



Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Project launched: Industry support requested

During the last FTA Europe Board Meeting in Paris, the launch of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Project was approved.

A kick-off meeting already took place in September 2016 in Milan at the ATIF offices, which presented the structure and the objective of the project to participants. The project brings together international cross-industry expertise to provide a relevant and practical best practice reference document for printers and suppliers aiming to improve their flexo performance, especially in the areas of (1) productivity and quality

maintenance, (2) image and product quality, (3) on-press operations, (4) ink and drying systems and (5) materials and substrates.

The Tool Box requires funding from industry and FTA Europe is counting on companies to support the project.

Further details about the development of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box and how to support it will be communicated at the beginning of 2017.

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ATIF Italy—Best in Flexo 2016



On 22 of November 2016, the 2nd edition of the ATIF Best in Flexo 2016 took place in Bologna. The Event awards the best printing flexo quality of products. Over 200 participants, among those representatives of printers and suppliers, attended the ceremony.

During the evening, the winning companies of the different categories were awarded. Moreover, the Best in Flexo, the printed product evaluated by the jury as product of highest quality among all the winning

products, was announced.

The winning companies were: MINOVA LABELS; IMBALL CENTER; SCEA; CARTOTECNICA POSTUMIA; IPI; ANTONIO SADA & FIGLI; SCATOLIFICIO CERIANA; MULTI-COLOR ITALIA; NUOVA ERREPLAST. The Best in Flexo award was given to NUOVA ERREPLAST.

The company winning first place in each category will automatically compete in the FTA Europe Diamond Awards in 2018.

ATIF Italy—Flexo Days 2016



On Wednesday 23 November, FlexoDay 2016 was staged in Bologna. This event is a not-to-be-missed yearly appointment for the Italian flexographic printing community and as such it achieved better record figures than last year.

Various guests were in attendance, including numerous foreign companies—many of whom spoke at the event, presenting their first-hand experiences. Other participants with an interest in flexo also attended the event.

ATIF presented the technical activities they had completed during the course of 2016, such as a paper centred on CxF, the digital format for colour description and communication, and a document detailing their latest work: 'Adhesive tapes for assembling flexographic plates', distributed free of charge to all FlexoDay 2016 participants.

All papers from the event (central theme sustainability and innovation) are published on ATIF's website: www.atif.it—FlexoDay2016 section.

Ceremony of the ATEF Spain Flexography Awards 2016



On 25 of November, the ceremony for the awarding of the XIII Spanish National Flexography Awards took place in Barcelona during a dinner attended by the Spanish flexo sector. More than 160 samples were submitted for 27 awards, plus Best in Flexo.

Winning companies were presented with an award during the ceremony, which was made possible by the Spanish Flexographic Association, ATEF, alongside Premium Sponsors 3M, Comexi, Flint Group, Kodak and Lohmann, and Standard Sponsors DuPont, Huber Group, SunChemical and TPL.

Winning printers: WIPAK IBERICA; NOVOTECNO; SAICAFLEX; INDUSTRIAL BOLSERIA; FLEXOGRAFIA DEL MADITERRANEO TRILL; TRILLA; SMURTIF BURGOS; HINOJOSA PACKAGING SOLUTIONS; ADHESIVOS COROMINA; GRAPHICAS VARIAS; PLASTIGAUR. Winning pre-printers: CHEMENCE; PUNTES; AG PARERA; GRABALFA; DIFLEX; ADHESIVOS COROMINA; GRAPHICAS VARIAS; FLEGOGRAPHIC SOLUTIONS.

The ATEF Flexography Awards are a bi-annual event so the winners above will participate in the 2018 FTA Europe Diamond Awards.

ATF France—National Congress and FlexoStar2016



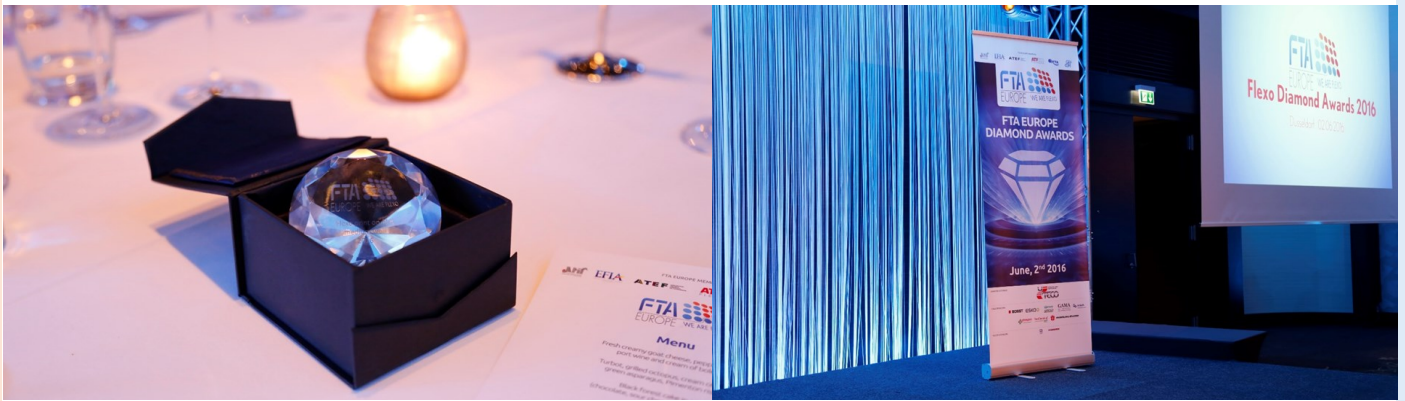
On the 8th of December, the French ceremony of the FlexoStar 2016 was held at the end of the National Congress of Flexography in the beautiful city of La Rochelle, in the Palais des Congrès. This year, the competition celebrated its 30th year.

The quality of the work, hailed by the Technical and Artistic Jury, was at the rendezvous of this 30th edition supported by a strong participation: 37 companies / 140 works. The event was a beautiful tribute to French Flexo with a repercussion at the European level!

It is particularly pleasing that the prize for innovation, awarded unanimously by the Jury, was totally in line with the theme of the congress "packaging of the future" and more precisely sensory packaging.

The winners of the gold and special prizes were: ALBEA; APE ETIQUETTES; BERN'ETIC; BRJ EMBALLAGE; CHRISTIANSEN PRINT; EUROPAC BRETAGNE; GASCOGNE SACS; GROUPE BARBIER; LYSIPACK; MONDI BETHENVILLE; PALAMY; SAC EMBALLAGES; SLEEVE INTERNATIONAL; VIALON EMBALLAGE.

Upcoming National Flexo Awards



- > EFIA UK 16 March 2017 in Birmingham (UK)
- > EFTA Benelux 9 November 2017 in Antwerp (Belgium)

EFIA UK Print Awards ceremony is an annual event happening in March every year, whereas EFTA Benelux Flexo Awards is a bi-annual event.

You can find more information about these two events by following these links:

- > <http://www.efia.uk.com/events/industry-awards-gala-dinner.php>
- > <http://www.efta.nl/nieuws/berichten/efta-benelux-flexo-awards-2017.html>

Considering the structure of the national awards and the fact that the FTA Europe Diamond Awards is a bi-annual ceremony, it is already possible to foresee that more than 100 samples will compete for the FTA Europe Diamond Awards edition in 2018.



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16 March 2017	EFIA UK Flexo Print Awards, Birmingham, UK
9 November 2017	EFTA Benelux Flexo Awards, Antwerp, Belgium
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