

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Record visitor numbers for “Bonded window structures”**

*Mainz, 25 January 2019. Almost 100 visitors attended the joint symposium organised by the Gütegemeinschaft Kunststoff-Fensterprofilsysteme (GKFP), Glaswelt and Institut für Fenstertechnik (ift) Rosenheim at the IntercityHotel in Mainz on 24 January 2019. The window makers and representatives of the adhesive industry who travelled to the event took the opportunity of the presentations, a discussion round and the in-house fair held for the first time to find out about the bonding technology of glass frame structures.*

In her keynote speech Dipl.-Ing. Karin Lieb, who is responsible for product management at ift-Rosenheim, explained the benefits of bonding to the audience. Dipl.-Ing. Gerald Feigenbutz, managing director of the GKFP, then considered current issues relating to bonding technology in a presentation entitled “Why quality assured bonded structures?”: “Bonded windows offer new design options and also allow larger elements. Narrower profile views mean that the desire for a greater glazed area and hence more daylight can be realised. Tightness is increased and also guaranteed over the long term”, he explained in his talk.

The in-house fair held for the first time offered the chance to touch and feel bonding technology, with visitors taking the opportunity to talk to representatives of the adhesive industry about the techniques used and to inform themselves fully. The industry delegates learned from the experts on the spot, for instance, what special bonding profiles exist on the market, which bonding technologies are available and which machine solution is suitable for the particular window maker. In a break-in test on a bonded and a non-bonded window, the ift Rosenheim also demonstrated that bonded windows provide better resistance to burglars than conventional wedged windows.

#### Digging deeper in the discussion

The discussion round saw participants, all of them from the “bonding” value chain, raise key questions concerning bonding technology. Glaswelt editor-in-chief Daniel Mund, for instance, wanted to know from window maker Hans-Jürgen Rieger (Heinrich Meyer-Werke Breloh) how the conversion of manufacturing to fully automated bonding machines was going.

#### Plans for Klebetagung 2021

The new concept of combining keynote presentations, an in-house fair and a discussion round was welcomed by the visitors and will be continued. The next Klebetagung will be held at the start of 2021.

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