

## **New Board of Directors of EFPI**

During the General Assembly on November 14th 2008, the European Federation of Parquet Importers elected its new Board of Directors. The mandate of EFPI starts and ends every year on November 15th. Due to personal reasons the former members of the Board were not available for reelection. The new Board was elected unanimously.

EFPI's first President in 2005/06, Jürgen Früchtenicht (Amorim/Portugal) was elected as President for the next Board mandate. Bjarne Pedersen (Timberman/Denmark), as representative of Euparal, was elected as EFPI's Vice-President and Ton Wieringa (Fetim/Holland) took the position of Treasurer.

EFPI represents importers of timber flooring on the EU-level concerning important issues, such as standardisation, trade barriers, sustainable forestry, legal or even certified forestry and so on. Furthermore the association works out statistics regarding imported quantities and values. The federation has at present 6 member companies and the Euparal association with further 12 members. Although the organised members are large importers, some further significant traders have not yet joined EFPI.

During Domotex in Hannover, EFPI will organise a cocktail reception on Sunday, January 18th to present the aims and objectives of the federation to further market players.