

Maria Piantanida Sports Hall chooses Seicom (IT)

Portable sports floor for multi-purpose hall



Multi-purpose halls are actually nothing more than ‘the brainchild of economic logic’. After all, on economic grounds local authorities and regions simply could not justify reserving a centre which can hold a few thousand people for just one activity. And so, the modern trend is to hold concerts, events, sports competitions, and festivals under one roof. Of course, it is essential that the accommodation is capable of housing different activities. With its Bormio portable sports floor in the Maria Piantinada Sports Hall in Busto Arsizio, the Italian specialist Seicom has proved that this is a definite possibility.

Busto Arsizio

The Italian city of Busto Arsizio lies in the far south of the province of Varese on the border of the province of Milan. It is the biggest city in the densely populated region between Milan and Varese. On 30 October 1864, Busto Arsizio was granted its city charter. In 1927, Benito Mussolini did not choose Busto Arsizio as the capital city of the new province, but, oddly enough, opted for Varese, which was much smaller in those days. Varese is one of the eleven provinces in the Italian region of Lombardy. Its territory covers the entire eastern bank of the Italian part of Lake Maggiore as well as the western bank of Lake Lugano and the area in between. The province incorporates several smaller lakes, the largest of which is Lake Varese near the capital city. Varese belongs to the lake region of Insubria.

Yamamay

The volleyball team Yamamay plays in the first division of the Italian league, but the team's reputation stretches beyond the borders of Italy. The team trains in the Maria Piantinada Sports Hall in Busto Arsizio. This sports hall is of crucial importance to the local authority and the entire region seeing that the complex has a capacity of up to 5000 people. The hall also serves as a venue for concerts and large-scale events. The need for a solid, portable sports floor was pressing. The Sports Hall Administrators contacted Seicom and requested an elastic sports floor which could easily be moved around. Bormio has met all the administrators' demands and expectations perfectly.

Price/Quality

The previous surface in the hall was a wooden floor which had been fitted in the 1990s. The new portable floor was fitted on top of it because the old floor no longer met the high demands required of modern sports floors as regards elasticity, surface finish, and flexibility. Seicom has scored very highly with the excellent price/quality ratio of Bormio.

The initial fitting

Bormio is a floor which can be dismantled and re-fitted in double quick time. Seicom itself did the initial floor fitting for the Maria Piantanida Sports Hall, but they also trained workers who will presumably be responsible for dismantling and re-fitting the floor in the future. In addition to this service, a technician is also available to give help and advice, even years after the initial fitting.

Rubber wood

Rubber wood is used for the surface of the Bormio sports floor. The wood layer is 22mm thick and the floor has been tested and examined extensively in different accommodation. The real secret of the excellent elasticity of Bormio is the very use of rubber wood, in particular its natural flexibility. Indeed, rubber wood is the source of natural rubber (latex) and is thereby extremely flexible and resistant to moisture. This sort of wood is defined as 'medium' and has a Brinnell value of 28-30 N/mm².

Portable

The floor which was fitted in Busto Arsizio in Italy has a surface area of 800m².



One of the special features of this floor is that it can be fitted by 4 workers in barely 6 hours and then dismantled within the same time span. It goes without saying that this is vitally important for multi-purpose rooms. By removing the floor, you also completely eliminate the possibility

of damage to the sports floor caused by other activities. This is very important because, let's be honest, there isn't a sports hall manager in the world who likes to see thousands of partygoers floating around on his or her expensive sports floor.

A strong combination

The solution provided by Seicom in the shape of Bormio is ideal for large and multi-purpose accommodation like this. Seicom is amongst the market leaders in this field and has a good 30 years' experience in producing wooden floors. What is special about Bormio is the combination of wood and metal to provide a floor which is both strong and very durable. A patented connecting system ensures that the panels are joined to each other strongly and easily. All panels are fastened with screws so that it is perfectly possible to do local replacements in the event of possible damage.

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Bormio is approved by the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) for Level 1 competitions and conforms to the standard EN 14904. The tests were carried out at the University of Stuttgart (Materialprüfungsanstalt Universität Stuttgart) in May 2008.