to the advancement of the European Parquet Industry. Not only do their efforts help improve the industry's products, they also contribute in their own way to an ever enhanced and accessible wood flooring experience. The process of selecting an award recipient is well-considered and merges all competent ranks within and around FEP: the member parquet producers, the National associations, the associated members, the trade press and the Board. Next to receiving the FEP distinction and the enduring trophy, the winner is also rewarded a 5,000 euro grant to support his ongoing research or focussed activities in the field of parquet products.

Award Winner

This year FEP's members have decidedly voted in favour of Bernhard Lysser, the Managing Director of the Swiss national parquet federation.

The Swiss national parquet federation or ISP is based in Heimberg, and is a non-profit organisation, which defends the interests of parquet installers and manufacturers in Switzerland.

Mr Lysser is no stranger to the parquet industry having founded his own parquet company as well as running another company for several years. He has served as a court-appointed expert for parquet, cork and laminate as well as all other types of substructures for over 20 years in Switzerland and beyond and is also a valued parquet consultant, sharing his know-how during presentations at trade shows, expert conferences and in company academies all over Europe. In 1990 he was appointed Managing Director of the ISP working hard to develop the federation. Since he joined the ISP the membership has grown from 86 to 210 to date.

This is largely Bernhard's merit as he helped raise the ISP's profile considerably, among others with a striking advertising campaign, using Smart cars which are leased to ISP members for one year. There are currently 15 to 20 Smart cars still driving around on Swiss roads, with advertising for parquet and the ISP logo.

Today the ISP is widely recognised for its technical expertise, outstanding know-how and its professional training and education programme.





Mr Lysser's assistance has been requested in over 2,000 cases since 1986 and consequently was able to create the Swiss benchmarking expert files for installers and the industry based on his experience in terms of parquet.

Investment in the Future

Recognising Bernhard Lysser's expertise and efforts, the 2013 FEP Award underlines his contribution to our industry. The FEP believes that his work will continue to benefit both the parquet industry and the public it strives to serve with ever-improved products, backed by substantiated information.

About FEP

The European Federation of the Parquet Industry (FEP) reunites European national parquet federations, parquet manufacturers and suppliers to the industry. It is the main body representing and defending the interests of the European parquet industries towards the European authorities. The FEP's primary goal is to strengthen and improve the position of wood flooring against other floor covering solutions by underpinning the multiple inherent and sustainable advantages of raw material wood and consequently to enhance the growth, prosperity and stature of the European parquet manufacturing industry – thereby protecting its interests and reinforcing its image. The FEP was founded in 1956 and currently comprises in excess of 70 members located in 22 countries throughout Europe.

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