

The 4th Hungarian EPAL Symposium was a great success

The 4th Hungarian EPAL Symposium was held in the fabulous Aquaworld Hotel Resort in Budapest on 24th May. Participants included directors and experts from logistics, industry and the retail sector.

Martin Leibrandt, CEO of EPAL, welcomed the participants and explained why EPAL is a guarantee of quality and safety. He gave an overview of the inspection process, the activities against counterfeiters and the production and repair figures of EPAL Euro Pallets.

His presentation was followed by the welcome speech of **Eva Johnson**, the Hungarian representative of EPAL. In addition to talking about the local achievements and the new exchangeability rules, she also introduced the PalletCheck Express application that makes it possible to export the numbers and pictures of pallets into a pdf document.

It was the first time that **EPAL manufacturers and repairers have been awarded** based on their results of 2016.

Both Mr Leibrandt and Mrs Johnson discussed sustainability and the participants received the children's book entitled **TJ the Tiger: The Big Planting** with the aim of starting to educate children about the environment at an early age.

Mr Lajos Szabo, Director of iData Kft, talked about the opportunity to trace products and pallets. He introduced the "Vizsla" system that tracks trucks and pallets and puts an end to all unnecessary disputes.

Mr Tivadar Giltan, Purchasing and Operations Director at Allianz and President of the MLBKT Purchasing Managers Club, talked about the most important aspects of the purchasing processes, providing useful tips for future procurement managers and directors.

Dr Laszlo Dinye, professor at the **University of Szeged**, gave a presentation on the "bright" future that might result in a loss of 2 billion jobs worldwide and why transparency and ethics are becoming vital in future businesses.

Mr Istvan Gal, Project Manager at BI-KA Logisztika and MLBKT-certified logistics expert provided the participants with information about the current and future forms of business organisation and their associated problems and solutions.

The last presenter was **Mr Gyorgy Nogradi**, a well-known **foreign policy expert** in Hungary. His presentation gave the participants a very personal overview of the past and current political scenarios and insights into possible future political trends.