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# In-Cosmetics Global

*- the global cosmetics fair is behind us!*

**A**pril 2022 saw the Company take part in the largest industry event of the cosmetics sector in Europe. This time it was the capital of France that became part of the cosmetics world, and PCC EXOL had the opportunity to present their wide range of products as one of more than 700 exhibitors. There is no better place to see how global customers perceive the market of cosmetic raw materials or what the producers operating in the personal care industry are currently expecting and what

trends are shaping the development of this market. The event included also presentations of modern and unique technologies.

After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, face-to-face meetings with customers were truly rewarding. They made it possible to acquire new contacts, exchange experiences, and learn about current trends and customer expectations.

**We consider this year's In-Cosmetics Fair to be very fruitful. It is our hope that new contacts will soon result in further implementation and sales projects.**

## Did you know?

- PCC EXOL's product offer includes over 500 products, of which over 180 are ones dedicated to the Personal Care industry.
- More than 180 of PCC EXOL's products belong to the Green Chemistry category. Going through the cosmetic formulations offer, potential customers will find over 100 cosmetics options, such as: shampoos, soaps, body wash gels and lotions that use PCC EXOL's products
- The company took part in the event as an exhibitor and was among such surfactant producers as: BASF Personal Care and Nutrition, Croda Europe, Ashland Industries Europe, Clariant, Lubrizol, Symrise, Evonik and DOW.

**Marta Sykala**

Marketing and CSR Specialist  
PCC Group



**STOP WAR**

# Intermodal

*- an instant reaction!*

Following the onset of war in Ukraine, on 3rd March 2022, the regular PCC Intermodal connection to Brest (BY) was closed. As part of the daily operation, for the last 10 years, the route handled containers from/to, e.g.: Japan, Korea, China, Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Belarus.

**A**fter the connection was closed, March still turned out a busy month for us. Before the end of the month, the company shifted some resources and manpower to organise transports to/from Ukraine. The team that were up until then responsible for the transports going from/to Europe by the Trans-Siberian Railroad shifted to handling urgent export transports from Ukraine to Europe, and in the other direction – to providing space on the trains for humanitarian cargo and import lines for social and economic assistance for war-torn Ukraine.

Given its intermodal nature, PCC Intermodal (a network of connections and trans-shipment terminals) has been registered in the database of the Strategic Reserves Storage at the Chancellery of the Council of Ministers in terms of readiness to provide transportation and logistics services in our part of Europe. The company has volunteered to cooperate with provincial aid distribution

and coordination centres as well as national and international humanitarian organisations, offering assistance in the transportation of containerised materials.

**We are trying to do what we know and like the most. It is our unwavering belief that intermodal is a better way... that it is the best solution... that it allows you to find a way out of any situation, that it is safe, reliable, always there where needed**

**– A BETTER WAY!**

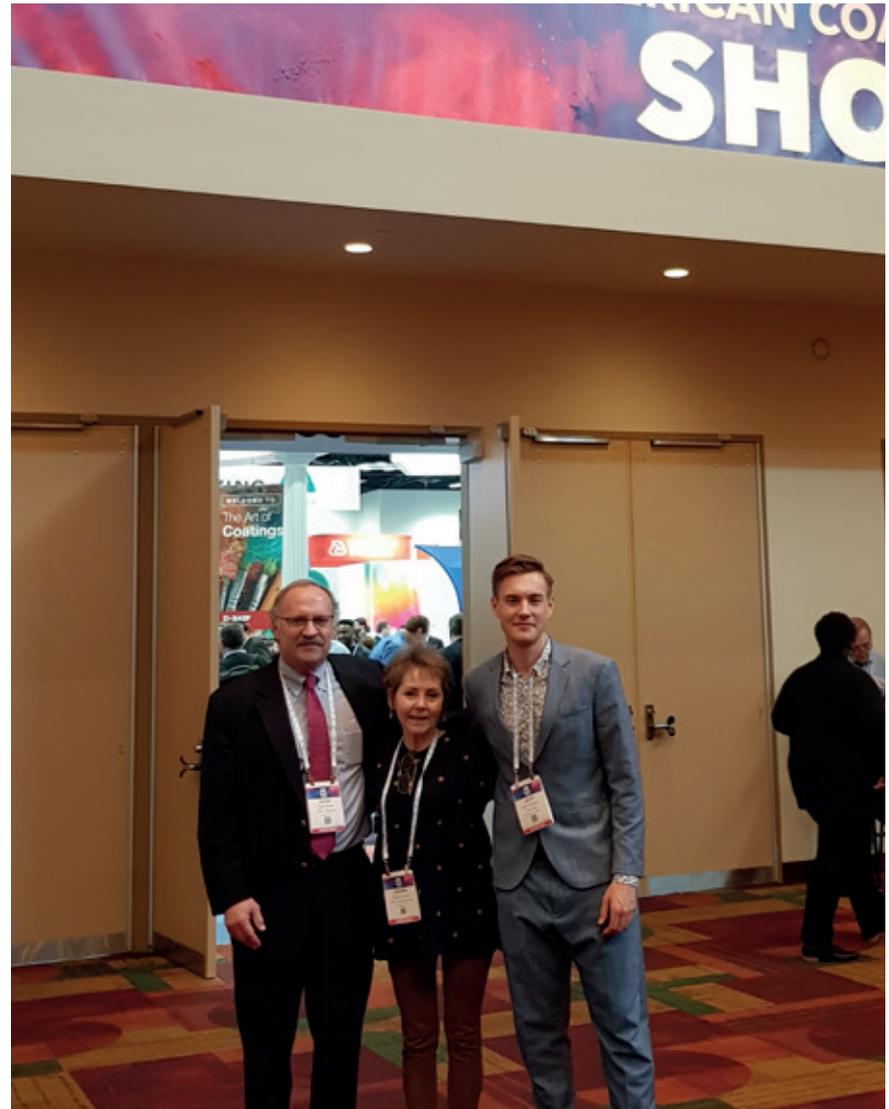
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Intermodal

# Gone are the... *fairs*

**The COVID-19 pandemic that broke out in 2020 halted the overwhelming majority of face-to-face meetings between business partners. No wonder then that two years later, wiser and more cautious, we perceive trade fairs as a new hand.**

**A**fter many months of speaking to customers, suppliers and technology partners through computer screens, along with the spring of 2022 finally came the possibility for us to enjoy face-to-face meetings. There is a saying popular among sales managers that having a meeting with a customer can speed up a sales project by up to three times. Personally, I'm not 100% convinced of the sentence's correctness, but interpersonal relations do, undoubtedly, open up opportunities in establishing cooperation for years.

First, we went to the InPrint Munich fair, where the overwhelming majority of exhibitors were suppliers of inks and printing chemicals. This chance to speak to R&D employees of potential customers was extremely important for the future development of, for example,



dispersants at PCC Exol. In this way, we learn about the expectations of our customers to later return from such meetings full of ideas to work on in our labs.

The last week of March was marked by the EuroCoat event in Paris. The choice of location is not accidental as it is known from many other conferences, such as Paris Expo Porte de Versailles. The fair was very popular and turned out a great success for the PCC group in terms of promoting flame retardants and plasticisers for paints and emulsifiers for emulsion polymerisation.

The best was left for last – the American Coating Show, the largest paints and varnishes industry event in North America. Almost 200 exhibitors from around the world and one unique venue: the Indiana Convention Centre. With the support of PCC Chemax employees

– Denise Cooper and David Burns, we were able to meet all the crucial local-market customers.

I am convinced that the smoothed paths will lead to many interesting new projects in the coming years and strengthening cooperation between the PCC group's companies on both sides of the Atlantic.

**Jakub Dradrach**  
Development Manager  
PCC Exol



# PCC MCAA

*- Gold level of corporate social responsibility!*

## Hello PCC!

**We are pleased to announce that PCC MCAA maintained the gold level of corporate social responsibility awarded by the analysts of the EcoVadis platform. Our score exceeded 67/100 and for this achievement we were awarded the EcoVadis Gold Medal. This makes us among the top 5 percent of companies evaluated by EcoVadis.**

**S**ince 2018, PCC MCAA has been constantly evaluating its activity on the EcoVadis platform, recording steady progress. As a result, we keep receiving ever better ratings and rewards for our activity.

The EcoVadis certificate is a very significant and prestigious distinction, awarded for pro-ecological development and achievements in the areas of :

- environment,
- employment,
- fair business practices,
- the supply chain.

Statistics on the platform are tangible proof of our implementation of sustainable development practices, both in developed countries and those which are only at the beginning of

their road to stable economic growth. The EcoVadis rating is one of the key elements of supplier assessment systems used by companies operating in various sectors around the globe. This is also the case with PCC MCAA clients – our company is qualified for cooperation as a raw material supplier based on ratings provided by the platform's experts.

**PCC MCAA Team**





# ROSULfan CPH

*- it foams by nature...*

**Most likely everyone enjoys a relaxing bath from time to time, amidst a thick and fragrant foam. Foam is also a must when shaving, washing your hair or taking a quick shower. What makes cosmetics used for personal hygiene foam so well?**

**T**his is due to surfactants – surface active chemical compounds with the ability to generate high and stable foams. In addition to their excellent foaming properties, these compounds can perform a number of other functions. Surfactants can wet, form emul-

sions, disperse, wash and clean. Some of them have an anti-electrostatic or anti-corrosion effect. These compounds can reduce foam and even prevent it from forming. It is astonishing how wide the spectrum of functions and applications of surfactants is. As a result, we can find them in every area of life.

Speaking of our relaxing bath amidst the thick and gentle foam, we present ROSULfan®C/PH – a foaming surfactant offered by PCC EXOL SA, 100% of natural origin! The product is completely biodegradable and does not contain any preservatives. Its alkaline pH ensures its microbiological purity. Our surfactant can be found under the INCI name of “Sodium Coco Sulfate” in the composition of personal hygiene products.

In addition to its ability to form high and stable foams, ROSULfan®C/PH can wet, wash, clean and emulsify. Thanks to its natural composition and wide spectrum of functions, the product is a perfect ingredient for personal care cosmetics. ROSULfan®C/PH is therefore an excellent component of shampoos, foam baths, shower gels, liquid soaps, shaving cosmetics and many other cosmetic products.

Considering its numerous surface properties, ROSULfan®C/PH is an effective ingredient of liquid and powder formulations used for cleaning, washing and laundry purposes. What is more, the product can be an important ingredient of car cosmetics, such as active cleaning foams.

ROSULfan®C/PH belongs to the PCC GREENLINE® series of products. It is also worth remembering that it is an ecological product. It is free of nanomaterials and allergens. It is safe and skin-friendly. It is great for making ecological vegetarian and vegan cosmetics.

Marketing Department  
PCC Group

*Interested to learn more?*

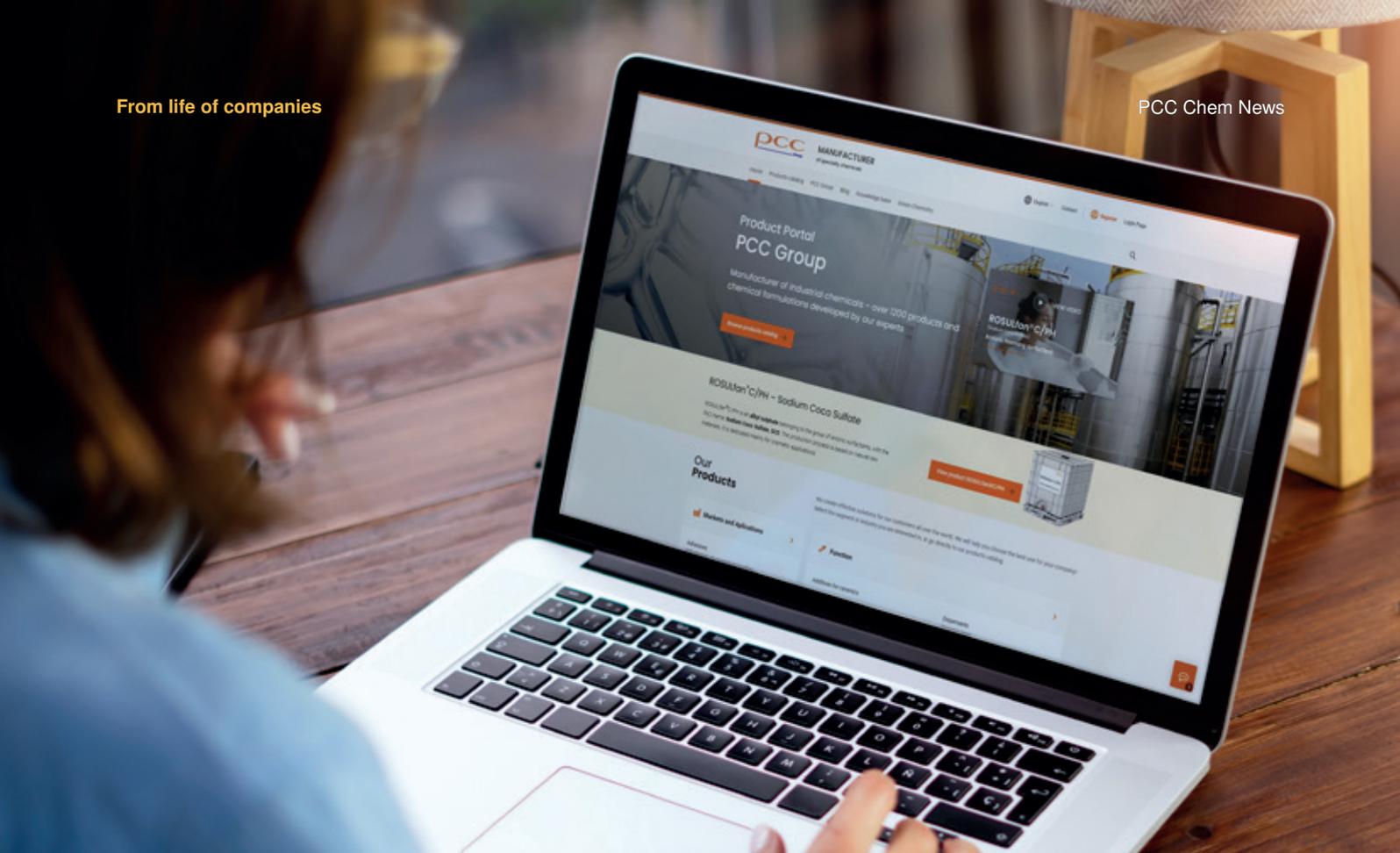
**See our product description!**

<https://www.products.pcc.eu/en/id/1346280/rosulfan-c-ph-sodium-coco-sulfate-scs-5/>

**See our new video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ErZa25aty0>





# INCI FINDER

*- new functionality on the Product Portal!*

**Did you know that there is a standardised dictionary of cosmetic ingredient names? We have just launched a new functionality on the PCC Group Product Portal, enabling our customers to search for cosmetic raw materials by INCI names. What are INCI names? What significance do they have? Let us explain!**

**Imagine the following situation...**

**A** few hours of shopping at the mall takes its toll on you, so you want to relax in the comfort of your own home. The thought of a hot, soothing bath is so tempting that you almost forget to buy your favourite shampoo. You rush into the nearest chemist's and quickly find your favourite product. You run to the checkout, but out of the corner of your eye you spot a beautiful, slim bottle of bath oil. A perfectly suited evening idea – absolutely

brilliant! So you grab the first packaging you see in a hurry, making sure that it is one of your favourite fragrances. You head home, taking with you the longing promise of oriental relaxation...

You find the candlelight and the wonderfully soothing bath with the addition of the new product exceptionally calming. It's simply wonderful! You go to bed and fall into a blissful sleep. Unfortunately, an unpleasant surprise awaits you in the morning! Instead of feeling the warm

rays of the sun on your skin as you wake up, you suffer a terrible itching sensation and get an unpleasant rash... You're in shock! It is only now that you realise your mistake. You should have checked the ingredients of this new oil. You usually do this before buying a new, untested cosmetic...

### Why should consumers read the cosmetic ingredients?

Itching and rashes are not the only effects of cosmetic sensitisation. In more severe cases, blisters and thickening or peeling may appear on the skin. The cause of contact dermatitis can of course be an allergy to certain substances. Unfortunately, we often fail to read the ingredients of products we buy for the first time. This is not only due to a lack of such a habit, but also out of ignorance, the reason being that we do not know how to interpret the ingredients used in a product.

### What is INCI? How do I read cosmetic ingredients?

INCI is an abbreviation which stands for International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients. Thanks to the INCI system, the ingredients of cosmetic products listed on the packaging appear under the same names on the territory of the European Union. The INCI system obliges all manufacturers of cosmetic products operating in the European

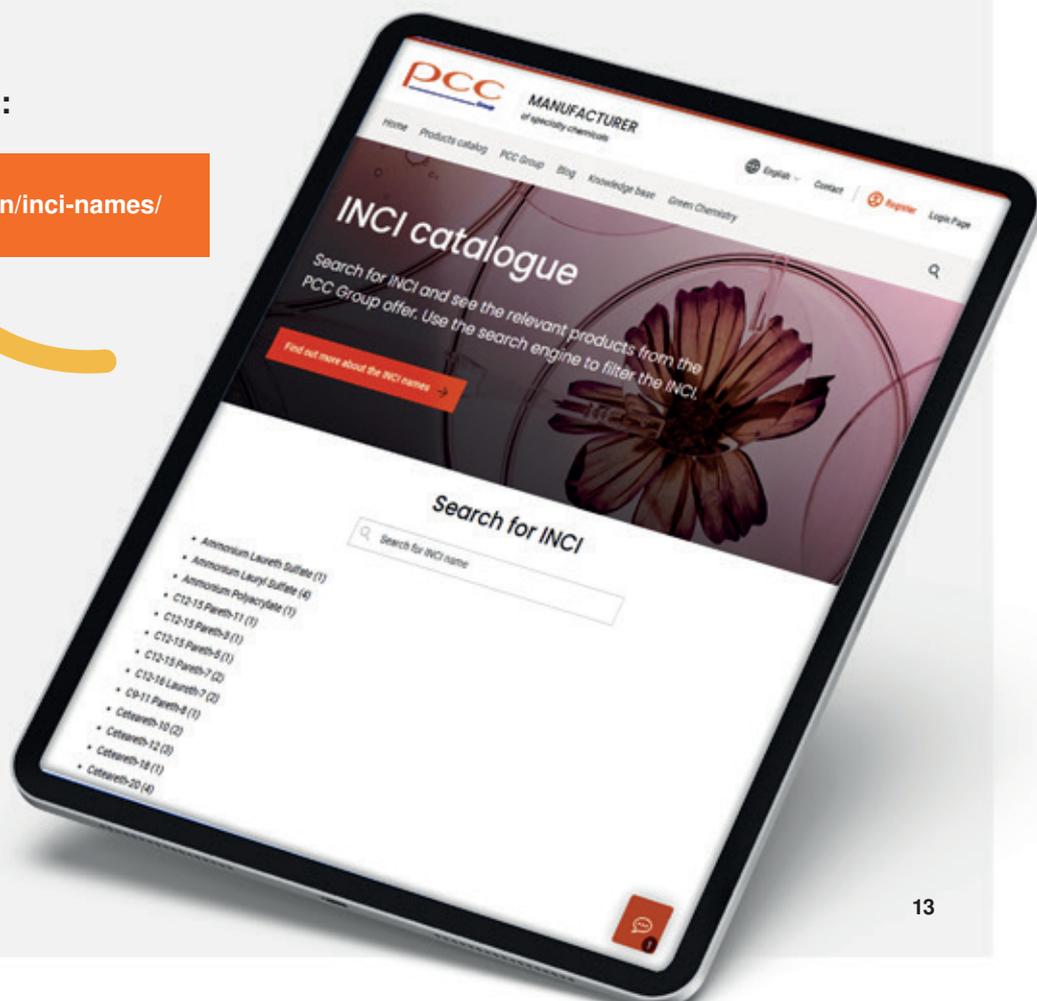
Union to place product ingredients on the packaging (or leaflets), always preceded by the word "Ingredients." The order of cosmetic ingredients described according to the INCI dictionary (English names of chemical compounds + Latin names of plants) is never random. Manufacturers shall first provide the names of substances with the highest content in the finished product. At the end, however, are the names of the substances with the lowest content.

It is also important to remember that the substances responsible for the actual effect of the cosmetic are right at the beginning of the list of ingredients. It is therefore worth taking an interest in their origin, specifics and properties.

**Beata Gruš**  
Marketing Department  
PCC Group

See our new INCI database:

<https://www.products.pcc.eu/en/inci-names/>



# Spring meetings *with the PCC Group!*



**Some very inspiring meetings with students are already behind us! After the pandemic-caused break, we finally received an opportunity to take part in job fairs and meetings at universities. And the culmination of our spring tour to promote our company were the Open Days.**

**4** days, more than 170 participants and countless experiences for our guests! All this during students' visit to our company.

What does a reactor look like? How to safely enter a tank? What analyses do we perform in the R&D lab? What are the PCC Group's latest investments, and what programmes are aimed at students? We answered all these questions – and more – during the PCC Group's four Open Days.

How was it?

Intensive! After such a long break, we all agreed that we'd missed initiatives like this.

The students' opinions confirm to us how important it is to be able to see what the industry looks like in practice. Verifying this while still attending university allows you to make a more informed decision as to your future career. And what the students saw in our company did make an impression on them (thank you for all this positive feedback and, above all, your presence).

This year we met with students of the Faculty of Chemistry and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, as well as chemistry students of the University of Wrocław and the Silesian University of Technology.

One thing is certain: we'll see you next year! Who knows, maybe in an even wider group

**Karolina Ławecka**  
HR Specialist  
PCC Group



Here are a couple of short excerpts from the feedback we received after the Open Day:

*I would like to once again express my thanks for the kind reception of students from the Faculty of Chemistry of Wrocław University of Science and Technology at the Open Days organised by the PCC Group. This has been an outstanding opportunity for our students to see how a large chemical company operates – such a valuable experience, which, I hope, will also contribute to our further cooperation. Many thanks are also due to all the team members involved in preparation of the event.*

Joanna Cabaj, Vice-Dean for Student Affairs,  
Wrocław University of Science and Technology

*In reference to yesterday's Event, on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of Wrocław, I wish to offer the Company our heartfelt thanks for inviting our students and organising Open Days at the company's headquarters. From what we have heard from our students and their supervisor, we gather that they are extremely satisfied with the meeting and the professionalism with which you approach the organisation of this type of event. I think that getting to know the Company – and the R&D Department in particular – "from the inside perspective" will be an unforgettable experience for the students, one that may one day decide their future career paths in the chemistry profession. I sincerely hope that the budding cooperation between our organisations in terms of Open Days, Scholarship Programmes, implementation of joint diploma theses projects, and study programme assessments will continue to develop.*

Piotr Durlak, Vice-Dean for Student Affairs,  
University of Wrocław





# Jubilee Ball 2022

Impossible in the last two years, but not in the current one – after three years, we were finally able to hold the Jubilee Ball.

It's worth emphasising that this year's Jubilee Ball fell on the 20th anniversary of Zakłady Chemiczne Rokita SA having been taken over by the new owner – the German PCC AG Group (Petro Carbo Chem GmbH).

This year, we had ninety of our employees celebrate their 25th, 30th, 35th,

40th, 45th or 50th year of uninterrupted employment. Also, bronze, silver and gold medals for service in the Chemical Rescue team were presented.

Celebrations continued until late in the night. Thank you to all the Jubilee celebrators for being there at the ball, and congratulations!

**Maciej Trubisz**  
Editorial Team



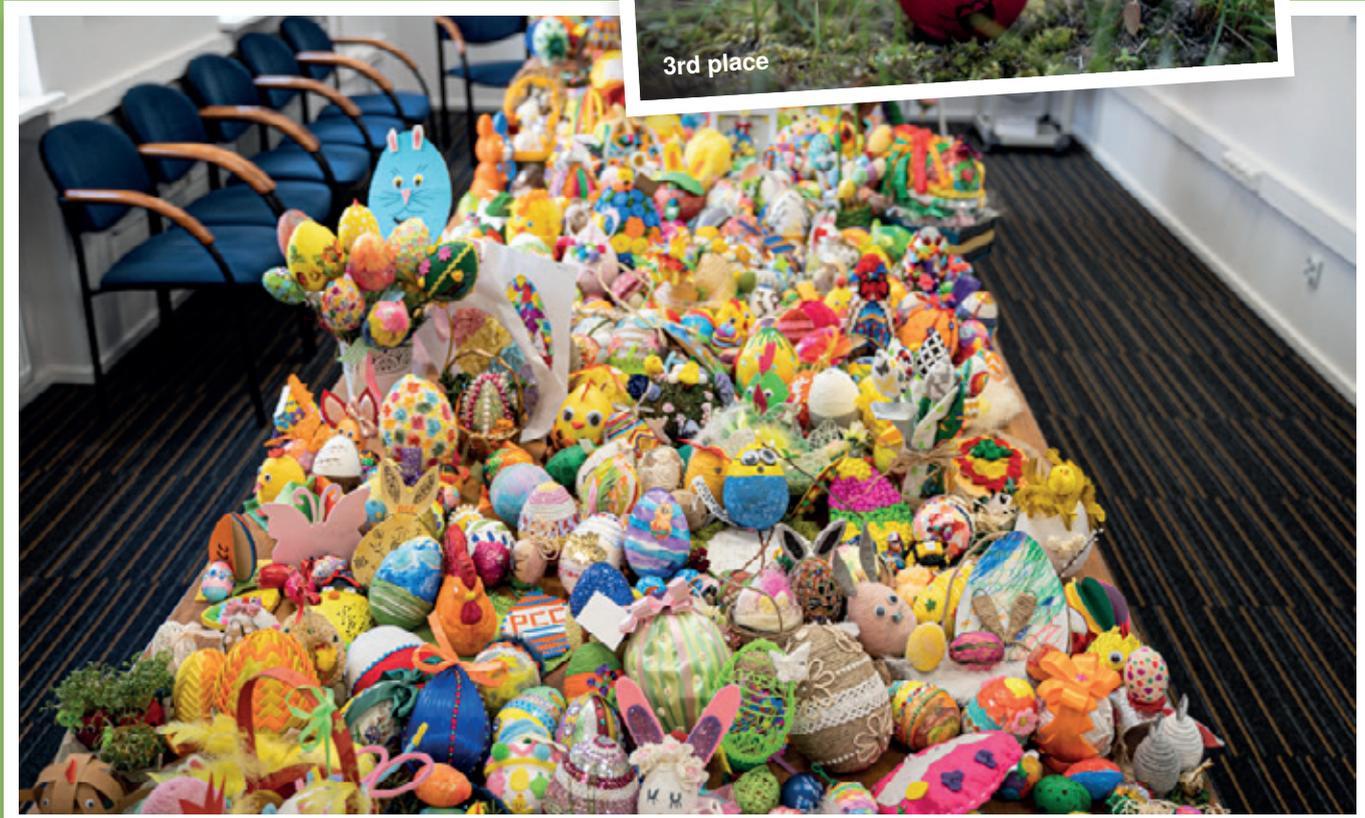




# A record-breaking contest

This year's Easter decoration contest for best-prepared Easter egg saw as many as 770 works having been submitted for consideration. This is an absolute record number, one that makes us extremely appreciative of our employees and their family members' involvement in competitions organised by PCC Rokita.

Maciej Trubisz  
Editorial Team



# *PCC on* Szczeliniec Wielki

**O**n Saturday morning, 11th June 2022, a group of employees from various companies belonging to the PCC Group set off on a coach trip to Szczeliniec Wielki and a walk around Polanica Zdrój. This was yet another activity targeted at those of our employees who wish to spend some time actively together with their employer.

A group of over 40 people went to the Stolowe Mountains, to first reach their highest peak, and then, through a rock

labyrinth, go back to the coach and head to Polanica Zdrój for lunch and a quiet walk around Polanica.

We would like to thank all the participants for this trip and all that time spent together. The next trip – coming in autumn!

**Maciej Trubisz**  
Editorial Team



