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FTA Europe celebrates excellence in flexography at 2024 Diamond Awards

On May 30, 2024, FTA Europe hosted the sixth edition of the Diamond Awards in Düsseldorf, Germany, during the esteemed drupa trade fair. This prestigious event celebrates excellence in flexographic printing, recognizing the best flexo products in Europe and bringing the flexographic community together.

The nominees for the FTA Diamond Awards were winners of national flexo competitions from FTA Europe's member associations, including ATEF (Spain), ATF Flexo (France), ATIF (Italy), EFTA Benelux, and FIA UK. This selection process ensures that the participating printers represent the pinnacle of flexography in Europe and beyond.

Awards were given in sixteen categories, selected from 136 outstanding flexo entries. Each winner received a diamond-shaped

trophy and a certificate. The prestigious "Best in Show" Diamond Award was presented to Sacchettificio Nazionale G. Corazza from Italy for their exceptional work on Vafo Linea Era Sterilised 1.25kg.

The 2024 Diamond Awards set a new attendance record, attracting over 300 guests from Europe, the Americas, and Australia. The event featured a cocktail reception, a gala dinner, and concluded with an afterparty.

FTA Europe extends heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the Diamond Awards 2024. This event was made possible thanks to the support of our esteemed sponsors.

For the full list of winners, please click [here](#).



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FTA Europe President meets Thai packaging associations to foster global partnerships

In April 2024, Sante Conselvan, President of FTA Europe, along with Jacek Kusmierczyk and Paulo Suoto, met with the Thai Packaging Association. The meeting provided an opportunity to explore distant markets and understand diverse cultural perspectives, with the aim of establishing partnerships with non-European organizations.

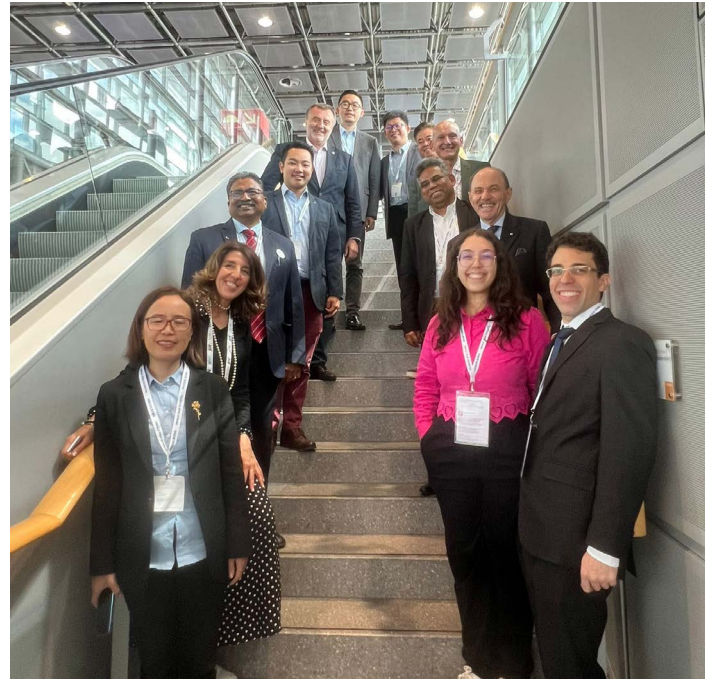
PIC President Paradorn Chulajata highlighted that the Thai flexible packaging market is highly focused on sustainability and the Product Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR). Embracing curiosity and openness towards seemingly distant opportunities can lead to significant achievements.

The conference, organized by the BJC, took place in Bangkok and was attended by over 200 industry experts. The Thai Printers' Association (PIC) exchanged views with the European Federation of Flexography (FTA Europe) on the current state of packaging and future forecasts from a greener and more sustainable perspective.



FTA Europe Establishes Global Alliance at drupa

On Wednesday, May 29, under the leadership of President Sante Conselvan, FTA Europe organized a meeting at Drupa attended by delegations from all over the world—Europe, USA, Brazil, India, EMEA, China, Japan, Thailand, and Australia. Each delegation presented its association, and at the end of the meeting, FTA's Global Alliance was formed. The goal is to increase relationships and exchange of information related to the packaging market, create networks for educational purposes, and initiate a series of projects involving all members of the international association. The presidency of the network will rotate annually; FTA Europe, the initiative's promoter, will assume this role for the first year.



Göran Dahl receives Lifetime Achievement Award at FTA Europe Diamond Awards

During the FTA Europe Diamond Award 2024 Göran Dahl was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution and work in the world of flexographic printing. His dedication and commitment have been crucial throughout his 40-year career, during which he served as Sweflex's President for 15 years, a role he continues to play to this day.

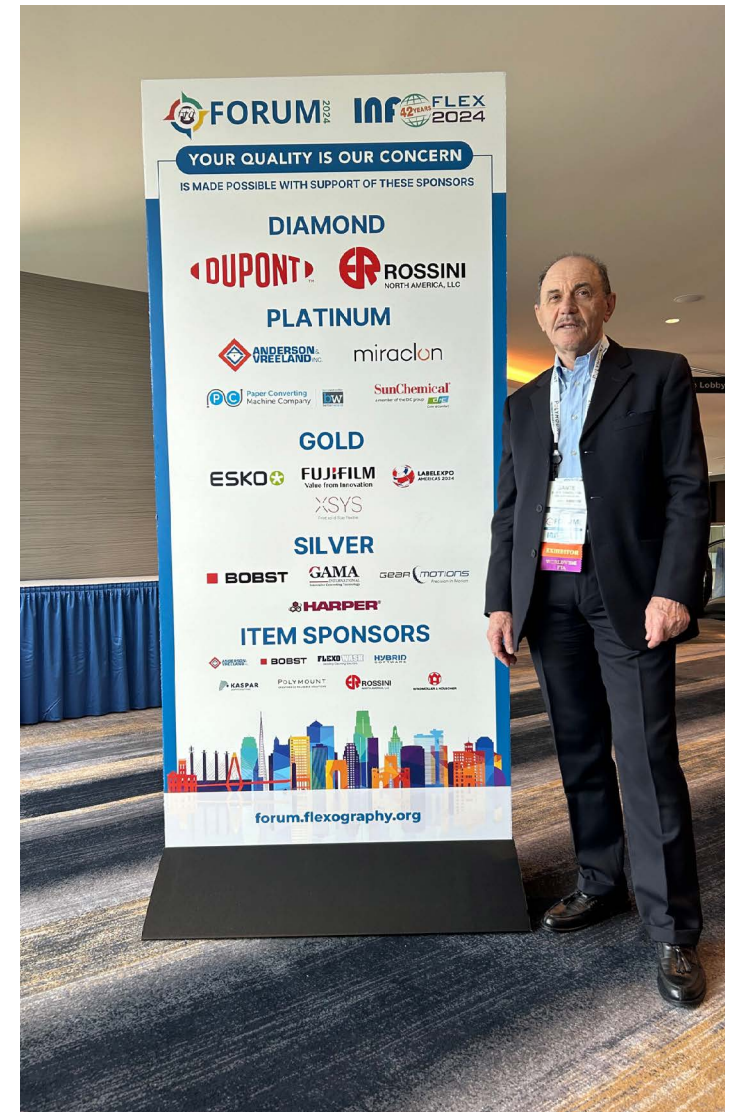


FTA Europe delegation joins global flexographic community at Forum & InfoFlex 2024

From May 5 to 8, the FTA Europe Delegation took part in the Forum & InfoFlex 2024, promoted by the Flexographic Technical Association (FTA). The American flexographic community gathered at the Loews Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, USA, along with associations from all over the world.

The event, with the theme "Your Quality is Our Concern," brought together over 1,500 participants. The combined organization of the trade fair and forum allowed participants to discover the latest innovations, expand their knowledge, and build relationships with key players in the industry.

Once again, the importance of flexography as a versatile, innovative, and sustainable printing technology was demonstrated. The Forum & InfoFlex 2024 provided participants with the tools and information they need to stay at the forefront of the industry and successfully meet future challenges.



FTA Europe attended the Innovation Technology Cooperation Forum 2024 at drupa

On May 30, during Drupa, the Chinese Delegation organized the Printing Innovation Technology Cooperation Forum 2024 with the aim of comparing the Chinese packaging market with international and European markets. The theme "Road to China, Road to the World" delved into the role of China in the packaging technology world, not only as a market but also as a technology supplier. The forum involved various delegations, including FTA Europe, highlighting the desire to create connections and collaborations with Europe and the world.

FTA Europe's webinar series highlights flexo printing innovations

FTA Europe's recent webinar series was a huge success, showcasing the latest innovations and exploring various aspects of flexo printing. These webinars provide invaluable opportunities for professionals to connect, exchange ideas, and

Featured Webinars:

- November 30, 2023: Anilox Introduction by Mr. Tito Lopriore
- March 27, 2024: ECG by Dr. Kai Lankinen
- April 23, 2024: Water-Based Inks by Dr. Mattia Fontana
- May 22, 2024: Anilox Use, Care & Maintenance by Mr. Tito Lopriore - Linde

Upcoming webinars to be announced. Join us for these informative sessions to stay at the forefront of flexo printing advancements!

The webinars can be accessed on the FTA Europe site under the following link:
<https://www.fta-europe.eu/webinars/>

ATIF elects new President

Andrea Dallavalle has been elected as the new President of ATIF, the Italian Flexo Association and a member of FTA Europe, succeeding Marco Gambardella, who has completed his two terms. The transition was confirmed during the ATIF 2024 Assembly on June 25th at Confindustria Salerno headquarters.

Dallavalle, an experienced member of the ATIF Technical Committee and professional in flexography since 2000, expressed his excitement and commitment to leading the association. "I am honored to take over from Presidents who have made ATIF a point of reference for flexography in Italy. I am determined to continue their work and strengthen ATIF's role

in the packaging industry," he stated. Outgoing President Gambardella reflected on his tenure, noting the growth and experiences shared within the organization. "It has been an unforgettable journey of personal and professional growth. I wish Andrea an equally memorable experience," he remarked.

The assembly also saw the renewal of ATIF's Board and coincided with FlexoDay Sud in Salerno, attracting around 200 industrypersonals. The event included discussion on the national economic framework and sustainability, setting the stage for future ATIF events in Bari and Milan later this year.



17th National Flexography Competition by ATEF

The 17th National Flexography Competition, organized by the Spanish Technical Association of Flexography (ATEF), held its evaluation on February 21, 2024, at the ATEF/Graphispac Association offices. A panel of flexographic experts reviewed 149 submissions anonymously, ultimately awarding 32 National Flexography Awards and three Best in Show accolades.

The Best in Show awards were highlighted by joint winners in the Flexible Film category: "Efecto Mariposa" by Ovelar and "Chips Barbacoa" by Daumar, Gráficas Llinars. In the Corrugated Cardboard category, Saica Viana received the Best in Show for their "Barón de Ley" project.

The awards ceremony took place on May 8 during Hispack 2024, featuring a keynote by Víctor Magariño, Technology and Digital Advisor and former Google executive. The ceremony concluded with a cocktail reception. Hispack 2024, a leading event in the packaging, transformation, and logistics industry, showcased 780 exhibitors from 28 countries, reinforcing its prominence in the European market.

The event was sponsored by XSYS, Bobst, Comexi, Lohmann, tesa, Nilpeter, Esagraf, FlintGroup, and Siegwerk.



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Upcoming Events by ATIF & FIA UK:

September 19, 2024 - Flexo Printing and Packaging - Bari

November 13-14, 2024 - BestInflexo and FlexoDay 2024 - Milan

September 5, 2024 - FIAUK Shadow Board NextGen Networking Event - Leeds

