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The second half of 2008 at MTP looks set to be just as exciting as the first half. Apart from trade fairs of well established renown, the calendar of events features a lot of new suggestions. These are as follows:

**PRO-HORTI**
Horticultural Contracting Exhibition PRO-HORTI is addressed to the manufacturers and distributors of products and services necessary for cultivating crops under cover and for fruit growing. Its aim is to create an effective platform for communication and exchange of know-how between the suppliers and buyers of specific products and services.

**KOMTECHNIKA**
International Trade Fair for Municipal Technologies KOMTECHNIKA have been separated from the POLEKO International Ecological Fair. It will present machines, equipment and vehicles for road, street and square maintenance, cleaning and waste disposal, maintenance of green and recreation areas, as well as public transport and maintenance of other municipal facilities.

**BOAT SHOW**
Fair of Sailing and Water Sports BOAT SHOW is addressed to sailing and motorboat enthusiasts, divers, windsurfers and canoeists and is co-organised by Interservis Sp. z o.o. from Łódź and MTP. This year, for the first time, it will be held in Poznań.

**GLASS & STONE**
Glass Industry Fair, Stone Industry Fair GLASS & STONE will feature both glass and stone raw materials, as well as machines and equipment for the glass and stone industry, not to mention finished glass and stone products.

**CEDE**
Central European Dental Exhibition CEDE is an event all dentists are familiar with. It has been held for 17 years by Exactus sp. j. in Łódź. Starting this year the event will be organised in Poznań.

**DREMASILESIA-MEBELTECHEXPO**
Trade Fair of Machines and Tools for Wood Processing DREMASILESIA-MEBELTECHEXPO, held in Katowice, is co-organised by MTP together with the MTK International Katowice Fair.

**GMINA**
Fair for Local Governments GMINA accompanies the POLEKO and KOMTECHNIKA trade fairs.

**OPTYKA**
Optical Exhibition OPTYKA, accompanied by the Conference Optyka, is co-organized with National Chamber of Optical Crafts. It will present a full offer for the optical sector.

Before taking final decision concerning your participation in the trade fair, please check its dates on our website www.mtp.pl

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4) Co-organizer: Poznań International Fair Sp. z o.o.
5) Co-organizer: National Chamber of Optical Crafts
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Each trade fair is a business event addressed to specialists in a given field, its key goal being to facilitate establishing trade contacts in optimum conditions conducive for business talks. It means that innovative solutions need to be implemented and new services must be offered. For this reason we are constantly improving our exhibition portfolio and the scope of our services. Each year new trade shows are introduced, while those with established position are profiled to better suit current market demands. The increasing industry specialisation causes us to address our products to precisely defined groups of specialists. In this issue of Poznań Fair Magazine we would like to draw your attention to our new exhibitions, and invite you to take a look at the foreseeable future of the MTP. This issue of Poznań Fair Magazine contains also information about trade shows to be held in September – as soon as the summer holidays are over. Various exhibitions organised recently are also worth reading about. It will allow you to learn more about the potential of the MTP, the scale of our expositions, and participants’ opinions. Moreover, the current issue presents in full the extensive portfolio of MTP business activities. Our experience, professionalism and sizeable exhibition area situated in the very centre of Poznań allow us to organise congresses, scientific meetings, concerts and competitions. The greatest challenge we will face this year is the preparation of the 14th UN Climate Change Conference (COP 14), which will be attended by around 10 thousand participants. Some of the actions we have undertaken in connection with this project are also described in the magazine.

Enjoy your reading and we look forward to meeting you in Poznań.

Przemysław Trawa
President of the MTP Board
According to International Service Check, the Polish clothing market is one of Central and Eastern Europe’s most attractive markets. Its value is estimated at around PLN 15 billion and it is growing at the rate of 8-10% annually. This is reflected in the growing interest of manufacturers and traders in the Next Season, Body Style and Special Days contracting exhibitions. This success can also be attributed to the well-chosen trade fair formula. The manufacturers and traders will once again be able to meet their customers in a comfortable setting in a specially arranged exhibition hall and present their latest collections not only at the stands, but also at special fashion shows. The visitor registration system enables the exhibitors to build a database of all registered traders. It is worth noting that the spring edition of the exhibitions attracted nearly 4 thousand traders from all over Europe, including Russia, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, the UK, Spain and Italy.

Contracting exhibitions: Next Season, Body Style, Special Days

At Poznań fair grounds the autumn season is the starting point for a series of fashion meetings. Fashion collections are developed seasonally, for the spring/summer and autumn/winter seasons, which is why Poznań host seasonal comprehensive trade fairs for the clothing industry twice a year. These trade fairs comprise 5 separate events, i.e. three contracting exhibitions: NEXT SEASON Contracting Exhibition, BODY STYLE Exhibition of Lingerie and Beach Fashion, SPECIAL DAYS Exhibition of Wedding, First Communion and Evening Fashion, as well as TEX-STYLE Fair of Fabrics, Clothing and Accessories and Fair of Shoes, Leather and Leather Goods. The products offered by Poznań exhibitions are highly complementary, which makes for substantial time savings for the manufacturers and traders.

TEX-STYLE

Fair of Fabrics, Clothing and Accessories

The TEX-STYLE fair held under a motto “Fair made to measure” have been evolving towards a contracting formula. The next edition in September has been expanded to include special spaces – a co-operation exchange, window display inspirations, a trends forum for fabrics and accessories and presentations of new technologies. An important element of the trade fair programme are fashion shows and seminars concerning the current fashion trends, technology, trade and marketing. An unquestionable attraction of the upcoming edition of this trade fair will be the 2nd Polish Championships in Ironing, featuring contestants representing clothing companies and laundries as well as journalists.

At the contracting exhibitions in September the manufacturers will introduce their latest collections for the spring-summer 2009 season. The commercial catwalk shows are a crucial component of companies’ trade fair presentations and are aimed not only at showcasing new designs, but also introducing the company – providing support for business talks.
Interview with SYLWIA CIEROCKA
Marketing Manager at Aryton

In 1991 Aryton presented its first collection at the Poznań trade fair, which immediately turned out to be a great success. Today Aryton is a market leader. Could you tell us how you did that?

First and foremost you need a good product. Danuta Cierocka, the owner of Aryton, started off by creating collections herself, later on hiring Italian designers. These clothes combined a classic look with a bit of innovation. The first products offered by Aryton were coats with original designs, whose quality, both in terms of the fabrics used, as well as workmanship, quickly became one of the most recognized features of this clothing brand. Soon the collections evolved, becoming more extensive and forming complementary lines of women's apparel. As in the case of coats, the quality and uniqueness of these products, made using original high-quality fabrics, mainly Italian and French, often carrying the Woolmark quality label, has attracted many new loyal and satisfied customers to the brand.

And how did you conquer the market?

The company began its market expansion by co-operating with well-known boutiques and multibrand stores all over Poland. Currently the brand is distributed by around a hundred such outlets. However, the company's strategy has always foreseen a stage when it would create a chain of its own stores, under the Aryton brand. The first such store was created in Chmielno, next to the company's headquarters. Others soon followed, both owned by the company and co-operating as part of a franchise — in Gdynia, Warsaw, Kraków — and later on in more cities in Poland and abroad. All this was possible due to many business contacts established at trade fairs in Dusseldorf and Moscow.

Our trade fair meetings of manufacturers and traders in the clothing sector have evolved in line with the market needs towards the contracting formula. The growing interest generated by these events has proved that the decision to modify their character was the right one. Today we already know that the autumn edition will feature the most creative companies — market leaders. The fair of the shoes and leather sector looks set to be a very successful event, where the visitors will be able to meet leaders of the footwear and leather sector. Such a comprehensive and exciting range of products presented at our trade fairs attracts even greater attention of professional visitors, including the representatives of specialised boutiques and showrooms, as well as specialised multibrand stores from Poland and abroad. Buyers from New Europe have shown great interest in the exhibitions.

Fair of Shoes, Leather and Leather Goods

This trade fair provides a good opportunity for manufacturers and importers to showcase their latest products incorporating the current fashion trends. The daily Fashion & Time shows will draw attention to the most interesting designs and cuts. The trade fair is, first and foremost, a platform for business contacts, but also an opportunity to meet nearly everyone in the shoe and leather sector. In view of the current difficult situation (a drop in the value of US dollar and growing imports of Chinese footwear) frequent contacts with the target domestic and foreign customers are invaluable.

Market success

Interview with SYLWIA CIEROCKA
Marketing Manager at Aryton

How do trade fairs benefit such an established company as Aryton?

Aryton firmly believes in the Japanese kaizen philosophy that focuses on continuous improvement in all areas. That is why we continue to search for new inspirations, solutions and technologies. Our products go through a highly complex and sophisticated implementation process. Travelling around the world, attending large international trade fairs in Paris or the fashion capital Milan helps us keep up to date with worldwide trends. Owing to these explorations the collections presented at the Poznań trade fair and sold in our stores are in line with the latest fashion. We always value our participation in the Poznań fashion fair. It is here that we meet our regular customers and establish contacts with prospective business partners from Poland and abroad. Being at the trade fair helps us to develop our business in line with the adopted philosophy.
Let yourself be seen

This year’s Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO International Trade Fair of Advertising Goods and Services in September shall be held under a motto “Let yourself be seen!”.

This highly-specialized trade fair is the only exhibition of advertising gifts in the autumn, a perfect time to promote products when companies are developing advertising budgets for the coming year and make purchases before Christmas.

Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO
Effective developments

Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO trade fair is addressed to the representatives of advertising and PR agencies, as well as marketing departments of companies in various industries. The range of products offered by the exhibitors will be dominated by various advertising goods, mainly advertising gifts and gadgets. Advertising services providers and marketing agencies will also present their suggestions. There will be no shortage of trade media and specialised publications.

The advertising gifts sector in Poland is developing rapidly and experts predict this trend is likely to continue. More and more companies recognize the need to build up their image through suitable advertising gifts. That is why so many manufacturers and distributors have already expressed their intent to participate in the trade fair. They include Quo Vadis Polonia, which has remained a loyal exhibitor for many years.

According to the Managing Director Zdzisław Kałek, this year our primary task at the Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO trade fair will be to showcase the latest additions to our range of products. We offer two completely new products, which we wish to present to a wider audience – thematic organisers, a novelty on a worldwide scale, as well as a new form of luxury Premium diaries. We hope they will generate interest among the prospective buyers.

The trade fair will also be accompanied by interesting events, such as the 1st FAP Forum of Advertising Goods, a “Unique Advertising Goods” competition and the „Gadgets and Sports” conference.

I would like to encourage you to join us at this year’s edition of the Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO 2008 trade fair. GIFT EXPO is the most specialised event addressed to the Polish advertising goods sector and a venue for showcasing market trends and technological novelties. It is also a place where business contacts are established and the relations within the sector strengthened. I am convinced that the latest suggestions of the advertising goods market will provide invaluable inspiration to all marketing professionals, especially in the period when Christmas gifts are ordered.

JOŁANTA SUCHARSKA
Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO 2008
Project Manager

As in the previous year, the Polish Chamber of Promotional Goods will exhibit at Euro-Reklama GIFT-EXPO 2008 International Trade Fair of Advertising Goods and Services. This year we wish to change the formula of our stand, to create a so-called “meeting place”, where visitors will have an opportunity to meet the Chamber’s representatives, have a cup of coffee and discuss issues related to the advertising goods industry. This trade fair may become the most important event presenting the latest trends in promotional goods for the winter and spring season. According to the organisers the fair will be accompanied by a few interesting events and meetings. As the Chamber we plan on supporting the trade fair organisers to help them build up a good reputation for this exhibition.

GRZEGORZ FOJERSKI
Managing Director of the Polish Chamber of Promotional Goods
Gold Medal of the Poznań International Fair

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Gold Medals are granted in around 40 categories, pursuant to the criteria specially matched to the sector represented at a given trade fair.

MARKETING SUPPORT
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MTP Gold Medal Competition is open to Polish and foreign exhibitors.

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WHAT’S AHEAD

POLAGRA-FOOD 15–18.09.2008

Looking forward

The representatives of the food processing sector are already gearing up for New Europe’s biggest and most prestigious meeting, i.e. the POLAGRA-FOOD International Trade Fair of Food Products and Catering and POLAGRA-TECH International Trade Fair of Food Processing Technologies. Together with the International Food Ingredients Show held September 15-17, the trade fairs form a strong thematic block on an unprecedented scale.

POLAGRA-FOOD bound to be successful

POLAGRA-FOOD International Trade Fair of Food Products and Catering comprises five specialised exhibitions: Food and Drinks Exhibition, Catering Exhibition, Wine and Spirits Exhibition, Store Equipment Exhibition and Franchising Exhibition.

Every year the trade fair attracts around 1300 exhibitors from almost 40 countries, including Spain, Germany, Greece, Austria, Portugal, Turkey, China, Sri Lanka, as well as Lithuania, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. It also draws professional visitors – manufacturers, distributors, importers, owners of hotels, restaurants, wine cellars and representatives of large retail chains from Poland and abroad. This year the organisers expect an over 20% rise in the number of visitors, which last year exceeded 34 thousand.

Such great interest generated by the trade fair can be attributed to a good situation in the food processing sector noted over the past few years. According to the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics, in 2007 the value of Polish agricultural and food exports amounted to EUR 10 billion, increasing by 18% compared to 2006. The share of exports in the total sales reached 20% and has doubled over the past 4 years.

Poland is not only an exporter, but also a significant consumer of food products, which makes it a very attractive market, as well as a partner for co-operation. This is particularly evident at the trade fair, where once again foreign exhibitors are going to prepare joint international presentations. Already today we can reveal that the Pavilion of the Nations will feature companies from China, Spain, Austria, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Sri Lanka.

As always, the trade fair will be accompanied by an extensive programme of culinary shows, including presentations of molecular cuisine, confectionery, bartending skills, culinary competitions, such as the most prestigious Polish Culinary Cup, 2nd Polish Championships of Confectioners in the desserts category, 9th edition of the Wielkopolska Cook of the Year competition, the finals of the third edition of the Primerba Cup addressed to professional chefs and Poland’s first team championships of coffee chains. Moreover, the trade fair will feature a number of conferences, the 14th Forum of Butchers and Meat Producers, meetings of traders during the Two Days for Distribution event.
International Conference of Ministers

September 15, 2008, during POLAGRA-FOOD and POLAGRA-TECH trade fairs, is set to feature an International Conference of Ministers of Agriculture, accompanied by a panel discussion. The meeting will be held at the initiative of the Polish Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Marek Sawicki and attended by the Agriculture Ministers representing mainly, but not only, European Union Member States. The Conference will be devoted to the “Co-existence of various agriculture models”. Additionally, the organisers are planning a special area for the countries of the New Europe. It will be the New Europe Island, a joint undertaking thanks to which the countries will be able to present their commercial offer. Exhibitors from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Romania have already declared their participation in the project.

HANNA SKRZYPCZAK
POLAGRA-FOOD Project Manager

There are still a few months until POLAGRA-FOOD, but many exhibitors have already applied to showcase their products at the trade fair. For instance, record-breaking interest on the part of the dairy sector means that there are only a few stands left in the exhibition hall allocated for dairy products. An additional attraction is the fact that the adjacent hall will house an exhibition of machines and equipment for the dairy industry as part of the POLAGRA-TECH trade fair. Our trade fair naturally goes beyond just the stand displays. Anyone who has ever visited it knows how extensive the programme of accompanying events is. This year, apart from the regular features, we would like to invite the visitors to the first Coffee Olympics and Coffee Academy, shows entitled Meat in Spiceland, presentations unveiling the secrets of molecular cuisine, the Day of Young Caterers and the Experts Club. You can find out more in September!

Tasting of products during POLAGRA-FOOD trade fair create an opportunity for manufacturers to get a valuable feedback from customers.

Talks at the stands are often a first step into business contacts.
POLAGRA-TECH International Trade Fair of Food Processing Technologies is divided into five specialised thematic exhibitions, of which four are held on a biennial basis, while the Exhibition of Machines and Equipment for the Food Industry is an annual event. This year it will be accompanied by the Exhibition of Baking and Confectionery Industry and the Exhibition of Machines and Devices for the Dairy Industry, while in 2009 by the Exhibition of Machines and Devices for the Meat Industry and Exhibition of Refrigerating, Air-conditioning and Heating Devices.

POLAGRA-TECH exhibitors include many leaders on the food processing technologies market. Every year the trade fair attracts nearly 34 thousand professional visitors, comprising owners and co-owners of food production companies, decision-makers and production technologists from EU Member States, but mainly from the countries of New Europe. The latter are particularly interested in establishing business contacts with European suppliers of machines and equipment for the food processing sector. That is why this year we can once again expect many visitors from Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine and Belarus, as well as representatives of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia. The trade fair, owing to the presence of nearly all market players, is an excellent meeting point for the industry. This year this opportunity will be seized by the representatives of the dairy sector, who will gather at the 7th Polish Dairy Summit, as well as bakers and confectioners, attending the 14th Forum of Bakers and Confectioners. Sunday, September 14, has been declared the Baker and Confectioner’s Day. The bakers will also have a chance to compete in the 1st Polish Bakers’ Championships. Moreover, the trade fair participants may take part in special discussion panels tackling such issues as the opportunities to obtain EU funding by bakers and confectioners, the current situation in the grain processing industry or building a competitive advantage by food sector companies.

The trade fair is a time that benefits all of us. In the course of the trade fair we can learn more about the latest production techniques and technologies. We can also make purchasing decisions regarding many state-of-the-art machines and devices, often at very attractive prices. The trade fair introduces new technological solutions that make the bakers’ work more efficient. It is also a great opportunity to exchange experiences, meet your colleagues and hold business meetings. Moreover, it helps us to gain new know-how as part of the professionally prepared industry panels. The trade fair is also the time when old relations may be restored and new contacts established. It is a time for talks, exchange of opinions, experiences, expert advice – a time to integrate and foster relations within the industry. At the trade fair we meet the manufacturers of raw materials, machines and equipment, i.e. everyone who cares about the development of the baking sector.

At this year’s POLAGRA-TECH the visitors will have a chance to admire the competition between bakers to win the Champion of Polish Bakers title. The Championships winners will form a team, representing Poland in trade competitions taking place around Europe.

Stanislaw Butka
President of the Polish Baking Craftsmen Association
Last year’s decision to make POLAGRA-TECH an individual exhibition event was the right one, as shown by the record interest of exhibitors in this year’s trade fair. So far we have received 30% more applications than in the respective period of the previous year. What is more, the majority ordered exhibition space twice as big as last year. There are really very few locations left. With our exhibitors in mind we send out invitations to professional visitors not only from Poland, but also from the Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and other European states. The most important accompanying events include the 1st Polish Bakers’ Championships, the 7th Polish Dairy Summit and the 14th Forum of Bakers and Confectioners. Sunday, September 14th, has been declared the Baker and Confectioner’s Day.

Joanna Jasińska
POLAGRA-TECH Project Manager

Food ingredients are not a mass product, therefore the International Food Ingredients Show has been held as an independent event in a separate exhibition hall.

It is here that the owners and managers of food processing companies, as well as production technologists, meet with the exhibitors. There will also be no shortage of wholesalers and distribution centres supplying small and medium-sized enterprises not only from Poland, but also from the Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Lithuania, Kazakhstan and Moldova.

Interest in the exhibition has been growing year by year, which translates into the number of exhibitors and visitors alike. Wojciech Hoffmann, President of the Polish Chamber of Food Ingredients, says: “It is estimated that the global food industry now uses over three thousand various food ingredients. They are an essential element in the industrial production of foodstuffs in all sectors. These ingredients determine the visual and aromatic properties, as well as boost the quality of food products. Moreover, they replenish the sensory properties lost in the raw material processing, streamline the production process and enable the producers to create foodstuffs with original features.

Food ingredients are now gaining due recognition by the state authorities, which is reflected in the fact that the Consumer-Friendly Ingredient competition is now held under the auspices of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. The participants of the upcoming International Food Ingredients Show will have a chance to meet the winners of the competition, as the award ceremony will form part of the event. The award may be granted to such additional ingredients, which raise no health concerns and are characterised by unique quality, functional and aesthetic properties. The fundamental criterion for product evaluation is its innovativeness.”
A regular feature of the TAROPAK trade fair is the Sztaplar Show, a forklift truck tournament. The spectators will have a chance to see forklift trucks of nearly all makes available on the Polish market. The trucks and their operators competing in the tournament will represent either the suppliers or the manufacturers, which resembles the situation known from car racing tournaments. The Sztaplar Show will also include a presentation of forklift truck operation in a setting imitating real-life conditions, i.e. a warehouse. A special “Modern Warehouse Driving School” will conduct workshops aimed at improving the operators’ skills.

Towards automation

Interview with
MICHAŁ BUCIAK,
Commercial Director
at Ilapak Sp. z o.o.

Economic development results in growing demand for packaging and, as a consequence, for packaging machines. How do you assess the needs of the Polish market?

The 1990s and the beginning of the 21st century were still devoted to catching up with the rest of the world, replacing obsolete machinery and modernising production plants to include universal devices, capable of packing any products. Therefore, these were largely semi-automatic systems, still requiring significant participation of humans, especially when feeding products to the machine and picking up the finished packaging.

Today investors are facing other problems - rising labour costs combined with difficulty in finding people willing to perform simple tasks, such as feeding products to the packing machine. Hence the distinct trend towards greater manufacturing process automation, including unit and bulk packaging.

This has stimulated investments not in simple universal machines, but whole automated packing lines, less flexible when it comes to the range of products packed, but more efficient and dramatically reducing the need for staff. These are sophisticated complex systems, requiring suitable tuning already at the design stage, detailed machine specifications and, most importantly, highly-qualified professional service at the installation and training stage and maintaining the continuity of operation during production. That is why we focus on adequate technical training for our sales staff and building a strong service team, which has already generated measurable effects.

What is the marketing significance of your participation in the TAROPAK trade fair?

Ilapak trade fairs remain the best way of showcasing new packing equipment and trends on the Polish market. To our company, Poland’s biggest supplier of the “form-fill-seal” machinery, the trade fair is gradually becoming a place where, within a short time and in a single location, we can meet hundreds of businesses we co-operate with and to show them live what we are currently doing or introducing on the market. In this age of countless communication possibilities, regardless of the distance, the trade fair is losing its importance as a venue for establishing new contacts and attracting prospective customers.

TAROPAK

Good market situation, good trade fair

It is estimated that until 2010 the Polish packaging market is expected to grow by 5-10% annually, while its value will rise up to PLN 5.7 billion, whereas the European packaging market will note a mere 3% growth. A good market situation has attracted many exhibitors to this year’s TAROPAK, including brands of worldwide standing. It is here that many new products will be introduced for the first time. Special labels at the stands and information on new products published and distributed prior to the trade fair will make it easy to locate them among an extensive and varied range of products showcased at the exhibition.

Participation in the TAROPAK trade fair is more than just a chance to gain new distribution channels and establish co-operation, but also an opportunity to obtain a lot of useful information, conduct many talks, discussions and meetings. The presentations, conferences, workshops and competitions accompanying the trade fair facilitate dialogue between the sellers and the buyers, the exhibitors and the visitors. Interesting conferences will be held, among other, by the Polish Packaging Research and Development Centre, Polish Chamber of Packaging, the Logistics and Warehousing Institute, as well as trade publications.
Logistics is a rapidly developing branch of the economy. It is the logistics support techniques, methods and tools that determine the competitive advantage. These issues will be tackled by the part of the trade fair devoted to in-house transport equipment, warehouse management solutions, logistic services and technical assistance. TAROPAK 2008 will feature an "Innovations 2008" conference, whose participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the latest developments on the logistics market. Many persons are likely to be interested in the "Innovations for logistics" exhibition, i.e. a model warehouse with standard entry (goods-in) and exit (goods-out) areas and different variants of order picking zones, constructed in an exhibition hall over an area of 200 m². All machines presented in the warehouse are technologically sophisticated and innovative, setting the highest standards for logistics services.

The upturn on the Polish and European packaging market is conducive to the establishment of new business contacts and new forms of cooperation. No wonder than that the TAROPAK trade fair, the most effective venue for marketing operations, looks set to be a very interesting event. Poznań will play host to nearly 800 exhibitors from around 30 countries. We hope that they will have an opportunity to showcase their products to almost 40 thousand prospective customers from all over the world. The TAROPAK trade fair belongs to the COPE Confederation of Organisers of Packaging Exhibitions, which helps us to follow closely all changes taking place both at the packaging market, as well as the exhibition market. This allows us to offer you a modern trade fair that incorporates the latest worldwide trends.

Keith Pearson, President of the World Packaging Organisation, will be the guest of honour at this year’s edition of the TAROPAK trade fair. The WPO President will visit the trade fair on September 15 and 16. As part of his visit Keith Pearson will participate in the opening ceremony and hand awards and distinctions to the winners of the Nationwide PakStar Packaging Competition, as well as walk through the exhibition. On the first day of the trade fair he will also meet with journalists at a special press conference.

TAROPAK exhibitors have to answer difficult technical questions very often.

The first day of TAROPAK 2008 has been declared the "Packaging Day". It is organised at the initiative of the Polish Chamber of Packaging and aimed at promoting projects introducing packaging designers and manufacturers, as well as companies that have contributed to the development of the Polish packaging industry and market. Activities promoting packaging issues are conducted throughout the year, while September 15th will be the climax of these campaigns. On that day the Council of the Chamber will give awards to companies that have particularly contributed to the development and modernization of production, as well as stimulated the local industry representatives to be more active.

The winner of the competition Art of Packaging debuts was Artur Antkowiak for his packaging design "Crystal carafe".

The upturn on the Polish and European packaging market is conducive to the establishment of new business contacts and new forms of cooperation. No wonder than that the TAROPAK trade fair, the most effective venue for marketing operations, looks set to be a very interesting event. Poznań will play host to nearly 800 exhibitors from around 30 countries. We hope that they will have an opportunity to showcase their products to almost 40 thousand prospective customers from all over the world. The TAROPAK trade fair belongs to the COPE Confederation of Organisers of Packaging Exhibitions, which helps us to follow closely all changes taking place both at the packaging market, as well as the exhibition market. This allows us to offer you a modern trade fair that incorporates the latest worldwide trends.

Keith Pearson, President of the World Packaging Organisation, will be the guest of honour at this year’s edition of the TAROPAK trade fair. The WPO President will visit the trade fair on September 15 and 16. As part of his visit Keith Pearson will participate in the opening ceremony and hand awards and distinctions to the winners of the Nationwide PakStar Packaging Competition, as well as walk through the exhibition. On the first day of the trade fair he will also meet with journalists at a special press conference.

15th September Packaging Day

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Awarded packaging

This year, for the first time, the PakStar Nationwide Packaging Competition will be extended to include the first edition of the Student PakStar Nationwide Packaging Design Competition. The prestigious awards for the best packaging, packaging materials and packaging designs open the doors to competing in worldwide packaging competitions such as WorldStar and Student World Star, held by the World Packaging Organization. The award ceremony will take place during the trade fair, while a special exhibition will introduce the winning designs. TAROPAK 2008 will also feature a special exhibition presenting the packaging rewarded with the “Pearl of Packaging” distinction in the Art of Packaging 2007 competition.
The trade fair is, first and foremost, a venue for promoting goods and services and meeting prospective customers or business partners. An integral component of an exhibition are special marketing events, i.e. various types of events and campaigns highlighting a range of selected issues. The setting and structure of these events stimulate an emotional response among participants, which helps them to remember the content and increases the brand awareness.

Special exhibitions and shows

58% of companies surveyed by the EMNID Institute say that they take part in trade fairs because they wish to leave a lasting impression and be remembered. They can do so by participating in special events accompanying the exhibition or, in turn, suggesting and co-organising such initiatives. A good example of product promotion is getting involved in large-scale trade fair projects, such as the Live Furniture Factory at DREMA or hairdressing shows at the LOOK Forum.

An eye-catching stand

The visitors’ attention may be attracted by the exhibition stand itself, its architectural design and the events happening at it. Many companies use their presence at the trade fair as an element of a promotional campaign.

Competitions

Holding competitions that incorporate know-how of the company and its products is an effective tool to make the company’s participation in the trade fair and its products memorable. It also strengthens the relations between the exhibitor and the visitor – i.e. the customer. For instance throughout the four days of the INSTALACJE trade fair, the contestants in the 1st Polish Fitters’ Championships proved their familiarity with Viessmann and Grundfos products and the practical skills of fitting a model installation. The winner left the fair grounds in a brand new Volkswagen Caddy. Prestigious competitions have already become a regular feature of the LOOK Forum.

Meetings

Symposia, conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings with industry representatives are an inseparable feature of any trade fair. These meetings are addressed to professional visitors and attract large numbers of specialists to the exhibition. They are also accompanied by forums and discussion panels. This helps to voice certain problems and issues to a wider audience. The trade fair integrates the industry representatives and offers a perfect venue for lobbying activities.

This year our show at the main stage during the LOOK fair was particularly festive, as we are currently celebrating the 100th anniversary of the company. That is why we tried to take the audience on a journey through various periods, showing them how fashion, haircuts and hairstyles have changed over the years. Naturally shows at trade fairs do not translate into an immediate financial effect, however I believe such presence is important, out of respect for thousands of hairdressers who come to the trade fair often from far away to learn about the latest trends, seek inspiration and ideas. Our show was very well received, judging from the number of positive opinions we heard from our guests at the stand. Speaking of measurable effects for our company, shows at the large stage offer an excellent opportunity to build your brand. Ilirija is not a brand all Polish hairdressers will be familiar with, which is why the LOOK fair is such a good place for our company to show that we are a large and thriving business. We offer mainly professional hair styling products and the visitors to LOOK are mainly hairdressers. That is why our presence here, reinforced by shows on the main stage, is of such significance.

Wojciech Koperski, President of the Board, Ilirija Polska Sp. z o.o.
Participation of the Polish Chamber of Commerce of Furniture Manufacturers in the FURNICA trade fair is a means of establishing co-operation. This is the goal of our presence here. Already many suppliers of materials and accessories for the furniture industry co-operate with us, some of them as our Members. Our stand always features many interesting co-operation proposals, as well as information about the Chamber, the furniture industry and the manufacturers of furniture materials and accessories. During the trade fair we invite entrepreneurs to meetings with journalists at press briefings. We also hold conferences and discussions. The Chamber’s stand is also a good place to relax over a cup of coffee or tea, meet your colleagues and talk in a pleasant atmosphere.

Marek Adamowicz, Office Director, Polish Chamber of Commerce of Furniture Manufacturers

Why at the trade fair?

By holding special marketing events at the trade fair you can capitalise on the attention paid to them by industry representatives, as well as on the presence of professionals, entrepreneurs, traders, decision-makers, government officials and many journalists. These events are preceded by promotional campaigns: mailshots sent out to tens of thousands of professionals, advertisements in the Polish and foreign trade press, radio, television and Internet commercials. This way information can reach a wide audience. Events organised at the trade fair generate media attention. Media coverage is provided prior to, during and following the trade fair, in the daily press, trade press, on radio and television stations, as well as web portals. The trade fair attracts the representatives of all media – trade, nationwide, regional and local. ‘Trade fair events not only offer an opportunity to be featured in the media, but also to establish contacts with journalists.

Interview with

ALEKSANDER OWSIANOWSKI, Marketing Director of Pump Factory in Leszno

Your company has prepared a unique trade fair presentation. Your stand draws attention, is open and inviting to the visitors, but that is not all – there is a lot happening here. The open nature of the stand stems from our philosophy of having an open-minded attitude towards our existing and prospective business partners. We have nothing to hide as a company, our brand has been on the market for many years. Trade fairs offer an opportunity to meet new people. Often it turns out that despite the widespread use of the Internet it is these face-to-face meetings that carry the greatest potential for future business relations. Our stand was open to everyone – part of the stand was dedicated to those who wished to discuss serious trade issues, whereas the other part was addressed to those who simply wanted to have fun. Dance shows, beautiful girls and fiery routines attracted the male public, while coffee and biscuits served by our hostesses encouraged the visitors to stay a little while longer. Sports elements in the stand design referred to the upcoming EURO 2008 football championships and reflected the emotions accompanying the distribution of tickets to EURO 2008 games. We handed out nearly two thousand t-shirts and scarves with the slogan “Jesteśmy zaROMBiści” (“We’re great”) – certain to be seen at stadiums and streets this summer.

You have worked very hard on so many promotional events, do you believe this has translated into success?

The wide array of events offered by our company at the trade fair was based on the assumption that we need to offer something different and unique to each visitor, something to attract their attention and encourage them to see our products and discuss our current or future co-operation. For some of the trade fair guests this was the first time they have seen Pump Factory in Leszno following last year’s change of market philosophy and, consequently, the Corporate Identity. A new logo, new company colours and a new way of presentation seem to have impressed the visitors. In terms of fulfilling our objectives we have been successful – even more successful than we had hoped. However, our chief aim remains to make the most of the contacts established at the trade fair so that they can result in actual business dealings. We have a sophisticated CRM system at our disposal, which will help us analyse and monitor the new relationships.

Why did you decide to conduct the whole promotional campaign here, at the INSTALACJE trade fair?

Stand out or perish – this famous marketing motto guided us through the preparations. The INSTALACJE trade fair provides an opportunity to meet the widest audience of our customers, answer their queries, showcase the latest additions to our range of products, dispense professional advice and capitalise on direct, personal contacts. This is the time when we fulfil our work duties here in Poznań. The fact that we pooled all our resources for this particular event results also from its biennial cycle – right now two years on the market is a “to be or not to be” for a business – and we wish TO BE a more and more professional partner.
MTP offers a wide range of exhibition events addressed to the medical sector. Every two years in the spring the manufacturers and buyers of medical equipment meet at the SALMED International Medical Fair. This year the trade fair was held from March 12 to March 14, the next edition is scheduled to take place in 2010. Starting this year, Poland’s biggest meeting of dentists – CEDE Central European Dental Exhibition is also held in Poznań. The 18th CEDE Exhibition will be accompanied by the 14th Congress of Dental Teams. Both events will take place September 25-27. Another exhibition connected with the medical industry is the Poznań Optical Salon, which was held this year April 11-12, as well as the OPTYKA Optical Exhibition scheduled for November 7-8.

**SALMED**

**New products – new contacts**

The SALMED trade fair is a good place for the exhibitors to hold business talks, showcase their products and establish new contacts.

The trade fair visitors include the representatives of health centre managers, hospital directors, doctors and healthcare professionals. To them SALMED provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about a wide range of products offered by medical equipment manufacturers and distributors from all over the world and to exchange experiences. This year’s SALMED, featuring cutting edge medical apparatus and tools, hospital, clinic and surgery equipment, as well as laboratory and rehabilitation devices, attracted 5000 professional visitors.

Over 75 new products were introduced, including the latest generation of defibrillators, state-of-the-art ultrasound machines, medical compressors, operating tables, rehabilitation devices. The stands of exhibitors showcasing their products for the first time were marked by a special label, which made it easier to navigate the exhibition and locate a given product. There was no shortage of medical market leaders among the exhibitors. The biggest stand belonged to Factory of Hospital Equipment in Żywiec Famed S.A. The representatives of GE Medical Systems Polska, Dräger Polska, Shell Industries were also present, alongside many other leading medical equipment manufacturers. – says Anna Lemańska, SALMED Project Manager.

**Good market situation**

The Polish medical equipment market has been developing rapidly in recent years, which could be witnessed at this year’s SALMED International Medical Fair. Nearly 260 exhibitors from 17 countries – is a 25% rise compared to the previous year. A lot of foreign exhibitors turned up (over 50) from among others Germany, UK, Italy, Switzerland and the US. The report issued by PMR – “The Polish Medical Equipment Market 2008” states that over the next few years that market, currently worth PLN 4 billion, will continue growing at a rate of several% annually and by 2010 will have reached the value of nearly PLN 6 billion. The good situation on the market is confirmed by the words of Rafał Duraj, Sales Specialist at Astar ABR, one of exhibitors at this year’s SALMED: We are a manufacturer of state-of-the-art electronic medical equipment for physiotherapy and rehabilitation. We are continuously expanding our range of products and services, that is why we need to be present at SALMED, where we can meet many of our prospective customers. There is great demand in Poland for our equipment. Hospitals often have obsolete devices at their disposal and are forced to make new purchases. Moreover, there are many private clinics and rehabilitation centres, as well as SPAs. Not to mention the growing health awareness of Polish society and recognition of the positive effects of rehabilitation.
SALMED exhibitors showcased over 75 novelties. The eye-catching “NEW!” label made it easier to locate new products among other exhibits on display.

An exhibition accompanied by live presentations of the equipment offered is an additional advantage of the trade fair, eagerly seized by many companies. This year’s SALMED was no exception. A stand that attracted particular attention belonged to Famed Żywiec S.A., the leading Polish medical equipment manufacturer. Famed Żywiec S.A. held as many as four shows every day, at which it presented the latest solutions used in operating theatres, intensive care units, patients’ rooms and treatment rooms. These shows also offered an opportunity for practical exercises. Wojciech Tłalka, Marketing and Promotion Specialist at Famed Żywiec S.A., says: Shows at the stand and lectures in the Speaker’s Corner generate greater interest in what our company has to offer. At this year’s SALMED we have played host to many guests, not only thanks to the shows. Prior to the trade fair we sent out nearly 3000 invitations and I believe this has also boosted the turnout at our stand. This year’s SALMED has been very successful for our company, first and foremost in terms of the number of people who have expressed interest in our products. We have also won the Golden Aesculapius Medal for our LO-23 diode surgery lamp and the Acanthus Aureus Medal for our stand.

SALMED visitors had a chance to catch their breath and relax by playing a round of minigolf.

What makes the SALMED trade fair unique is its extensive programme of conferences. This year they were divided into three themed modules: SALMED Hospital, addressed to managers of healthcare facilities, SALMED Emergency Medicine for medical rescue workers and SALMED Laboratory for laboratory diagnosticians and clinicians. SALMED also featured the INTERHERBA 2008 conference and other seminars and specialist meetings concerning, among other, nursing issues. A new feature of this year’s trade fair was the Speaker’s Corner, a special area where exhibitors had a chance to hold presentations of their medical equipment. The total number of conference participants came to 1500. The picture shows Interherba 2008 participants.
Annual meeting of dentists

The Congress of Dental Teams, scheduled to take place from September 25 to September 27, 2008, will focus on general dental practice.

As usually it will play host to many distinguished lecturers with extensive clinical and research experience. Apart from Polish representatives, there will also be European speakers, from Italy, Germany, France and Slovakia. The lectures will tackle a wide variety of subjects. The speakers will discuss, among other, such issues as anaesthetics, methods of medical and prosthetic reconstruction of damaged dental tissue while maintaining microscopic precision, theoretical principles of using materials and techniques, achieving visual effects, professional hygienic solutions, the latest developments in endodontics and orthodontics. The scientific programme of the Congress will be supplemented by the sessions of Poznań Dental Practice Forum, featuring lectures by university staff, as well as a session for hygienists and dental assistants held by the Kwintesencja publishing house and featuring well-known and recognized lecturers from Germany.

We cannot waste the reputation of the exhibition

Ewa Mastalerz from Exactus sp.j. discusses the reasons for moving the CEDE Exhibition to Poznań

When you decided to move the CEDE trade fair from Łódź to Poznań didn’t you fear a drop in the number of exhibitors and visitors? After all this trade fair has an established reputation and many people have got used to the previous location.

It was not a rash judgement, it took us a while to reach the final decision. We considered all the pros and cons of moving the exhibition in general, as well as the upsides and downsides of moving it to Poznań. A new location may naturally cause some confusion, especially that Łódź had been CEDE’s venue for 17 years. However, both the growing exhibition, as well as the Congress of Dental Teams accompanying it, need more room to breathe, so to say, and we could not offer that in Łódź, either to the exhibitors or to the visitors. We have worked 17 years to build up CEDE’s brand and in order to preserve this brand we decided to move the event. The exhibition facilities in Poznań are incomparably better than in Łódź, which has already resulted in a greater number of exhibitor applications, while the number of lecture and workshop halls has enabled us to hold many parallel sessions for doctors, dental technicians and dental assistants. This has also provided us with a possibility to invite interesting lecturers and develop a programme incorporating issues from various fields of dentistry, so that anyone can find something of interest there. The CEDE Exhibition in Poznań enables companies to put up a better display of their products, but also to hold their own lectures and workshops related to the novelties on offer and to introduce the techniques and applications of the materials or equipment.

Of course, not to break with a 17-year tradition, the first evening of CEDE exhibition will feature a cocktail party held in the Spire of the MTP, followed by a gala dinner in the elegant restaurant of the famous hotel ‘The Palace’. The guests will have a chance to enjoy excellent food, wine and music and learn about the history and tradition of the building. The gala dinner is also an opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building and to present an award for the best restaurant in Poland.

The celebration will be concluded by the opening of Poznań International Fair, MTP Golden Medals are presented to exhibited products characterised by innovative solutions, high quality, as well as outstanding aesthetic values, ergonomics and usability.

GOLD MEDALS

The highest distinction awarded by the Poznań International Fair, MTP Gold Medals are presented to exhibited products characterised by innovative solutions, high quality, as well as outstanding aesthetic values, ergonomics and usability.
Joining forces and experience

Interview with JAN WITKOWSKI, President of the National Chamber of Optical Crafts

Polish customers searching for high-quality glasses in modern frames cannot complain – there are many opticians offering attractive products, where the customers may sometimes also have their eyes tested free of charge, while glasses can be made within a relatively short period of time. This is certainly partly due to the presence of Western chains – how are Polish companies coping?

When large foreign chains, such as Vision Express or Fielmann entered the Polish market, we feared that Polish companies would not withstand the competition. Fortunately that was not the case. We have more and more well educated and highly qualified opticians, not just graduates of technical secondary schools, but also universities. As in other European countries, our universities also offer courses for optometrists. Poznań is the leading centre for such education. Moreover, the Chamber holds additional courses and workshops aimed at increasing the qualifications of opticians, we also try to educate the customers, raising awareness of the importance of eye care and well-fitted glasses. The owners of optical shops constantly modernize their facilities, so that they can keep up-to-date with technological developments. In that respect we do not fall short of Western standards. Poland produces lenses and frames of the same quality as anywhere else in the world, using the same materials, tools and machines. Polish manufactures satisfy the domestic demand, part of the output is also exported.

When you decided, together with MTP, to organise the OPTYKA trade fair, you must have had good reasons to believe that it could be a success. What were the reasons?

The National Chamber of Optical Crafts holds annual optical congresses, usually attracting over 1000 participants. Due to the great interest of the industry in these congresses, we have arrived at a conclusion that it would be worth to extend such a meeting to include product exhibitions. The decision to organise a trade fair was taken together with MTP, as a partner who has adequate space and organisational potential at its disposal. I am counting on the interest of market leaders, who have always attended our congresses. Many of them have already expressed their intent to participate in the trade fair. I would like to stress that together with MTP we are currently conducting a large scale marketing and information campaign. We have, for instance, invited the Czech Association of Opticians and Optometrists, as well as the Union of German Opticians to participate in the trade fair – the two biggest industry organisations operating in the neighbouring states beyond our western and southern border. When you consider the combined experience of the Chamber and MTP, I am deeply convinced that the OPTYKA trade fair to be held in Poznań in November this year will turn out to be a success and will have great development prospects.

NEW

OPTYKA for the first time

On November 7-8, 2008 MTP grounds will, for the first time, play host to the OPTYKA Optical Exhibition, accompanied by the Optyka Conference held by MTP in co-operation with the National Chamber of Optical Crafts. The scope of the trade fair comprises eyeglass frames and their components, eyeglass and contact lenses and care products, aids for persons with visual impairment, special purpose glasses (sunglasses, sports glasses, protective glasses and other specialised eyewear), eyeglass accessories, optical and optometric instruments, materials and devices, as well as equipment for optical shops and opticians, pharmaceuticals, software and other products. The trade fair will be held on a biennial basis.

Opticians at the trade fair

In April the representatives of the spectacle optics sector gathered in Poznań at the Poznań Optical Exhibition, which is a good opportunity to see the latest solutions offered by manufacturers and supply their surgeries with all the necessary accessories.

All the established companies operating on the Polish market showcase their products in Poznań. These companies include the manufacturers or distributors of spectacle frames, spectacle and contact lenses and care products, equipment for optical shops, optical instruments, materials and devices, as well as aids for persons with visual impairment, sunglasses, protective and specialist eyewear. This is a great chance for them to present their products in a comprehensive way directly to their most important customers. Modern infrastructure ensures a comfortable setting for product display and business talks, which results in the growing popularity of the exhibition, with each subsequent edition generating greater interest. Next year will bring two editions of the event – on March 13-14 and September 25-26. The organisers – MTP and the Interprovincial Guild of Optical Crafts in Poznań are expecting an even bigger turnout.
Poznań trade fairs of the advertising industry have a clearly specified profile, which positively impacts the transparency of the product offer and facilitates business contacts. The spring Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO brings together the representatives of the out-of-home industry, while the autumn Euro-Reklama GIFT EXPO presents BTL advertising suggestions.

Next year the Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO trade fair will be held on April 21-24, parallel to POLIGRAFIA International Fair of Printing Machines, Materials and Services, Poland’s biggest trade fair of the printing industry, well established and recognized in Poland and in Europe. Together with a new event – TEKSPRO Fair of Textile Finishing and Marketing – the trade fairs will offer a comprehensive range of products for the outdoor advertising, printing and advertising print industry.

Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO
Another successful edition

This year’s edition of Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO International Trade Fair of Advertising Goods and Services was another successful meeting of the outdoor advertising industry. It attracted nearly 6 thousand professional visitors from 20 countries, who had an opportunity to learn more about the products and solutions offered by around 170 exhibitors from Poland, Germany, the Czech Republic, France, Slovakia and China. The exhibitors comprised mainly the manufacturers and distributors of machines and devices for the production of advertising materials, plotters and specialised printed media, as well as outdoor advertising media, light advertising solutions, direction signage systems, transit advertising, POS displays and exhibition systems. The products showcased at the stands included 49 specially labelled market novelties. Those that generated greatest interest included large-sized (120x240 cm) 3D adverts produced by means of lens printing on lenticular film. According to Paweł Więckowski, representing the Raster company, the producer of such prints, the technology itself has been known for a while, however, the size of the advert is new. We have decided to present these prints at the Euro-Reklama trade fair, as we consider it to be a great venue for showcasing new products. Over the three exhibition days a few thousand people walk by and come up to our stand – he adds. Owing to our presence at the trade fair we are able to promote our product well. Naturally we do not see the immediate effects of such promotion, as such advertising is costly, therefore, before anyone decides to place a firm order, they need to discuss their needs with us, we need to prepare samples and talk about a number of issues. Generally we are satisfied with the trade fair, as we managed to establish many contacts, our adverts have met with a positive reception, therefore I believe this will translate into better sales in the future.
We did not expect such good results. That is what the representatives of the outdoor advertising industry say. At the beginning of 2007 no one expected the sales to surge by nearly 19.5% compared to 2006. According to the data by the Outdoor Advertising Chamber the value of the outdoor advertising market in Poland in 2007 stood at PLN 625.6 m.

Rafal Lewinski, commercial director, Graph-Expert Sp. z o.o.

At this year’s Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO trade fair Graph-Expert’s stand was filled with new products, exhibited for the first time and marked with a special NEW! label. Do you think that placing your products in the Catalogue of Novelties and such special labelling makes for greater attention on the part of prospective customers?

Definitely. It is a fact that the products we offer, i.e. trimmers, laminators, cutters, assembly panels for labelling and direct printing, e.g. UV, materials for the production of graphic panels for exhibition systems, laminates, etc., are not as spectacular as finished light advertisements, car graphics or plotters. That is why such labelling helps to generate greater interest in the showcased products. The NEW! label is large enough to be seen from the distance. I myself saw many customers stop in their tracks to take a look at the labelled product. It is of enormous importance to us, as we consider the trade fair to be an excellent opportunity to launch new products on the market, owing to the large number of professional visitors. The interest in new products subsequently translates into new business contacts.

It is worth highlighting new products

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The Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO trade fair provides a great opportunity to present awards to the winners of the Polish edition of the prestigious Superstar Poland competition held for the POS sector by the Display GmbH Hamburg publishing house and MTP. The Superstar awards are granted for the best installations, as well as for the best designs, best technical quality and most innovative solutions. The award-winning works may be admired as part of a special exhibition.

As in previous years the European Media Group, publisher of Visual Communication and Print & Publishing magazine, prepared a number of attractions for the visitors. At the publisher’s stand they could see LED panels, seamless screens and a local digital signage network prepared by partners of the publishing house – Trias and GIG. Great interest was generated by shows of vehicle graphics application.

A special Printed Advertising Exhibition addressed to the printing industry featured printing equipment, materials and services aimed at the advertising sector. Large-format printing was also the subject of many conferences and specialised meetings, including a very popular conference and workshops from the Colour Management Academy series, held by Polski Drukarz publishing house, attended by nearly 130 representatives of large-format printing houses, prepress, DTP studios, manufacturers and distributors of large-format printers, POS displays and exhibition systems. Another event accompanying the trade fair was called the Magic of Large Format and was devoted to the latest market trends in digital large-format printing. It was organised by Hewlett-Packard and Digiprint.

The growing demand for large format outdoor advertising makes the offer of large-format printing companies more and more extensive at each edition of the Euro-Reklama OUTDOOR EXPO trade fair. This year the event attracted many market leaders, including such companies as Alma Trend, ARW Focus, Atrium, Dirigrint, Endutex, Hewlett-Packard, Jet Media, Lambda, Gré, PolKos, Signtech or Spandex.
WOOD AND FURNITURE INDUSTRY TRADE FAIRS

novelties and inspirations

DREMA and FURNICA are truly record-breaking trade fairs, year by year. Not only do they attract market leaders and market makers, but also offer an exceptional and extensive programme of accompanying events. This brings to Poznań crowds of professionals, prospective customers of the exhibitors. The trade fair organisers pay particular attention to developing effective means of communication between the two groups. We try to exceed the industry standards – this year the trade fair featured a full-size Furniture Factory. This project, unique on a European scale, met with critical acclaim by industry representatives and the media from Poland and abroad. We are already developing an even more interesting trade fair programme, setting the standards higher and higher, so that our trade fairs can serve the exhibitors and the economy as effectively as possible. We would like to encourage you to join us at DREMA and FURNICA to be held from March 31 to April 3, 2009, promising an even more interesting edition – says Miłosz Matelski, DREMA/FURNICA Project Manager.

DREMA, FURNICA

Prestigious

DREMA International Trade Fair of Machines and Tools for the Wood and Furniture Industries is recommended by EUMABOIS, held under the auspices of the Minister of Economy and features the representatives of nearly all world-famous brands. It is Central and Eastern, as well as Southern Europe’s most important trade fair of the wood sector.

The scope of the trade fair comprises a comprehensive range of products for the whole industry: starting with the sawmill sector, through wood processing, up to the production of final products. The exhibition presents solutions for small, medium and large-sized enterprises, interested in unit and mass manufacturing. At the same time and in the same location the FURNICA International Fair of Components for Furniture Production is held, offering an excellent opportunity to learn more about the latest trends in furniture components. The flexible and attractive formula of the FURNICA trade fair guarantees effective business communication between component manufacturers and suppliers and furniture designers and producers. Both DREMA and FURNICA trade fairs offer valuable insight into the market of wood and furniture industry suppliers. Seminars, forums, conferences – these are the places where specialists and company representatives answer questions and showcase cutting-edge technological solutions, discuss economic problems and hold debates. The fairs generate great interest among professional visitors from Poland and abroad. This year over 21 000 professionals saw the offer of nearly 800 companies from 21 countries. These trade fairs are also covered in length by the media. They arouse the interest not only of the trade press, but also of general media – press, radio and television. At this year’s DREMA and FURNICA 275 accreditations were issued to domestic and foreign journalists.
**SAWO 2008 Grand Prix and Gold Medals**

Grand Prix awarded by the Chief Labour Inspector in the “Personal protective equipment” category: SEDURA 2000 POZ./S/14 Air Cleaning Equipment with a protective hood, designed for use in fire emergency situations – Secura B.C. Sp. z o.o., Warsaw; in the “Control and measurement instrumentation” category: modular system for toxic and explosive gas detection – Gazien-Grzewski Sp.j., Warsaw • awarded by the Minister of Labour and Social Policy in the “Education and prevention” category: portal promoting knowledge of occupational health and safety rules, Central Institute for Labour Protection – National Research Institute, Warsaw • awarded by the Chief of the State Fire Service in the “Fire and rescue service equipment” category: WUS-1R Firefighter Balaclava – Volunteer Fire Service Association of Poland, Wylów; in the category: SV1022-channel acoustic dosimeter – Swantek Sp. z o.o., Warsaw • awarded by the Head of Central Institute for Labour Protection in the “Control and measurement instrumentation” category: SV 102 2-channel acoustic dosimeter – Swantek Sp. z o.o., Warsaw • awarded by the Chief of the State Fire Service in the “Fire and rescue service equipment” category: CALISIA AK-06 Firefighter Helmet – Kaliskie Zakłady Przemysłu Terenowego, Kalisz; in the “Fire protection systems” category: photoluminescent floor marker on a metal substrate – Top-Design Chwaszczyno, Brzeziny; in the “Fire protection systems” category: DINGX-AF fire extinguisher designed for use on cooking oil in catering companies and home kitchens – KZWM Ognochron SA, Andrychów; in the “Civil protection category: HW Future 19 – indoor fire hydrants with a semi-rigid hose – PPPH GRAS Piotr Grabowski, Korzybie

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**SECUREX 2008**

INTEGRA 12E-WRL Hijack and Intrusion Control Panel – Satek Sp. z o.o., Gdańsk • INTEGRAL EVOLUTION Fire Alarm System – Schrack Secomet AG, Austria, entered by: Schrack Secomet Polska Sp. z o.o., Warsaw • SALAMANDER Door Holder System – Stephenson Cabin Ltd, Great Britain, entered by: Malkowski – Martech Sp. z o.o., Poznań • SECU-MEDIA System – Optiguard Sp. z o.o., Toruń • OBSERVISION System – Observision BV, Neth-

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**Driven by novelties**

The trade fair is the best venue to promote new products. This has been recognized by DREMA and FURNICA exhibitions, which is why these events are dominated by novelties – new machines, new technologies, new materials, some of them worldwide debuts. These new products and solutions are promoted not only by the exhibitors, but also by the trade fair organisers. Prior to the trade fair special publications are prepared and sent out to prospective customers of the exhibitors, while current information about novelties is posted online. Upon entering the fair grounds, the visitors are handed a magazine informing them of what they can see, where and when, accompanied by technical descriptions and photographs of new products. At the stand displays new products are marked with a special label. The NEW! labels are signpost pointing the visitors to innovation. This is of great value to professionals, who are first to gain access to cutting-edge solutions, which is of enormous importance in the business world.
Meeting of industries

DREMA and FURNICA bring together the professionals from the wood and furniture industries. The presence at the trade fair of organisations operating in various sectors of the wood industry, as well as the furniture industry, provides an excellent opportunity for them to establish contacts between each other.

According to Marek Adamowicz, Office Director of Polish Chamber of Commerce of Furniture Manufacturers, it is necessary for furniture manufacturers and the Chamber to participate in FURNICA trade fair. It is very important to observe trends, new solutions and cheaper technologies. Andrzej Półroliczak, president of the DROMA Association of Manufacturers of Woodworking Machinery, Devices and Tools believes that the DREMA trade fair is the most important exhibition event for Polish manufacturers, which is why the members of our Association pay so much attention to the presentation of their range of products at the trade fair. Members of the DROMA Association display their offer as part of a joint exhibition space, which continues the idea of a joint promotion of the Polish woodworking machines, devices and tools’ sector.

Bogdan Czemko, director of the Polish Economic Chamber of Wood Industry, when asked about the importance of DREMA and FURNICA trade fairs for the Chamber, replied These trade fairs have always attracted the representatives of the global woodworking industry to Poznań. It is hard to imagine a better venue for fostering relations and establishing new contacts. DREMA is a perfect place to promote the Chamber and its Members, as well as bring together the whole industry. No wonder than that three years ago we managed to persuade a few other industry organisations to join us and today we exhibit together as an ISLAND OF ASSOCIATIONS.

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FURNICA trade fair is a presentation of the latest components enabling to realize even the most ambitious furniture collections.

The DREMA Training Ground – Varnishing was a true test for varnishing skills. The participants had an opportunity to discuss various technological solutions, take part in practical demonstrations, as well as a competition involving treating and varnishing a wooden surface.

The Polish Championships in Nail Hammering have already become a regular feature of the DREMA trade fair.

Visitors to the trade fair may admire the works of the winners of the “Conjured from Wood” competition addressed to the pupils of woodworking schools. The most important and the most difficult element of the competition is coming up with the idea for the wooden object itself.

The Polwood Economic Forum of the Polish Wood and Furniture Industry, accompanying the DREMA trade fair, is a venue for dialogue between wood industry representatives, experts, market analysts, researchers, decision-makers and politicians.
GARDENIA

Ideas for garden arrangements, seeds, seedlings and gardening accessories, as well as regional Wielkopolska delicacies awaited the visitors at the GARDENIA 2008 Garden Trade Fair. In a comfortable setting of modern exhibition halls the exhibitors not only had an opportunity to put up an excellent display of their products, but also to conduct business talks in a relaxed atmosphere. GARDENIA 2008 attracted 10 thousand gardening enthusiasts. Over 130 companies seized the opportunity to showcase their products. The exhibition featured nearly 100 novelties, including pergolas, garden furniture, flower pots, gardening and lighting equipment, the latest irrigation systems, plant support solutions and different varieties of plants and shrubs.

COMPETITION FOR DESIGNERS

The “Greenery in the City” competition, held by the Polish Association of Garden Designers and GARDENIA Trade Fair attracted over 300 architects from Poland and abroad. The task was to develop a greenery concept for a designated urban square in Poznań. The competition was held under the auspices of the President of the City of Poznań and MTP. The winner of the competition was Ewa Czerwińska.

DAY FOR PROFESSIONALS

The first day of the GARDENIA trade fair is always addressed solely to professional visitors – garden designers and landscape architects, owners of gardening centres and stores, as well as companies developing gardens and green areas. In 2008 landscape architects responsible for green areas in cities had a chance to attend a seminar entitled Urban Gardening Art – “Trees in Urban Architecture”, which attracted over 160 participants.

REGIONAL PRODUCTS

The Regional Produce Market offered a chance to purchase regional delicacies, produced using traditional recipes by family companies. The Market, organised in cooperation with the Wielkopolska Marshall’s Office also included works by local artists – sculpture, wooden cut-outs, dried flowers arrangements and decorative elements made with moss and hay.

FLORIST SHOWS

Poznań Branch of the Scientific and Technical Association of Horticultural Engineers and Technicians held Florist Shows featuring the Polish Florist Champions from the previous years. The florist shows were accompanied by an open competition for the most beautiful occasional bouquet and the most interesting wedding bouquet. The winner can now enter the Eurofleurs 2008 European competition for young florists, held in Brussels.

HOW TO ARRANGE A HOME GARDEN

Landscape architects advised the visitors how to arrange their home garden. All they needed was a map and pictures of the garden.
SECUREX

Technology for special purposes

The Polish society is becoming more aware of the existing threats and the need to secure property and protect people. This growing awareness stimulates demand for technical devices increasing security. Social needs lead to faster implementation of state-of-the-art equipment.

The SECUREX trade fair provides an excellent venue for showcasing the latest solutions in the field of crime prevention, threat detection, visual surveillance (CCTV) or security systems. This year the exhibition featured over 180 such new solutions. Companies realise that finding new products is one of the main objectives of trade fair visitors. According to the research conducted by Exhibition & Event Association of Australia, visitors come to the trade fairs first and foremost to see a new product or service, obtain market information, learn about new technologies and establish business contacts. This opinion is shared by 79% of Polish exhibitors surveyed by Pentor. In a single location SECUREX exhibitors have access to a wide audience, comprising architects, installation designers, fitters and contractors, developers, companies providing security services for banks, museums, shopping and hotel chains, public services, as well as to security personnel.

SECUREX International Security Exhibition, Poland’s biggest trade fair of the security industry, is held on a biennial basis. This year the event attracted 216 exhibitors, including representatives of 18 countries. The trade fair featured nearly all Polish security market leaders (many of which operate globally), as well as many small and medium-sized enterprises. The SECUREX exhibition, held parallel to the INSTALACJE International Trade Fair for Installations and Equipment and SAWO International Fair of Work Protection, Fire-Fighting and Rescue, was visited by nearly 28 thousand guests.

Trade fair events

The SECUREX trade fair not only offers a comprehensive overview of property security products and services available on the Polish and foreign markets, but also provides a platform for the exchange of experiences and information concerning state-of-the-art systems supporting secure operations of companies or households. The trade fair is accompanied by numerous professional conferences and seminars. The fact that the SECUREX trade fair brings together almost all representatives of the industry provides an excellent opportunity to reward the best and hold award ceremonies for the winners of such competitions as the Polish Master of Alarm Technology, addressed to the best manufacturers and distributors of electronic and electromechanical property and personal security devices. This year the trade fair featured the 1st Championships of Polish Installers of Alarm Systems, promoting the sector of technical security devices, new technologies and equipment, as well as offering an opportunity to present experiences and installation skills.
SAWO International Fair of Work Protection, Fire-Fighting and Rescue is held on a biennial basis. This year's edition in April showcased a wide range of the latest equipment and solutions addressed mainly to the work protection sector, but also fire-fighting and rescue services. The next edition is scheduled to take place in 2010, while the Innovations-Technologies-Machines Poland trade fair taking place on June 15-18, 2009 will feature a Work Safety in Industry exhibition. The SAWO trade fair is held under the auspices of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Chief Labour Inspector and Chief of the State Fire Service. This shows how much attention the state authorities pay to issues related to work protection, safety and rescue.
Over the past few years there has been growing interest of business enterprises in solutions increasing the safety at work, as well as in modernizing the equipment available to emergency and rescue services. Hence the marked technical and technological progress in those sectors. Such progress was clearly visible at SAWO mainly in the products offered by global leaders. Manufacturers and distributors of occupational health and safety products as well as fire-fighting equipment dominated the exhibition. The trade fair attracted 200 exhibitors from 20 countries. Foreign companies accounted for over 30% of all exhibitors. A wide offer of new products presented by domestic and foreign exhibitors, spectacular rescue shows, numerous conferences tackling the issues most pressing for the sector – all this acted as a magnet, drawing a wide audience to the trade fair. The visitors included occupational health and safety officers, professional and voluntary fire fighters, as well as distributors and wholesalers of personal protection products and fire safety installations. The SAWO trade fair offers an excellent opportunity not only to learn more about state-of-the-art solutions, but also to meet other industry representatives, hand awards to winners of trade competitions and to hold many informal meetings and talks.

In the knowledge zone

Conferences, seminars and lectures form an inseparable component of the SAWO trade fair. They always generate great interest among trade fair participants, especially that they are organised by renowned institutions. This year the organisers included the National Labour Inspectorate, Central Institute for Labour Protection – National Research Institute, Poznań-based Provincial Headquarters of the State Fire Service, Wielkopolska Branch of the Association of Firefighting Engineers and Technicians, Poznań University of Medical Sciences, “Road and Safety” Association, and the Centre for Applied Ergonomics.

Keeping up with requirements

SAWO 2008 participants could not complain of boredom. The Provincial and City Headquarters of the State Fire Service in Poznań prepared spectacular shows focused on high altitude, chemical and environmental, as well as road and medical rescue operations.

The four days of the SECUREX trade fair featured many interesting seminars and lectures held in cooperation with trade associations, research centres and the exhibitors.

Special shows during SECUREX fair generated not only great interest, but also, at times, fear and awe.
Once every two years the manufacturers and distributors of air-conditioning, refrigeration, water and sewage, heat generating and heating products and technologies gather in Poznań to showcase their market offer. This presentation is eagerly awaited both by institutional, as well as individual investors. This year the INSTALACJE 2008 International Trade Fair for Installations and Equipment attracted 537 exhibitors from 21 countries, who presented their products over an area of 31 thousand m². The exhibition was visited by nearly 30 thousand guests. The success of the INSTALACJE trade fair can be attributed to the high standard of the exhibition, the presence of industry leaders, the international nature of the event, the interest shown by the state administration, as well as an attractive programme of accompanying events. This allows to believe that the next edition in 2010 will be even better. The greatest success of this trade fair is the number of new products. The trade fair also featured new events addressed to industry representatives, such as the Polish Fitters’ Championships or a special “Fireplaces on Fire” project – the only such event in Poland and one of few in Europe.

New products and market premieres are the strongest magnet drawing professional visitors to the trade fair. Many experts consider exhibitions to be a source of innovation and they quote this as one of the chief reasons for their visit at the trade fair. The organisers actively promote innovative products submitted by the exhibitors in the Guides for Visitors addressed to the professional audience, listing their technical specifications, publishing photographs and the location of a given exhibitor. Such information is also posted on the trade fair website. The Guide not only helps the visitors to navigate the exhibition, but also provides them with an opportunity to review and compare various solutions. The last edition of the INSTALACJE trade fair featured over 250 new products, many of those worldwide debuts.

Poznań invites progress

A lot of excitement was also generated by the first Polish Fitters’ Championships, at which a large group of installation fitters showed off their skills. The first position was awarded to Mr Adam Hryniewicz, who left the fair grounds in a brand new Volkswagen Caddy.

Representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure could be met at the INSTALACJE 2008 trade fair both among the visitors as well as among lecturers at seminars and conferences. At the seminar devoted to installation technologies in low-energy consumption buildings a special lecture was given by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure, Piotr Styczek.
An advantage of the INSTALACJE trade fair is the presence of many industry leaders. Below you will find a selection of their comments.

This is Poland’s most important event addressed to the installations sector. Certainly Marley’s participation in this trade fair proves its position on the Polish market of installations and fittings. Owing to the market upturn, our company has noted steady demand for our materials. INSTALACJE International Trade Fair for Installations and Equipment offers an excellent platform for the exchange of experiences and contacts with our business partners and prospective customers. I believe this trade fair provides accompanying events of very high quality, which attract many installation professionals, says a marketing specialist at Marley, the leader of the Polish gutter systems market.

The INSTALACJE trade fair is Poland’s biggest exhibition of the installations sector. That is why we simply have to be there. We always try to emphasize our presence by becoming involved in innovative projects accompanying the trade fair. A wide range of exhibitors, including many market leaders and specialists, combined with excellent credentials of the organisers make this a number one event among trade exhibitions for the installations sector. INSTALACJE provides an excellent forum for the exchange of know-how and establishing new contacts between industry specialists. By participating in this trade fair we have a chance to introduce our company and its latest products to a wide audience of prospective customers – says Dorota Winiarska, communications and advertising manager at Viessmann.

We recognise the potential and reputation of the INSTALACJE trade fair, which is why we came to Poznań. We have been co-operating with MTP for nearly 10 years. This year our company has had the first ever opportunity in Poland to present a lit fireplace live. This is an exceptionally attractive and prestigious event – says Mirosław Szyrle, Marketing Specialist, Spartherm.
This year's LOOK Hairdressing Forum, together with the beautyVISION Cosmetics and Solaria Forum attracted 28% more exhibitors than the previous year and a record-breaking 11,500 visitors. 215 companies representing 280 best brands showcased their products in the most modern complex of 4 exhibition halls, all connected by a glass roof, with a beautiful linden tree alley in the middle. This was a good scenery for trade fairs devoted to beauty and the products used to emphasize it.

The most fashionable hair styles, the latest hair colouring trends, professional equipment and cosmetics for hairdressing salons – all this can be found at the LOOK Hairdressing Forum. This trade fair has always featured an impressive array of shows. Hairdressing is a sector that requires space, an interesting setting, a direct presentation. That is why the atmosphere at the LOOK Forum is so unique. The exhibition halls are lively, you can hear music and the voices of presenters, the visiting public is swarming the stands where exciting shows are taking place or shopping for hair products. As one owner of a hairdressing salon from Swarzędz near Poznan says: The LOOK Forum has been firmly entered into my diary and I am yet to miss an edition. I always learn something new here. Obviously the fashion trends in our business change rapidly. I cannot cut my customers’ hair now the same as I did a few years ago. The numerous shows at the stands allow me to take a closer look at the work of good stylists. Not to mention the presentations on the main stage, as these are a real treat. Moreover, I always do my shopping here at good prices.

The aim of the Creator competition is to discover new hairdressing talents. The winners get to participate in international competitions and are noticed by hairdressing concerns, which opens the door for them to take part in shows and workshops. This year saw the sixth edition of the competition; of 44 contestants the best one was Żaneta Grzechnik from Gdynia.

At the Polish Open Championships in Hair Lengthening and Thickening the contestants must, apart from demonstrating innovative methods of hair thickening and applying extensions, create a modern hairdo and show various colour contrasts. This year the Champion’s title went to Marta Kusińska from Warsaw.

HAIRDRESSING COMPETITIONS
The Polish Open Hairdressing Championships have accompanied the LOOK Forum from the very beginning. This is the most important event addressed to hairdressers, held by the Polish Hairdressing and Cosmetics Committee of the Polish Crafts Association and the Wielkopolska Crafts Chamber in Poznan. The Champions represent Poland on the international arena. This year the junior category featured 113 contestants, of whom the following two won the Champion’s title: Sabina Janda from Racibórz (ladies’ hairdressing) and Dominik Degowski from Gdańsk (men’s hairdressing). The senior category featured 25 contestants. The Polish Champion’s title went to Joanna Jakubek from Rumia (ladies’ hairdressing) and Daniel Pasierb from Ruda Śląska (men’s hairdressing).
Nails up!

This year’s beautyVISION Forum was dominated by nails. Shows at the stands, competitions, professional debates devoted to nails reflect the current fashion trends.

All those interested in nail care and nail decoration techniques were happy to participate in the 2nd International Polish Nail Art Championships 2008 and the Nail Expert MTP. Congress of Nail Art Championships 2008, which was happy to participate in the beautyVISION Forum, commented on the first edition of the event: The success of beautyVISION can be attributed to active marketing operations by the trade fair organisers. Effective promotion resulted in greater interest at the beautyVISION Forum, commented on the competition was held.

The Championships were attended by a Jury, comprising: Sylwia Pfajer, Chair (Beautica), Halina Grabicka (La Femme Cosmetics), Emilia Kossakowska (Waller Polska), Beata Pokropek (CM Professional), Victoria Spečilová (the Czech Republic), Izabela Stełmaszyk (IMS Nails), Mirosława Tumkiewicz (La Femme Cosmetics). The first prize and the title of the Polish Nail Art Champion 2008 went to Violetta Lewkowicz from Szczecinek, Sylvia Pfajer, Chair of the Jury, praised the skills of the contestants. Every year when I sit on the Championships Jury I can see how quickly Polish stylists are improving and expanding their ever-growing skills. Nails were decorated with landscapes of magical gardens, beautiful flowers, colourful birds. The nail decoration was complemented by carefully selected outfits and beautiful make-up of the models – it was sheer magic. The whole Jury enjoyed assessing such colourful and magical works. The Championships are a perfect test of our imagination, creativity and emotions.
Big stage, great show

The LOOK Forum has always featured company shows on a large stage in a specially allocated hall seating nearly 1000 people. The interest in the shows is enormous, as the professionals visiting the trade fair – hairdressers and beauticians – have a unique opportunity to admire the work of famous stylists representing well-known brands. These shows are often quite intimate, surprising the public with their flawless choreography, excellent music and interesting ideas. Companies seize this chance to reinforce their image.

We have participated in the LOOK Forum every year, as we believe that our presence at this important trade fair strengthens our brand and boosts the customers’ confidence in the company. It reassures them that Adrion Trade has a strong position on the market, invests in promotion and wants to keep its partners satisfied and certain that they use good products of an established company. This year we also held a show at the main stage, as a matter of prestige and an opportunity to introduce new products to hairdressers.

Katarzyna Michalska, Adrion Trade

Extensive programme of events

Visitors to the beautyVISION Forum, dominated by beauticians, were offered an opportunity not only to see the latest products available on the market, but also to learn a lot. Many stands featured shows and presentations of make-up, nail care, eyelash extensions and thickening, body and facial care procedures. Moreover, such events were accompanied by interesting seminars, workshops and make-up and nail decoration championships, attracting crowds of visitors. Hanna Jarzębska, who works in a beauty parlour in the centre of Poznań was enchanted: You can not only watch how professionals work but may ask questions and get comprehensive explanations. I was especially impressed by nail art championships. As a matter of fact I cannot imagine to do such things to my clients, but it is nice to watch. It develops imagination.

It is worth travelling hundreds of miles to see him. That is why finding an empty seat at his show was next to impossible. The star of this year’s LOOK Forum, JeanLuc Paris held an almost one hour long show at the main stage, as well as running a closed workshop concerning the latest haircutting and hair dyeing techniques. This internationally-famous French stylist runs a hairdressing salon in one of Berlin’s most prestigious streets. For the past 15 years he has been one of the most important and most intriguing stars of “Haute Coiffure”. He was invited to Poznań by MTP and Goldwell, a company he has co-operated with for many years.

Shows at the stands are an inseparable feature of the LOOK and beautyVision. They always generate great interest among the professional visitors.
This year MTP played host to the second edition of Polish Open Championships in Professional Make-up. The Championships are held by the Polish Hairdressing and Cosmetics Committee of the Polish Crafts Association and Wielkopolska Crafts Chamber in Poznań, in cooperation with Anita Folaron’s School of Professional Make-up and Styling. The Championships are open, which means that anyone can participate, regardless of age or education. The contestants compete in two categories: “Business women” make-up to be worn during the day, creating the image of a successful career woman, which should also reflect the model’s personality and “Haute couture” make-up, where the stylists need to be creative. This year the Championships attracted 20 contestants. The grand prix went to Elena Stoszek from Gdynia.

The main stage is a venue for presentations addressed to a wide audience. It is here that companies showcase the latest trends and products and raise awareness of their brands.

Solaria

The 5th Solarium Seminar “The Sun in your Hair”, held under the auspices of the editorial board of Solarium&Fitness magazine, has already become a regular feature of Poznan trade fairs. It previously accompanied the LOOK Forum, this year it became a natural component of the beautyVISION Forum. At this annual meeting highly-qualified experts discuss the most interesting issues, both related to health, as well as marketing. This year the discussions focused on the impact of phyto-biological radiation from light sources on the human body, as well as practical and effective methods of suggesting solarium cosmetics to a customer.
Preparations for COP14 are in full swing

Although the 14th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held December 1-12, 2008 is still a long way away, at MTP, acting as the host of the event, the preparations are already in full swing.

On April 25th the UN Secretariat’s Technical Mission visited Poznań with the aim of discussing the current state of play in the organisation of the conference by the Polish government and the city of Poznań. The conference is expected to attract around 8 thousand participants: over 190 government delegations led by ministers of environment or climate change, international, environmental, business and research institutions, non-governmental organisations and the media. The Secretariat’s representatives were pleased with the progress made and were optimistic about further developments related to the conference. Following her visit, the UN Climate Change Conference Co-ordinator Salwa Dalalah said: In Poznań we were able to see excellent conference facilities and their arrangement. We also learned more about the plans for conference logistics, transportation and educational schemes, I am convinced that the government, in concert with the local government representatives, will perform their duties related to the first ever United Nations conference in Poland very well.

Craftsmen have honoured MTP

For many years MTP has supported Polish crafts and has always maintained friendly and efficient cooperation with Polish craftsmen organisations. This excellent co-operation has been recognised by the Polish Crafts Association, which decided to grant to MTP its prestigious distinction – Jan Kilinski’s Gold Medal. This medal has been awarded for 30 years by the Polish Crafts Association to companies promoting entrepreneurship in Poland and abroad, as well as actively contributing to the development of Polish crafts. The Jan Kilinski’s Gold Medals went to Barbara Vogt, LOOK and beautyVISION Project Manager, for her contribution to the development of Polish crafts and model co-operation with the Wielkopolska Craft’s Chamber in Poznań and to Elżbieta Roeske, MTP Product Group Manager, for her lifetime work in co-operation with craftsmen organisations, including, in particular, the Wielkopolska Crafts Chamber in Poznań.

From Poznań to Turin

On Saturday May 10th MTP grounds were swarmed with trucks as part of the qualifiers for the UICR World Championships of Professional Drivers, whose finals will be held in October in Turin, Italy. The level of the championships was high and the competition fierce. The participants had to go over a difficult obstacle course to test their driving precision, involving knocking off a ball, reversing the vehicle or passing through a narrow corridor. The tasks and the layout of the obstacle course resembled those that will be evaluated in the finals. The drivers also had to sit a highway code test and show they knew how to properly secure the transported load.

Poznań Game Arena at the forefront

Poznań Game Arena Multimedia and Entertainment Exhibition was ranked third in this year’s edition of the “Fantomy” competition, in the “biggest event of 2007” category. The awards granted by Onet.pl portal are the most prestigious distinctions in the Polish computer and video games industry. The products in each of eight categories were nominated by Poland’s most renowned computer journalists, representatives of distributors, as well as famous computer gamers. 34 thousand Internet users cast their votes at the fantomy.gry.onet.pl website. It was their decision to give Poznań Game Arena – one of the biggest events addressed to gaming enthusiasts in Poland – the third position in the “biggest event of 2007” category. PGA is a festival of computer and video games, role-play games and extreme sports, held since 2005 by MTP. Last year’s edition of PGA attracted 17 thousand digital entertainment fans, who played nearly 200 tournaments and competitions. The exhibitors showcased over 100 games.

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Logistics professionals feel good in Poznań

The excellent conditions offered by MTP persuaded the representatives of the logistics sector to hold their ninth consecutive international annual congress here. The ninth Logistics Congress – Logistics 2008 under a motto “New challenges – new solutions” was held May 7-9. The main theme of the Congress were new market opportunities, security issues, economic and political aspects currently affecting the development of the logistics industry. The Congress attracted over seven hundred participants, who attended 60 lectures, 3 technical inspections in Wielkopolska’s leading enterprises and 4 thematic workshops. The Congress was accompanied by an exhibition entitled “Logistics Market 2008”, presenting the offer of logistics and IT companies, warehousing technology suppliers, as well as logistics ports and centres.

Debate of 1000 doctors

Around 1000 specialists from all over Poland participated on April 17-19, 2008 in the 2nd Nationwide Congress of the Polish Cardiodiabetes Society, held at MTP grounds. A plenary and problem session, featuring many outstanding experts, tried to find answers to such questions as how to effectively prevent the further spread of the diabetes and ischemic heart disease epidemic and how to treat patients to avoid potentially life-threatening consequences.

Smile Creators

Such was the motto of the 1st Dental Symposium, held May 16-17 at MTP grounds. The symposium featured lectures, workshops and presentations of equipment. An additional attraction was a dental fashion show and a Pearl Banquet at Delicjusz Hotel, with a performance by singer Krzysztof Kilianiński and a show of magic by Maciej Pol, Polish most distinguished illusionist.

Stand with magnetic powers

Interview with ZBIGNIEW JÓZEFIÓK, MTP Technical Services Manager

A good exhibition stand is one of the key factors determining a company’s successful participation in a trade show. “What should it be like?”, we asked our expert – Mr Zbigniew Józefiok, Technical Services Manager of MTP. The department prides itself on numerous awards presented for the arrangement and comprehensive development of “turn-key” exhibition stands. It develops around 3,000 stand designs each year, which translates into ca. 12 designs per each working day.

We have a broad experience and extensive practical skills in constructing stands. We derive much satisfaction from both our customers’ appreciation and the recognition we gain in a wider forum. Our work has won us numerous Acanthus Aureus awards, which are presented to stands characterised by interesting architectural qualities and solutions creating an optimum working environment, such that facilitates business talks. We are aware that the stand is an essential element of fair marketing — just like exhibitor’s visiting card. Our experience tells us that there are three basic things that must work properly for an exposition to prove successful. First of all, the stand marks the presence of a company at the fair — it should therefore be easily recognisable, attracting fair visitors’ attention. Still, its primary function is to showcase the company’s offer — it ought to display the products effectively. Finally — what is of utmost importance in direct marketing — the stand should facilitate communication with the customer and the market. It is after all a workplace, a space for conducting business meetings. The crucial thing is to make the fair exposition consistent with a corporate marketing strategy.

How do these theoretical guidelines translate into practice?

We work with each customer on an individual basis. Everything depends on their expectations, so it is really important for a company to clearly specify the requirements concerning the stand concept. When deciding to participate in a trade show, the exhibitor must answer a number of questions before the stand is designed: what is the purpose of the company’s participation, who are the addressees, and what message should the stand convey? We are capable of meeting even the most extraordinary expectations, making even the most sophisticated ideas come true. We can stick to designs provided by the customer, but there is also a possibility of employing MTP’s design team. Everything is possible in our department — from arranging conventional stands to delivering unique solutions, as well as original stage setup designs for congresses and conferences. We are ready to share our knowledge and experience with customers, with whom we also engage in a dialog to work out the best concepts possible. Much depends on the goal of participating in the fair. As regards stand preparation and construction, it does make a difference whether a company intends to develop its sales network at the show, or launch a new product. I believe that it is important for an exhibitor to cooperate with an experienced designer — one that will suggest optimum solutions, with a contractor who not only knows his field very well, but also has extensive practical skills which allow construction work to proceed smoothly. Basically, a lot depends on good cooperation with a reliable stand designer and constructor.

In your opinion then, it is worth betting on the professionalism and experience of the MTP Stand Construction Department?

I believe so, especially taking into account our experience and professionalism, which go hand in hand with the latest solutions. We are employing cutting-edge technologies in our construction jobs, attempting to strengthen corporate and product image, resorting to architectural innovations, space arrangement, lighting, sound and other techniques. We offer professional arrangements and a comprehensive development of “turn-key” exhibition stands. Depending on the financial resources available, we can implement different concepts and designs, always ensuring top quality of work. We are at the disposal of exhibitors during stand installation and throughout the duration of the fair, ready to solve any problem relating to stand construction. First and foremost, we are aware of the true nature and specificity of trade shows. We know how important it is to give a stand its original character that would be closely connected with the corporate marketing strategy. When designing and constructing exhibition stands, we know that they must possess unique magnetic powers — and this is exactly what we aim at.
For those few days, the city will turn into a gigantic stage, with performances taking place not just on the grounds surrounding Lake Malta, but also in the Old Market Square, streets, squares, city theatres as well as arts and culture centres. The festival will seize any kind of space available. Even though more and more performances are now being held indoors, Malta— in line with its original idea—remains an open-air festival and a stage for non-repertoire and non-mainstream theatre groups, as well as shows bordering on theatre and circus, or theatre and dance. This is a great celebration of theatre, combining street and alternative performances with professional theatres, "conventional" exhibitions and concerts. The cultural offer of the Festival is extremely rich. All events generate great interest, and the visiting artists are invariably impressed with their audience and the unique atmosphere sensed all over the city. At the same time, Poznań citizens cannot imagine the place without the festival.

As with previous editions, festival presentations have been divided into several thematic categories.

THEATRE/PERFORMANCE stands for theatre shows featuring excellent groups of actors from Poland and other European countries. DANCE comprises shows by the most original dancers presenting the latest choreographic projects on the grounds of Old Brewery centre. This year’s FILM shows will be strongly focused on environmental issues, as 2008 was declared The Year of Climate and Environment by the Mayor of Poznań. There will also be MUSIC, always attracting crowds of people. The Festival is famous for its open-air concerts featuring renowned artists from Poland and abroad. This year’s Star at the Festival will be Elvis Costello—one of the most talented rock musicians, virtually worshipped in Great Britain. The singer, who is also the husband of the popular jazz artist Diana Krall, will give an open-air concert on Lake Malta grounds on 28th June. Speaking about Stars, we also need
to mention the fascinating show awaiting Festival guests. For the first time ever, the Polish audience will have a chance to see the world’s best equestrian theatre – the phenomenal Zingaro. The artists will visit Poznań with their latest show entitled "Battuta". The title refers to a Gypsy toy, and the performance will take spectators on a journey through the world of Balkan myths and legends. Breathtaking images, the artistry of riders and horses, accompanied by Balkan music performed by orchestras from Moklavia and Transylvania, will leave nobody indifferent. As part of the VARIA thematic category, the Festival will be complemented by a variety of meetings and discussions with theatre experts, artists and critics, as well as photo exhibitions.

Since Malta Festival is held at the beginning of summer holidays, the organisers have prepared numerous attractions addressed to both adults and their children, undoubtedly making it one of the most compelling art-related outdoor events of this summer.
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