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Will you be there?

Following the success of the 2016 awards, 7 flexo companies have already decided to sponsor 2018's edition of the FTA Europe Diamond Awards! You can find more information on FTA Europe's website www.fta-europe.eu/fta-europe-awards/2018-awards

Uteco will be the Diamond Sponsor of the Awards. Kodak, Vetaphone, I&C-Gama, SunChemical and Lohmann will be GOLD Sponsors, while Comexi will be a SILVER Sponsor. FTA Europe thanks Uteco, Kodak, Vetaphone, I&C-Gama, SunChemical, Lohmann and Comexi for their commitment in sponsoring the FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2018, which are designed to shape and foster the quality of printing flexography across Europe.

The ceremony to celebrate the best of the Europe flexo printing will take place on the evening of Wednesday 30th May 2018 at the hotel Barceló in Milan. The names of the companies selected to be awarded on stage will be announced in late March, after the jury meeting and evaluation. Delegates from companies, national associations, media partners and stakeholders involved in the flexo community are invited to participate in the Diamond Awards. Companies interested in sponsoring the Awards or in booking a 10-seat table, and individuals interested in purchasing single tickets to attend the ceremony can contact Luca Conti at 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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“Flexo Best Practice Tool Box” Project: New supporting companies & work in progress

With the 2018 just started, FTA Europe is happy to announce that Kodak has committed to become supporter of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box!

Kodak has recently opened its Flexo Hub in Brussels with also the opportunity to strengthen the cooperation with FTA Europe. Kodak's support to the FBPTB is added to the one of the previous companies: Uteco, Asahi Photoproducts, Lohmann, I&C-Gama, Esko, Rossini, Praxair, RKPrint, ColorConsulting, and AV Flexologic-Tech Sleeves.

Concerning the preparation of the Tool Box, the FTA Europe Technical Working Group is continuing working on the next chapters, after having concluded the first sample which content is only accessible for already supporting companies. A second draft will be finalised and ready for the comments of the supporters throughout a dedicated webinar in April. The works will then continue over the course of 2018. A promotional video is also now available on the FTA Europe website where all the information about presentation, structure and objectives of the Tool Box is reported.

Interested companies can still support the project, and FTA Europe is counting on them to provide both expertise and financial support for the creation of the final version of the Toolbox. Companies interested in supporting the Project or need more information can contact Luca Conti: lconti@fta-europe.eu.



FTA Europe visits Kodak Flexo HUB in Brussels

On 8th of February, FTA Europe Board Members visited the Kodak Flexo Hub in Brussels. The Flexo Hub was recently opened, underlining a strong engagement from Kodak in flexographic technologies.

Mr. Grant Blewett, Kodak Global Sales Director Flexographic Packaging Division, presented the structure of the Centre and the reasons for opening such a flexo facility in Brussels. Mr. Blewett highlighted that the Flexo Hub aims to strengthen the collaboration between flexo operators all around Europe. He defined the Hub as a “centre of sharing”. After the presentation, members were invited to witness the plate production in the demo centre.

President Sante Conselvan thanked Kodak for the invitation and presented the structure and the objectives of FTA Europe to the Kodak team, together with an overview of its main activities, focusing on the upcoming FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2018, as well as the ongoing project Flexo Best Practice Tool Box which are both supported by Kodak.

FTA Europe panel during the ATIF Flexo Day

On the 15th of November, the FTA Europe Session was held in Bologna during the 2017 Italian ATIF Flexo Day. For the first time during one of the FTA Europe members' congresses, an entire panel was dedicated to foreign speakers, who gave a fruitful contribution to the conference by sharing their experience about flexo.

The FTA Europe Session was animated by Peter Verryt from Fujifilm - "How to make Flexo printers more efficient", Paul Horton from Parkside - "Discovery Parkside and prepress", Kai Laikinen from Marvaco - "Expanded Gamut Printing in Real Practice", and Tim Claypole (in the picture) from the Welsh Centre for Printing and Coating/ Swansea University – "Effect of surface patterning and profile on the image quality". The panellists provided useful and interesting

information about the current developments of the flexo technology, and highlighted the importance of similar initiatives to foster the cooperation between European associations. Moreover, Xavier Boadas, President of ATEF Spain and fluent in Italian, gave the entire ATIF Flexo Day another touch of internationalisation by moderating all the sections of the Congress. Finally, the participants warmly greeted and applauded Sante Conselvan whose mandate as President of ATIF is ending in June 2018. President Conselvan will continue acting as President of FTA Europe until June 2019. FTA Europe thanks ATIF for the opportunity offered to the European flexo association, and welcomes similar initiatives during other national flexo congresses. .

Flexo Print National Awards took place

In late 2017, Benelux, Italy and France organised their national flexo awards, whose 1st winning companies will compete for the FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2018.

On 8th November, the EFTA Benelux Awards took place in Antwerp. These are the winning companies: Max Aarts B.V; Bastin-Pack N.V.; Oerlemans Plastics B.V.; VPK Packaging N.V.; Etiket Nederland; Papierindustrie Adriaan Dekker B.V.; Mondi Poperinge; LC Packaging; Athena Graphics.

On 14th of November, the ATIF Italy Best in Flexo took place in Milan. These are the winning companies: Industria Grafica Eu-

rostamp; Tech IT Packaging; Gamma Pack; Cartotecnica Postumia; Form Bags; Mondi San Pietro in Gu; Scatolificio Ceriana; Scatolificio TS; Ida; Multi-Color Italia.

On 14th of December, the ATF France Flexo Awards took place in San Malo. These are the winning companies: Sical; International Paper; DS Smith Packaging Velin; Nextlabel; Richard Laleu; Lysipack; Gascogne Sacs; A. Hatzopoulos; Plastuni – Lisses; Sleever International; Barbier et Cie; Palamy; Smurfit Kappa Colorys.

All these winners will compete for the FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2018 .



Upcoming national events and flexo awards

DATE	EVENT
14 March 2018	EFIA UK Annual Print Awards: Birmingham (website)
30 May 2018	FTA Europe Diamond Awards: Milan (website)
19 June 2018	FTA Europe General Assembly



What flexo events are approaching? Please contact Luca Conti, lconti@fta-europe.eu, if you have an event to advertise in FTA Europe's Newsletter.