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### PLASTIC PIPE CONFERENCES A SUCCESS SAYS PPCA

The Plastic Pipes Conference Association (PPCA) has reported that the impact and attendance of its spin-off conferences are playing a significant role in promoting the technical and commercial development of this global industry.

A record number of 420 delegates attended the 5<sup>th</sup> China International Plastic Pipe Conference that took place in Hangzhou on 26 – 27 October 2017. Hosted jointly with the CPPA (China Plastics Piping Association), the conference and exhibition was at the Zhejiang Sanli New Century Grand Hotel. A total of 29 papers were delivered throughout the two-day event.

300 participants recently attended Pipes XI, the PPCA's spin-off conference and exhibition held in Johannesburg in September this year. This event was hosted by the PPCA in conjunction with Southern African Plastic Pipe Manufacturers Association (SAPPMA). Delegates represented water, gas, sewer and telecom utility companies, pipe manufacturers, raw material suppliers, consulting engineers and technical institutes. A total of 35 papers that reviewed technical as well as business developments were delivered throughout the two-day event.

Zoran Davidovski, Technical Chair of the PPCA, comments: "The growth in attendance of our spin-off conferences and exhibitions is a reflection of a global industry that is constantly enhancing all aspects of its value chain. Such ceaseless technical innovation is driven by human inspiration. Replacement of aged and leaking non-plastic pipes with modern, durable and sustainable plastic pipe systems is advancing public health and wellbeing for millions of people throughout the world. Our conferences facilitate that communication purpose and process."

### Papers posted

Organizers of the main PPCA event that takes place every two years have also announced that conference papers for PLASTIC PIPES XVIII in Berlin have been posted to their website. A total of 130 papers are now freely available for download at:

http://www.plasticpipesconference.com/

450 participants from 43 countries attended this conference and exhibition in September 2016. It is also important to note that the Berlin event showcased 39 exhibitors - making it the largest ever exhibition of its kind.

The next main international conference and exhibition is PLASTIC PIPES XIX. Hosted in Las Vegas, US at the Red Rock Resort on the 24 – 26 September 2018, the event is already creating significant interest.

Main corporate sponsors for PLASTIC PIPES XIX in Las Vegas are Baerlocher and Rollepaal. Gold level sponsorship has already been completed by courtesy of McELROY, LyondellBasell, the Dow Chemical Company, S&B Technical Products Hultec USA and MOL. IPAD corners will be sponsored by PVC4Pipes Association and PE100+Association and the Gala Dinner by the European Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association (TEPPFA). NSF International will sponsor one of the conference coffee breaks.

CAPTION: Zoran Davidovski, Technical Chair of the PPCA addresses delegates to Pipes XI in Johannesburg.

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<u>Note to editors</u>: Member associations of the PPCA are the PE 100+ Association, Plastics Pipe Institute and The European Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association (TEPPFA). PPCA conferences and exhibitions are self-financing and any profits re-invested in future conferences, educational tools or "spin-off" events.

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