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Brussels, 11 May 2009 > FEFCO Technical Seminar 6-8 May 2009, succeeds with excellent attendance and speeches

The 15th Technical Seminar organised by the Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers saw a substantial increase in the number of participants. Despite the difficult economical situation, 533 delegates and exhibitors from 40 countries came together at the Estrel Convention Centre in Berlin.

The number of participants from the corrugated industry had almost doubled compared to 2007, amply rewarding the efforts of the 58 exhibiting companies and their 142 representatives.

FEFCO's Technical Seminar has become the premiere platform for the promotion of technical solutions related to the production of corrugated board and packaging, and the FEFCO event is now the only conference and trade exhibition bringing together buyers and suppliers of corrugated packaging machinery, equipment and services in Europe.

The conference was opened by FEFCO President Bob McLellan, who also took the opportunity to outline the main activities of FEFCO outside of the technical field. The conference, chaired by Walter De Smedt, head of the Production Committee, covered four main themes of particular importance for the future development of the corrugated industry:

- **Light Weight Papers on a Corrugator** – seen from different angles and describing the potential problems as well as opportunities, even offering a number of solutions;
- **Best Use of Energy** - which focused on energy cost savings coming from improved technology, better analysis, understanding and management;
- **Exceeding Printing Limits** - offering suggestions for achieving best print quality in litho, pre-& post print flexo and digital printing;
- **Process Control** - comparing the automatic quality control systems that are available on the market and the many opportunities for improving quality, both 'off-line' and in a 'real life' environment.

Around 30 suppliers took part in four 'spotlight' sessions, and at the end of the Seminar FEFCO presented the following awards:

- **Best Innovation:**
 - Gold Award: Fosber for the "Lubrication Free Thin Blade Slitting"
 - Silver Award: Wilhelm Bahmüller for the "Topmatcher - Turbox Shelf Ready Packaging"
 - Bronze Award: Apex Europe B.V. for the "Genetic Transfer Technology - Bye Bye Anilox?"
- **Best Presentation:** Göpfert, for its "Göpfert Technical Update"
- **Energy Saving:** Cargill Europe BVBA for the "C*RheM, the New Adhesive Conditioner based on Renewable Materials"

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Note to the editors

FEFCO (European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers) was established in 1952 and is the umbrella organisation of the European Corrugated Board Industry. Headquartered in Brussels, FEFCO has 24 active Members, all European national corrugated packaging associations.
