

SAPPI Trading Printer of the Year Award - 2010

Sappi, one of the world's leading producers of Coated Woodfree Paper/Board (with brands Magno, Hanno, Mega, Presto & Quatro) has extended entry into its Sappi Printer of the Year Awards to printers in every corner of the globe. Since 2001, many Indian Printers (like Ajanta Offset & Packagings Ltd., Pragati Offset Printers, Srinivas Fine Arts, Thomson Press India Ltd., IPP Sangam Press, EIH Hotels, Rakesh Press, MWN Press and many more) have been participating into the Sappi Trading Printer of the Year Awards.

Printers will be judged in their respective four regions - Central America, Asia, South America & Australasia. There are 9 categories: Annual Reports; Books; Calendars; Brochures; Magazines; Catalogues; Packaging and Labels; General Prints; and Printers' own promotions.

Any material printed mainly on Sappi Paper/Board (Magno/ Hanno/ Mega/ Presto/Quatro etc) is eligible for entry and Printers have

the choice to participate with as many items as possible in any of the above categories. The printed jobs must be printed during the period Jan-Dec 2009 and at least 2 copies of each entry will have to be submitted. Irrespective of the person/company entering the form, the award is made to the printer.

Depending on the quality of the work, an International panel of judges will award bronze and silver awards in each region, in each category. In addition, the judges will award a gold award in each category across all four regions. It will be these 9 printers that will go forward to compete for the overall Sappi Trading Printer of the Year Award. This champion will challenge the European, North American and African winners for the highest Print associate in the world- the Sappi International Printer of the Year Award.

The deadline is Jan 31st, 2010 and entries must reach Sappi Trading office, at Singapore well before the deadline.

QuadTech adds Web Viewing System for packaging industry

QuadTech has announced the addition of a Web Viewing System to its product line for printers and converters in the Packaging industry. The system is available for purchase worldwide as of January 1, 2010.

With direct, real-time digital viewing of the moving web, the QuadTech Web Viewing System enables operators to detect defects and register errors before they become visible to the human eye. Operators can quickly and easily detect print quality problems such as print and die-cut registration, perforations, streaks, voids, fills, damaged plates and more.

"Printers are facing ever-escalating quality control challenges," said Randy Freeman, QuadTech Vice President and General Manager of Packaging. "Our Web Viewing System gives them an additional tool that will enhance quality and reduce waste without sacrificing press speed."

The Web Viewing System complements the rest of the QuadTech product line for the Packaging market, which includes the Auto-tron™ Register Guidance System 2600 with ClearLogic™, Inspection System, Inspection System with SpectralCam™, Offline Inspection System, PDF Verification, Data Central® for Inspection, and Waste Management System.

"Besides the production cost savings, our customers will benefit from dealing with one supplier for inspection, defect detection, register and color control, and waste management," said Freeman. "There are significant savings on installation and service costs when you deal with a unified solutions provider."

The addition of the Web Viewing System represents another major move into the Packaging market for QuadTech. In 2008, QuadTech acquired print inspection technology innovator Vigitek, a manufacturer of state-of-the-art print defect detection technology.

Princon introduces the 3rd generation of squeegee blades

Princon has introduced the 3rd generation (3G) of rotary squeegee blades – a perfect match of the specific parameters and quality demands of high-end graphic and industrial rotary screen printers.

The 3G squeegee blades are built from high quality glassfiber, carbon material and poly urethane printing strip. Offering consistent rotary screen printing at various speeds

and designs, these squeegees are not restricted to any press/mesh type or brand. As compared to conventional squeegee blades, these squeegees offer higher printing speeds, quality, longer life time and no need of grinding.

A range of squeegee blades from Princon can be ordered online from the company's website.

Flexo4all continues Flexo promotion

With a core group of strategic suppliers renewing their commitment to promote flexo within the packaging and labels printing sectors, Flexo4all, the international alliance of leading suppliers of the printing and packaging industries, will continue its promotion of flexography.

Founded in 2007, flexo4all is a partnership to promote flexography as the winning printing technology for packaging and labels. A number of suppliers, all part of the original founders of flexo4all, have decided to renew their commitment to the alliance. Bobst, Comexi, Soma, Omet, DuPont Packaging

Graphics, EskoArtwork, Lohmann, Tesa, Windmüller & Hölscher, Fischer & Krecke, Praxair and Siegwerk, are the twelve Core Members of the alliance that have decided to join forces in promoting flexography until next Drupa, in 2012.

"Each of the companies which renewed their commitment to flexo4all has a well established position within the packaging and labels printing industry and the willingness to create more awareness around the benefits flexography delivers to printers, converters and packaging buyers," says Jef Stoffels, Marketing Director at EskoArtwork.