



fip solution plastique 2014: Record visitor numbers for French plastics fair

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Almost 800 exhibitors met at Lyon Eurexpo on 17 - 20 June for the FIP solution plastique and 3D PRINT fairs.

The exhibition area for Fip solution plastique had been increased by 25%, reaching a whole new dimension, and providing the only window display and business platform for the sector in France. And despite a national rail strike, visitor figures for the fair climbed by 37%, to 9296 visitors.

Exhibitors were pleased to see the quality visitors with almost 40% of order providers, and many directors and R&D managers wandering the aisles.

The 3D PRINT fair, a 1st joint edition with fip solution plastique, was also a total success: packed aisles, across-the-board representation in the sector, many new products presented at stands and full conference halls....



FIP solution plastique has earned its status with the 3rd edition in Lyons. This fair is recognised as the "window display" for the plastics industry in France:

- Primarily by the representation of the plastic, composite and rubber industries with over 700 exhibitors, and an exhibition surface area up by 25% when compared with the previous edition in 2011. Exhibitors covered the complete transformation technologies sector. These technologies were also exhibited in the educational Techno Lab space, which proved very popular.

Fip' projets, dedicated to transformers, satisfied its target public, which was pleased to find

comprehensive solutions to their requirements in a special area.

- Quality visitors: almost 40% order providers or transformers with many directors and R&D managers. Foreign visitor numbers climbed by 47%, from 47 countries!

The positive approach of both exhibitors and visitors should be noted, all of whom welcomed this awaited event and the quality of discussion at stands, as proved by a few statements by exhibitors:

"Fip solution plastique is the only national plastics fair in France, our company has a duty to exhibit there. We are generally satisfied with the contacts made and the organisation for our first presence at fip 2014" AP extrusion

"An excellent fair, the best in years, as the previous edition was 3 years ago. Potential customers showed strong interest in the new technologies." DPH International

"Thanks to the fip, we were able to meet up with many ambitious project-leading companies, looking out for new solutions, and visiting the fair to find hands-on solutions compatible with the future" RJG

"An excellent event, which constantly attracts a wide range of worthwhile visitors. We look forward to 2017!" Ateq

- Careful stand management, for both large and small stands, helping to create a pleasant atmosphere;
 - A plethora of new products, dynamic exhibitors, having saved their most recent developments especially for the event;
- A special mention goes to the new arrivals in terms of new generation compounds, materials and machines, sensorial finishes, improved maintenance and production processes, etc., for all manufacturing technologies;

- Not to mention the conference programme, extending current brainstorming and considering prospects for many current topics.

The rich programme included a round table focusing on "Impossible materials" proposed by Matériautech, and the "Plant-Based Summit" morning on bio-sourced materials in the automobile sector, all of which filled the hall, to name just a couple of examples.

FIP solution plastique was home to many events: trade actors had selected FIP solution plastique as a framework for their meetings, congresses and other events: Trophées du Plasturgiste (Plastics Trophies), AFICEP's technical day, the AFR Master Classes, the Smart Plastics Congress, and other meetings of the Fédération de la Plasturgie.

All of the above make this a dynamic event, a cluster of technical and business exchanges, establishing FIP solution plastique as the must-have platform in the sector.

The Trophées du Plasturgiste

For the 4th edition of the Trophées du Plasturgiste, organised by the magazine, Plastiques et Caoutchouc, the Trophies were awarded on 18 June, at the fair itself, in the presence of Henri Saporta, Managing Editor, and Alexandre Couto, Editor-in-Chief for the magazine.

- **Growth Trophy** awarded to Serge Reig, President of **3P** (Produits Plastiques Performants) by Patrick Vuillermoz, Chairman of Plastipolis;
- **Performance Trophy** awarded to Christian Duret, Co-manager of **Solia**, by Philippe Sterna, Managing Director of Engel;
- **International trophy** awarded to Jean-Pierre Taberlet, CEO of **Lablabo**, by Gilles Mazzolini, Sales Director of Sumitomo Demag.

The next edition of FIP solution plastique is scheduled for June 2017, at Lyon Eurexpo.

In the meantime, actors in the plastics sector can meet at the smaller conference/exhibition event, the "Forum de la Plasturgie et des Composites", early June 2015.

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