

Brussels, 28 March 2011 > FEFCO awarded corrugated Industry suppliers at its last Technical Seminar held in Munich on 23-25 March 2011

During its 16th Technical Seminar, FEFCO (Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers) presented 5 awards to suppliers, sympathiser members of FEFCO.

The Spotlight Sessions, which have been popular at previous Seminars, were even more successful this year with 46 spotlight presentations.

These seven-minute presentations gave corrugated industry suppliers the opportunity to present their developments and innovations to a large professional audience. They also allowed them to highlight the constant improvements in technology and production processes taking place in the corrugated industry.

Their performances were closely scrutinised by the Production Committee (chaired by Walter De Smedt of the Smurfit Kappa Group), who were responsible for selecting the winners amongst those taking part in the spotlight sessions.

At Friday's closing session prizes were awarded for **Innovation, Sustainability and for the Best Presentation**. Angelika Christ, FEFCO Secretary General, presented the following awards:

- **Best Innovation:**

Gold Award: Göpfert Maschinen GmbH "Latest News in High Quality Printing" presented by Ralf Schiffmann. This innovation consists of a high quality post print equipment offering speeds that are 40% higher than any comparable machine.

Silver Award: BHS for its "Zero Defect System" presented by Thomas Murr. The presentation convinced the jury that it will help the corrugated industry to further improve its quality and get closer to its zero defect target!

Bronze Award: Fosber SpA for "M3 Liberating Wet End" presented by Tim Straker. The concept of the M3 system for reel stands/splicers was considered by the jury to be a step further in automation of the wet end, reducing manpower and therefore promising cost reductions.

- **Sustainability:** Flexo Concepts "Microclean" by Dave Burgess won the special Sustainability award for its innovative Microclean anilox roll cleaning system".
- **Best Presentation:** the clear winner were Martin Müller and Alfred Kugler, from Gerd Mosca AG, with their quick-fire question and answer presentation entitled 'Sustainability Meets Efficiency'.

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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.