

# IFATCC

## International Federation of Associations of Textile Chemists and Colourist

### HISTORY

At the beginning of the XX century, the textile industry was one of the most important industries in the world and employed a considerable part of the population. Also in the context of the Austro-Hungarian Empire the proportion of textile production was quite high. The cotton industry concentrated particularly in the northeastern regions of Bohemia, and most of the printing plants of cotton fabrics were found in the Königinhof an der Elbe (Dvůr Králové nad Labem). It is therefore no surprise that the colorists from many European countries, which have been working here from time to time, founded the first association of chemist-colorists on the European continent in 1908.

It happened in the Hotel Deutsches Haus, where the local colorists met almost every day to drink beer and often discussed their professional problems. Some of the present colorists told of the English Society of Dyers and Colourists, which was the reason for the establishment of similar associations in Austria. Soon afterwards, a 17 member committee was set up, which commissioned a group of 7 experienced members of the experienced colorists to prepare the proposal of the statute for a new colourist association. They were Messrs. Felix Richter, Ernst Adler, Dr. Ludwig Lichtenstein, Dr. Doctor, Paul Zaeslé, Louis Paulus and Maxim Schwarz. In June, this statutory draft was sent to the Prague State Authority, which approved it in November of that year under the name of the Association of Chemists-Colorists with the provisional seat in Königinhof a. E.

As early as December 1, 1908 the Berlin magazine for the color industry brought this announcement with the call for the recruitment of the members. Over a period of several weeks, more than 100 members have registered, although this association accepted only the colorists of higher education and practice, so that on 22 December 1908, the constituent meeting was held in Königinhof. This elected the first regular committee in this composition: President Felix Richter, Vice-President Emil Lustig, Managing Director Dr. Ludwig Lichtenstein, Treasurer Dr. J. Klein and the members of the Management Board Ernst Adler, Dr. W.G. Clairmont, N. Pastuchof, Dr. Giovanni Tagliani and Dr. J. Zerner. The Association of the Arts was a magazine for the color industry.

The first Annual General Meeting took place in October 1909 in Dresden (Germany). At that time, this club had 173 members in many countries around the world and 80 of them attended the meeting. There, Dr. Karl Grossner as the new club president. The French association of the chimistes-coloristes was added to the German association, expressing the international tendency of the association. The seat of the association was moved to Vienna, where its own office was set up with the head of Prof. Dr. Franz Erban. The founding of district groups was also decided to improve the association's activities. The association was founded in 1910 by Lehne's Färberzeitung. At this scientific meeting the participants heard 5 lectures and this session was renamed the 1st Colouristic Congress. As early as 1910, the 2nd Congress in Frankfurt a. Held

under the direction of President Dr. W. G. Clairmont and with the participation of 120 members (of 300 in total).

During the 16th Congress IVCC in 1931 in Paris under the direction of President Dr. Lauterbach, the International Federation of Associations of Textile Chemists and Colorists (IFATCC) was established. Their members were: Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy.

The first President of the Federation was Dr. G. Tagliani and first managing director was Prof. Dr. R. Haller. For the economic reasons in the world, it was decided to organize further conferences of the Federation only after two years. In this year 1931 a scientific conference of the sections Saxon-Thuringia and ČSR took place in Reichenberg (Liberec) with lectures by Prof. Dr. Basse (German Technical University in Prague), Prof. Dr. Elöd (Technical University in Karlsruhe), Dr. Neumann and. Ing. K. Schwertassek (both Reichenberg - Liberec).

In March 1952 the pre-war IFATCC President, Prof. Dr. R. Haller, invited the presidents of the individual clubs to Basel. The representatives of 6 countries present (France - ACIT - G. Rivat, Germany - VCC - Prof. Dr. E. Elöd, Holland - NVTC - Louis A. Driessen, Austria - VÖC - Dr. H. Perndanner, Dr. L. Sessa Italy – AICTC and Dr. H. Ris, Switzerland) expressed their general wish to renew the Federation. For this purpose, they have adapted the former statute to current circumstances, sent for discussion and approved.

## **LIST OF CONFERENCE**

VCC - Verein der Chemiker-Coloristen (1909-1913)

IVCC – Internationaler Verein der Chemiker-Coloristen (the stop of IVCC was in 1948)

- 1st VCC Congress (1909) Dresden, Germany
- 2nd VCC Congress (1910) Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 3rd VCC Congress (1911) Torino, Italy
- 4th VCC Congress (1912) Vienn, Austria
- 5th VCC Congress (1913) Berlin, Germany
- 6th IVCC Congress (1921) Salzburg, Austria
- 7th IVCC Congress (1922) Innsbruck, Austria
- 8th IVCC Congress (1923) Salzburg, Austria
- 9th IVCC Congress (1924) Vienn, Austria
- 10th IVCC Congress (1925) Zurich, Swiss
- 11th IVCC Congress (1926) Dresden, Germany
- 12th IVCC Congress (1927) Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia

- 13th IVCC Congress (1928) Heidelberg, Germany
- 14th IVCC Congress (1929) Budapest, Hungary
- 15th IVCC Congress (1930) Milan, Italy
- 16th IVCC Congress (1931) Paris, France – **1st IFATCC Congress**
- 17th IVCC Congress (1933) Marienbad, Czechoslovakia
- 18th IVCC Congress (1935) Basel, Swiss
- 19th IVCC Congress (1936) Stuttgart, Germany – **2nd IFATCC Congress**
- 20th IVCC Congress (1937) Salzburg, Austria
- 21st IVCC Congress (1938) Konstanz, Germany
- 22nd IVCC Congress (1939) Innsbruck, Austria

IFATCC Conferences have been taken every three years:

- 1st IFATCC Congress (1931) Paris, France
- 2nd IFATCC Congress (1936) Stuttgart, Germany
- 3rd IFATCC Congress (1953) Lucerne, Swiss
- 4th IFATCC Congress (1956) Italy
- 5th IFATCC Congress (1959) London, UK
- 6th IFATCC Congress (1962) Noorddwijk, Netherlands
- 7th IFATCC Congress (1965) Vienn, Austria
- 8th IFATCC Congress (1968) Paris, France
- 9th IFATCC Congress (1972) Munich, Germany
- 10th IFATCC Congress (1975) Barcelona, Spain
- 11th Congress IFATCC (1978) Venice, Italy
- 12th IFATCC Congress (1981) Budapest, Hungary
- 13th Congress IFATCC (1984) London, UK
- 14th IFATCC Congress (1987) Tampere, Finland
- 15th IFATCC Congress (1990) Lucerne, Switzerland
- 16th IFATCC Congres (1993) Maastrich, Netherlands

- 17th IFATCC Congress (1996) Vienn, Austria
- 18th IFATCC Congress (1999) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 19th IFATCC Congress (2002) Paris, France
- 20th IFATCC Congress (2005) Wiemar, Germany
- 21st IFATCC Congress (2008) Barcelona, Spain
- 22nd IFATCC Congress (2010) Stresa, Italy
- 23rd IFATCC Congress (2013) Budapest, Hungary
- 24th IFATCC Congress (2016) Pardubice, Czech Republic