

Vietnam success for ASEAN Glass Conference

The 36th ASEAN Glass Conference was successfully staged last September in Hanoi, Vietnam by Vieglass, the Vietnam Glass Association. It was the first such event to be staged in Vietnam, as well as the first occasion for *Glass Worldwide* to serve in its capacity as exclusive official journal of the ASEAN Federation of Glass Manufacturers (AFGM).

Adopting the theme 'Glass for a safer and greener life', a combination of technical and social events brought together leading personalities from the region's hollow and flat glass communities. In total, approximately 300 people were present, including over 200 registered delegates from 32 different countries.

After a golf tournament sponsored by Antonini, attendees were welcomed to the conference at a cocktail reception sponsored



Tran Quoc Thai (left) and Antonio P Dy with the latest issue of *Glass Worldwide*, official journal of the AFGM.

by Emhart Glass and Sorg. At the opening ceremony the following day, welcome addresses were delivered by Tran Quoc Thai, Organising Committee Chairman and Renato Y Cabrera Jr, Chairman of the AFGM. A keynote speech by Vo Tri Thanh of CIEM provided an overview of the challenges, policies and strategy for Vietnam's green growth and sustainable development.

The AFGM used the occasion to hold a plenary session for members, where it was decided that the 37th ASEAN Glass Conference will be staged in Indonesia in 2013.

During the technical sessions in Hanoi, suppliers presented the latest innovations in glass manufacture, including:

- Thermotech: A novel type of thermal insulation and high heat-resistant material used in the furnace helps to reduce furnace fuel consumption (AGC Ceramics).
- MEGA furnaces: Various points that occurred during the design, construction and commissioning of a large end-fired furnace (Horn).
- From zero defects delivery to zero defects production (XPAR Vision).
- A guide to electrical boost (Tecoglas).
- Laser hot cutting (Glamaco).
- Waste heat recovery in the glass industry (Siemens).
- Evaluation of a control system for batch piles inside furnaces and

image camera (Nihon Yamamura Glass Co).

- On-line measurement technology on the glass tempering process (Glaston).
 - A safe and greener life joins waste gas enthalpy recovery systems in glass manufacture (BDF).
 - Sigma's solutions for the glass industry (Sigma).
- Cultural excursions during the event included a tour of traditional Vietnam villages, sponsored by futronic, a Hanoi city tour, a trip to Halong Bay and a heritage and historic tour of Hanoi, sponsored by IRIS Inspection Machines, Parkinson-Spencer Refractories and Dura Temp.

Evening events included:

- A dinner and show at the Vietnam National Museum of History, sponsored by TATA Chemicals Magadi and Changshu Jianhua Die Sets.
- Dinner at the Trong Dong Dong Son restaurant, sponsored by MSC & SGCC and XPAR Vision.
- Gala dinner sponsored by Manuchar Vietnam, Bernard Bonnefond, Fives Stein and Lattimer.



Nguyen Xuan Chung, General Secretary of Vieglass.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2012

- 15-16 November:** XXVII ATIV Conference (Parma, Italy)
- 22 - 23 November:** 13th Forum Solarpraxis (Berlin, Germany)

MARCH 2013

- 19-20 March:** GPD India 2013 (Mumbai, India)
- 20-22 March:** GLASSPEX India 2013 (Mumbai, India)

APRIL 2013

- 13-15 April:** Deco 2013 (Louisville, KY, USA)
- 28-30 April:** Glass World 2013 (Cairo, Egypt)

MAY 2013

- 15-16 May:** Glassman Europe 2013 (Warsaw, Poland)
- 22-23 May:** GPD China 2013 (Beijing, China)
- 23 May:** Glass Focus Conference (Manchester, UK)
- 24-27 May:** China Glass 2013 (Beijing, China)

JUNE 2013

- 6 June:** Furnace Solutions 8 Conference (Stoke-on-Trent, UK).
- 13-17 June:** GPD Finland 2013 (Tampere, Finland)
- 17-20 June:** Mir Stekla (World of Glass) 2013 (Moscow, Russia).
- 19-21 June:** Intersolar 2013 (Munich, Germany)

25-27 June:

12th International Seminar on Furnace Design - Operation & Process Simulation (Velke Karlovice, Czech Republic)

25-29 June: FESPA 2013 (London, UK)

JULY 2013

1-5 July: International Congress on Glass (Prague, Czech Republic)

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 3-5 September:** Gulf Glass 2013 (Dubai)
- 10-12 September:** GlassBuild 2013 (Atlanta, USA)
- 10-13 September:** Unitecr 2013 Biennial Worldwide Congress on Refractories (Victoria, Canada)

OCTOBER 2013

- 14-17 October:** 74th Conference on Glass Problems (Columbus, Ohio, USA).
- 23-25 October:** SGIA 2013 Expo (Orlando, USA)
- 23-26 October:** Vitrum 2013 (Milan, Italy)

NOVEMBER 2013

27-28 November: GlassPrint 2013 (Düsseldorf, Germany)

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AFGM officials perform the opening ceremony in Hanoi.

Luncheon receptions also took place, sponsored by Horn, Zippe, AGC Ceramics and Brenntag PTE.

Glass Worldwide sponsored the conference bags and additional event sponsors included ArtGlass, Au Viet Export Import, Chu Lai Float Glass, Dien Quang Lamp, Eurowindow, Duong Giang, Hai Long Production and Trading, Heye International, Hong Phuc Glass, Hong Quy Productions and Trading, O-I BJC (Malaya Vietnam Glass), PHU PHONG Production Trading Service, Ramsey Products, Strutz International, Tecoglas/KTG/ Zedtec, Vietnam Float Glass, Viglacera and San Miguel Yamamura Haiphong Glass.

Tran Quoc Thai headed the 36th ASEAN Glass Conference organising committee including Ho Quynh Hung, Antonio P Dy and Vieglass General Secretary Xuan Chung. Vieglass joined the AFGM in 2009 and has over 100 members, including flat and hollow glass manufacturers such as San Miguel Yaramura Haipong, Vietnam Float Glass, O-I BJC Vietnam, Dien Quang Lamp, Viglacera Float Glass, Trang An Float Glass, DapCau Sheet Glass, ChuLai Float Glass and Kala Glass.

Tran Quoc Thai (Vietnam) is also a Vice Chairman of the AFGM, along with Henry Susanto (Indonesia), Wiroj Chuchotthavorn (Thailand) and Leslie Struys (Malaysia). The AFGM Secretary General is Peter M Javier.

Dates and location for the 37th ASEAN Glass Conference in Indonesia will be announced in a future issue of *Glass Worldwide*. ■



Renato Y Cabrera Jr at the opening ceremony.

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