

Brussels, 3 November 2015 > Corrugated industry's top suppliers awarded prizes at FEFCO Technical Seminar 2015

Some of today's most exciting corrugated suppliers' new ideas were rewarded with prizes at the Technical Seminar in Barcelona, hosted by FEFCO, the European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers. Innovative concepts in digital printing, box making, and workplace safety were awarded coveted trophies on Friday, October 30, at the end of the three-day FEFCO event.

At Friday's closing ceremony, the FEFCO Production Committee, the competent authority in FEFCO, awarded prizes in four categories: **Best Innovation, Most Inspired New FEFCO Sympathiser Member, Health and Safety and Best Presentation.**

FEFCO Secretary General Angelika Christ pointed out that the awards looked at new developments within specific areas including raw materials, corrugator machinery, printing techniques, process control systems, energy saving potentials as well as environmental issues. "Who of you in the industry does not believe in the perfect box?" she asked.

- The most prestigious FEFCO prize was for **Best Innovation**, for which there were gold, silver and bronze awards.

Gold Award: Jakob Bovin, **Bobst Mex**, for his presentation, "The Digital Print Revolution". Speaking without notes, Jakob Bovin charmed audiences with his explanation of the forthcoming digital printing revolution and how it would impact the converting processes.

Silver Award: Olof Ronquist from **EMBA Machinery**, for his presentation "The Perfect Box", EMBA new technology is offering improved feeding, Non-Crush Converting™, Liquid Creaser™, providing less cracking and better folding. All these combined give the perfect box!

Bronze Award: Wolfram Verwüster, **Durst Group**, for his presentation "Durst Water Technology – Corrugated Digital Printing Machine" presenting water-based inks that go away from UV and generates truly green print results.

- **Most Inspired new FEFCO member:** Astrid Odeberg Glasenapp from **Innventia** won the prize for her presentation "Leading in corrugated board research" and the positive contribution in research for the industry.
- **Best Presentation:** Once again, this award was won by **Göpfert** company: Ralf Schiffmann and Markus Haupt collected the award for their presentation, "WellenWerk journal - News from Göpfert".
- **Health and Safety:** This special prize was exceptionally awarded to Stefan Buchner from **Smurfit Kappa, Germany** not for a spotlight but to honor his outstanding speech "Safety 4.0, Our Goal, Our Inspiration" that will help the industry improve its safety performances.

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Note to the editors

FEFCO (European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers) was established in 1952 and represents the interests of the European Corrugated Board Manufacturers. Headquartered in Brussels, FEFCO has 24 active members, all European national corrugated packaging organisations. The role of the Federation is to investigate economic, financial, technical and marketing issues of interest to the corrugated packaging Industry, to analyse all factors which may influence the industry, and to promote and develop its image.