

Successful meeting in Dublin

This year's meeting of members of the EDFA was held in Dublin, the "City of a Thousand Welcomes".

The association reached a convincing résumé at its annual meeting of members 2012 in Dublin. 67 of 83 member companies were represented in Ireland: Thanks to all who participated in such an extensive itinerary and concentrated decision marathon and thanks for the many contributions that allowed an intensive professional discussion.

Dublin as one of the friendliest cities in the world welcomes three million visitors annually with its famous Irish hospitality. Even the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Naoise Ó Muir, invited the association members to the Oak Room of the Mansion House for a photo session – attached a photo of this event.

"The last 12 months were filled to the brim with work, especially with the implementation of our traceability system, with which we can now trace back by-

products such as down and feathers to its origin", Jan Kuilema, the Dutch chairman of the association outlines. "We have taken a giant step towards our goal of most possible transparency for our customers and consumers. We can proof with this careful documentation that our down and feathers were harvested in a proper way".

The international appreciation for this world-wide unique system is also reflected in the nomination of this system for the prize of the Fondation Mérite Européen: For thirty years, the Luxembourg-based foundation awards people (also in the legal sense) that work on the development of a European mindset and supports and fosters the "unification of the European people in freedom, peace and fraternity".

The communal thought and to be able to „move more together“ were the focal points concerning the topic of „House dust allergy and bedding“ as well as the roadmap on how to take part in the standardization work for

consumer protection of the European Union.

At the meeting of members, the EDFA then presented the corresponding media kit: the new NOMITE website, a short film about Nomite, the successful wiki for all down and feather related questions, Daunapedia, and also the recent Facebook activities, with which the association could demonstrate its impressive communication competence to the public.

Furthermore, certificates of appreciation were awarded to eleven laboratories, which participated successfully, along with other companies, at least two times in the routinely performed, annual EDFA ring test that was concerned with the quantitative analysis and fill power test etc. this year.

With a big thank-you to the team of Silver Hill Foods for the local support and some regret to have to say goodbye to Ireland, the President and the Business Manager of the EDFA closed the meeting of members 2012.

