



The next edition of the FTA Europe Diamond Awards will take place in June 2020 in Dusseldorf during the period of the Drupa Fair—see you there!

FTA Europe Diamond Awards 2018: A great success for FTA Europe and the European flexo community!

FTA Europe is pleased to announce that the 2018 FTA Europe Diamond Awards took place on Wednesday evening, May 30th at the Hotel Barceló in Milan and proved to be a great success! 240 individuals from across the European flexographic community attended the ceremony to celebrate the best of the European flexo industry during the period of the Print4All Fair.

FTA Europe would like to congratulate all the winning companies for the quality of their printed products. For the 2018's edition, 14 categories were awarded, plus the Best in Flexo (the best sample among all the categories).

Watch a video of the ceremony here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7gU-VelmoM&feature=youtu.be>

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Diamond Award Winners

Winning companies and their rankings listed per category:

FLEXO PRINT ON PAPER AND LABELS, UV INK – NARROW WEB

- Diamond 1st Cartotecnica Postumia (Italy)
- Diamond 2nd Reflex Newcastle (UK)
- Diamond 3rd MCC Scotland (UK)

FLEXO PRINT ON PAPER – MEDIUM WEB

- Diamond 1st DS Smith Belper (UK)
- Diamond 2nd Roberts Mart & Co Ltd (UK)
- Diamond 3rd Industrial Bolsera, S.L. (Spain)

FLEXO PRINT ON PAPER – WIDE WEB

- Diamond 1st Smurfit Kappa CRP Pre Print (UK)
- Diamond 2nd IPI (Italy)
- Diamond 3rd Lysipack (France)

FLEXO PRINT ON PAPER – SUPER WIDE WEB, PRE-PRINT

- Diamond 1st DS Smith Packaging Deutschland (UK)
- Diamond 2nd Packaging Technologies Inc. (UK)
- Diamond 3rd DS Smith Packaging Velin (France)

FLEXO PRINT ON FILM AND LABELS, UV INK – NARROW WEB

- Diamond 1st Saicaflex (Bolfor) (Spain)
- Diamond 2nd Gráficas Varias (Spain)
- Diamond 3rd Grupo Consist (Spain)

FLEXO PRINT ON FILM – MEDIUM WEB

- Diamond 1st CJSC Uniflex (UK)
- Diamond 2nd Tech It Packaging (Italy)
- Diamond 3rd Bastin-Pack N.V. (Benelux)

FLEXO PRINT ON FILM – LAMINATED

Diamond 1st CJS Uniflex (UK)
Diamond 2nd Amcor Cumbria (UK)
Diamond 3rd A. Hatzopoulos (France)

FLEXO PRINT ON FILM – WIDE WEB

Diamond 1st Wipak Ibérica (Spain)
Diamond 2nd Grupo Consist (Spain)
Diamond 3rd Gamma Pack (Italy)

CORRUGATED POST PRINT – COATED

Diamond 1st Smurfit Kappa Burgos (Spain)
Diamond 2nd DS Smith Burscough (UK)
Diamond 3rd Chespa (UK)

CORRUGATED POST PRINT – UNCOATED

Diamond 1st Viallon Emballage (France)
Diamond 2nd DS Smith Livingston (UK)
Diamond 3rd Scatolificio TS (Italy)

CREATIVE USE OF FLEXO

Diamond 1st LC Packaging (Benelux)
Diamond 2nd IDEA (Italy)
Diamond 3rd Multi-Color Italia (Italy)

INNOVATION – PRINTER

Diamond 1st Sleever International (France)
Diamond 2nd Nextlabel (France)
Diamond 3rd Sac Emballages (France)

FLEXO PRINT ON ALUMINIUM

Diamond 1st Lysipack (France)
Diamond 2nd Flexográfica Del Mediterráneo (Spain)
Diamond 3rd Lysipack (France)

INTERNATIONAL

Diamond 1st Transcontinental Robbie (US)
Diamond 2nd Prakolar (Brazil)
Diamond 3rd Plasc (Brazil)
Diamond 3rd Visual Communication Technologies, Inc. (US)

BEST IN SHOW

Wipak Ibérica (Spain)

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FTA Europe General Assembly took place at Siegwerk Offices

On Tuesday 19 of June, the 2018 FTA Europe General Assembly took place in Annemasse at the Siegwerk Offices. FTA Europe Members discussed activities carried out by the association during the course of 2017 and the first semester of 2018.

Members discussed the 2018 edition of the Awards and agreed to organise the next edition in 2020 during the Drupa Fair, updated on the current situation of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box and agreed also to co-organise in cooperation with

Intergraf – the European Printing Association – a conference on Packaging in February 2019 in Brussels. In addition, Members approved the request of Sweflex, the Swedish Flexo Association, to become Member of FTA Europe, were briefed on current EU Legislation relevant for the Flexo sector, and debated other activities related to communication and education. Members also visited Siegwerk ink's production site and laboratories. The date/venue of the 2019 General Assembly will be decided during the next months.

Summer school on 'Printing for Functional Applications'

The Welsh Centre for Printing and Coating - University of Swansea, partner of FTA Europe in the preparation of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box, is organising a Summer School on "Printing for Functional Applications", taking place on 09/13 July 2018 at the Swansea University. FTA Europe has agreed a special reduced rate of 350 Euro + VAT for participants / companies who are members of FTA Europe's national associations.

You can find more information about the Summer School here: <https://www.wcpswansea.com/en/event/printing-functional-applications-summer-school-9th-13th-july-2018/>. Interested participants can contact Tim Claypole (tim.claypole@icmprint.com) for content-related questions regarding the summer school. To obtain the exclusive special reduced rate of 350 Euro + VAT, participants shall contact Chris Hammett (c.a.hammett@swansea.ac.uk).

Flexo Best Practice Tool Box project: 2nd draft released and work still in progress!

In parallel with the other FTA Europe activities, the FTA Europe Technical Working Group is continuing to work on the content of the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box. The second draft, from which content is only accessible for already supporting companies and technical experts from FTA Europe national associations, was released in May. A third draft should be finalised before the summer break or immediately after it at the latest.

The works will then continue and the first final version of the Tool Box will be ready by end

of 2018. 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. A promotional video is also available on the [FTA Europe website](https://www.fta-europe.eu) where the information about presentation, structure and objectives of the Tool Box is reported. Companies interested in supporting the Project or need more information can 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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FTA Europe presented their activities at Lohmann Headquarters

On 13th of June, President of FTA Europe, Sante Conselvan, was invited at the Lohmann Headquarters in Neuwied - Germany to present the activities of the European Flexo Association during the Lohmann Flexo Convention. President Conselvan, gave an overview of the structure of the association, the priorities and objectives, and the current and future initiatives of the federation. FTA Europe thanks Lohmann for the invitation which represented a chance to strengthen our cooperation, which has seen until now the Lohmann's Gold Sponsorship of the FTA Europe Diamond Awards of 2016 and 2018, and the support to the Flexo Best Practice Tool Box.



FTA Europe speaks at KODAK FLEXCEL NX System 10th anniversary conference

On 24th of May, the Kodak Flexo Hub organised an event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the KODAK FLEXCEL NX System. The event included a conference where 4 speakers presented their views on the future of Flexo. Among them, Stefano d'Andrea – Member of the FTA Europe Technical Working Group, delivered a presentation in representation of FTA Europe. His presentation particularly addressed the relevance of

educational programmes in Flexo aimed at fostering the skills of operators, and the importance of workflow calibration with the recommendation for flexo printers to improve process control. FTA Europe would like to congratulate Kodak for the success of the event and thank for the opportunity to participate at the conference.

A video was produced from the event: <https://youtu.be/LT8EU07sXkA>



Upcoming events

DATE	EVENT
20/21 November 2018	ATIF Flexo Awards and ATIF Flexo Day, Bologna
12 December 2018	ATEF France Flexo Awards—Flexostar
21 February 2019	Packaging Conference organised by Intergraf and FTA Europe, Brussels
20 March 2019	EFIA UK Flexo Awards
June 2020	FTA Europe Diamond Awards, Dusseldorf

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.