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### 40<sup>th</sup> International UIPI Congress in Stockholm concluded

The 40<sup>th</sup> International Congress of UIPI focused on “Efficient energy performance of buildings for low costs and sustainable development”. The event took place in Stockholm, Sweden, at June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2009. The opening ceremony included speeches by *Ulla Johansson*, President of Villaägarnas Riksförbund, *Ulla Hamilton*, Vice Mayor of Stockholm, Head of the Environmental and Traffic Division and *Stratos Paradias*, President of UIPI.

Among the many interesting speakers were *Georgios Katsarakis*, European Commission officer (Brussels), who reported on “Energy Saving in buildings and the building construction and renovation products legislation of the EU”, following the preparation of an advanced Directive for the energetic upgrading of all the existing buildings of Europe, *Joacim Olsson*, Vice Director of Villaägarnas Riksförbund and Senior Public Affairs Officer, who spoke on “The Energy Certificate of Buildings - an opportunity to lower energy costs”, *Jakob Eliasson*, expert at Villaägarnas Riksförbund, who talked about “Taxes and other extra costs for electricity – a different way to divide costs between producers and consumers” and *Jan-Olof Dalenbäck*, Professor at the Division of Building Services Engineering at Chalmers Technical University, Gothenburg, who lectured on “Energy in buildings in a European context”.

The 40th International Congress of Stockholm was successfully concluded in Stockholm, thanks to the preparations and the excellent hospitality of the Swedish Home Owners association Villaägarnas Riksförbund, and its President Mrs. *Ulla Johansson*. During the Congress, the UIPI won one more member association from Bulgaria, represented by its founder Mr. *Petar Galanov*, one more Swedish member of the Executive Committee, Mr. *Carl Slanemyr*, and an excellent Greek expert as technical consultant in energy matters, Mr. *Stamatis Perdios*.

The 41<sup>st</sup> UIPI congress will be hosted by Zentralverband der Österreichischen Hausbesitzer in Vienna in June 2011. This was announced by *Dr. Fritz Noszek*, President of the Austrian Property Federation.

### “Declaration of Stockholm”

The European Property Owners Associations – Members of UIPI, having successfully concluded the 40th International UIPI Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, find that although EU has not competence for real estate property itself, it is gradually gaining vast jurisdiction over buildings: How to build the new ones and how to renovate the old ones; the most important decisions for building and house owners of Europe are today proposed, discussed and decided in Brussels; more and more technical procedures, requirements, certifications and compulsory renovations are foreseen; most of them are inspired and so heavily influenced by the lobbies of the industry and services professionals, that it is often very hard to define the real technical or even social basis of their implementation.

[The full declaration can be read here.](#)

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Impressions from the 40<sup>th</sup> UIPI Congress



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