



General Assembly 2017—Sante Conselvan re-elected as President of FTA Europe

Sante Conselvan, President of Italian flexo association ATIF, was re-elected President of FTA Europe for another 2 year mandate during FTA Europe's 2017 General Assembly. The event was held in Barcelona on June 29th at the office of the Spanish member Graphispach/ATEF.

Conselvan expressed his gratitude to FTA Europe members for their trust in reappointing him President. He stated that his objective is to continue in the direction set during his first term, which saw the birth of the association, in order to encour-

age the association to grow and become more visible.

During this short period, the association has become recognised in the market as a reliable stakeholder in representing the European flexographic sector, creating a stable network among members and consolidating relations with other European and international flexographic associations. Moreover, flexo-related events and projects concretely demonstrate the commitment and strategy of FTA Europe to enhance flexography across Europe.

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Save the Date: 2018 FTA Europe Diamond Awards announced!

FTA Europe is very excited to officially announce the 2nd edition of the FTA Europe Diamond Awards! The 2018 event will take place in Milan on the evening of Wednesday 30th May during the Print4All fair. Details of the venue will be communicated after September 2017.

After a successful 1st edition in Dusseldorf in June 2016 with over 230 participants and 30 flexo companies awarded for their works, FTA Europe will continue to celebrate the best of flexo

printing. Following national-level awards, those winning 1st place will participate automatically in the European FTA Europe Diamond Awards.

Delegates from companies, national associations, media partners and other stakeholders are invited to participate, Sponsorship opportunities are available for flexo companies that wish to contribute to the organisation of the ceremony. For more information about the awards or sponsorship contact Luca Conti, lconti@fta-europe.eu.



FLEXO BEST PRACTICE TOOL BOX

The European Guidelines
Explaining Flexographic Printing

Companies joining the project:



Companies willing to support the
Flexo Best Practice Tool Box should contact
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First Technical Meeting of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box took place

On 15th May 2017, the first Flexo Best Practice Tool Box Technical Meeting took place in Milan at the ATIF offices. Representatives of supporting companies, experts from icm.Print and the FTA Europe Technical Committee participated in the meeting.

The meeting confirmed that the main objective of the Tool Box is to capture best practices and troubleshooting expertise resident in the

industry before retirement causes it to be lost forever. The guides will act as a repository of knowledge which will enable FTA Europe members to improve their profitability. Existing material is currently being collected with the help of companies, with the majority to date focused on pre-press and colour control, and a limited amount on plates and tapes. The Tool Box will eventually cover all aspects of the flexo printing process.



Inauguration of the ATIF Technological Centre

At FTA Europe's General Assembly, ATIF Italy inaugurated its new Technological Centre in Como, near Milan. The project was already under development, but was concluded thanks to cooperation with the Graphic Committee of Como. ATIF and FTA Europe's President Sante Conselvan expressed his satisfaction with this achievement. Conselvan had made the Centre a priority of his first mandate as President of FTA Europe.

The Technological Centre will create a labor-

atory in which practical trainings will be carried out for students and professionals in the flexo sector, as well as tests of the ATIF Technical Committee and ATIF members. Moreover, interested schools will be able to use the centre.

ATIF has purchased flexo print machinery that will be used for printing operations and tests. Other materials have also been provided by flexo companies. The Centre represents a great shared effort from the Italian flexo community.



FTA Europe meets FTA US in Phoenix, Arizona

On Tuesday 2nd May, for the occasion of the FTA Europe US Annual Forum 2017, an official meeting took place between representatives of FTA US and FTA Europe in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting strengthened the already existing collaboration between the two associations.

Mark Cisternino, President of FTA US, and Sante Conselvan, President of ATIF and FTA Europe, welcomed delegates. They underlined that

as the global packaging community strives to elevate the quality and consistency of flexographic printing around the world, it is imperative that organisations such as FTA US and Europe maintain strong, collaborative relationships.

Indeed, this first meeting in Phoenix was a demonstration of such a partnership. The European delegation consisted of 30 persons from FTA Europe's membership and beyond.

Upcoming events, meetings and awards

DATE	EVENT
29/09/2017	FTA Europe Board Meeting, <i>Brussels, Belgium</i>
09/11/2017	EFTA Benelux Flexo Awards , <i>Antwerp, Belgium</i>
14/11/2017	ATIF Italy Best in Flexo , <i>Bologna, Italy</i>
15/11/2017	ATIF Italy Flexo Day , <i>Bologna, Italy</i>
16/11/2017	ATEF Spain Annual Congress , <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
14/12/2017	ATF France Annual Congress , <i>St. Malo, France</i>
14/12/2017	ATF France Concours Flexostar —Ceremony de Remise des Prix / Ceremony of Delivering the Awards
Match 2018	EFIA UK Annual Print Awards , <i>Birmingham, UK</i>
March 2018	ATEF Spain Flexo Awards—Announcement of winning companies
30/05/2018	FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2018 , <i>Milan, Italy</i>



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