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Interest for Inkjet Pushes New Market Players to Join TheIJC 2016

Leuven, 7th July 2016 – drupa 2016 showed the direction of digital printing future, now TheIJC invites all who look ahead to technological insights of inkjet engineering and chemistry, and who build the future. Supported by drupa, sponsored by MS Italy and organised by ESMA, the third edition of the world's largest inkjet event returns to Swissôtel Düsseldorf/Neuss on 4-6 October 2016. So far, more than 20% of the tabletops have been booked by new exhibitors and 50% of delegates registered to date have never attended TheIJC before.

drupa has been the supporting partner of The Inkjet Conference since its inauguration in 2014 and enabled creating a venue for 400 technology developers, engineers, chemists, researchers and decision makers. During the fair in June 2016 many of TheIJC delegates and exhibitors presented new products and solutions, and all of them confirmed to join the conference in October. Given the numbers of registered newcomers and a setting for at least 70 tabletops, a record breaking attendance is expected.

Presentation titles already confirmed

Over 50 companies have already confirmed and many of them have submitted their presentation titles with abstracts for review. Among the first-time exhibitors and presenters are:

- Aleksander Bespalov from DPS Innovations with “[Printhead controller boards for inkjet printheads and their role in the printing process](#)”
- Guy Evron from Velvet Jet with “[Benefits of using pigment inks for textile printing](#)”
- Thomas Franz from Baumer Inspection with “[Process monitoring of single pass printing by wide format image inspection](#)”
- Michael Gross from KIWO with “[Resists and more: Industrial processes with inkjet printable resists](#)”
- Dr Tobias Kraus from Leibniz Institute for New Materials with “[Sinter-free hybrid metal-polymer inks for printed and flexible electronics](#)”
- Jan Rops from Crown Van Gelder with “[Future trends in inkjet paper](#)”
- Sean Smyth from Smithers Pira with “[Drivers and barriers toward adoption of inkjet in packaging](#)”
- Joseph E. Ward from RJA Dispersions with “[Nano-pigment dispersions for industrial inkjet systems](#)”

The detailed and continuously updated list of presentation abstracts is available at <http://theijc.com/event-program>. The range of topics reflects the complete spectrum of components which contribute to the performance of an inkjet system. “Inkjet and digital cover a diverse range of topics and technologies, including precision engineering, chemistry, electronics, software, database management, hydraulic systems, surface science, colour management, inkjet printheads and of course a huge knowledge about the specific application. In isolation each of these topics are quite straight forward, but it is their interaction and a weakness in any one of them that will affect system performance. Just as we start to understand one area, we discover several more to explore. To know where to start is always a challenge. TheIJC offers guidance for both newcomers and professionals from specific domains who want to broaden their expertise“, says Steve Knight, co-founder of TheIJC.

Workshop spaces filling quickly

Dedicated to its educational objectives, The Inkjet Conference 2016 has been extended with six workshop sessions on 4 October 2016. The workshops are offered for free to first 100 delegates who register for the main event and the spaces are filling quickly with “Inkjet in Packaging” chaired by Sean Smyth being the most popular so far. Other sessions will provide the participants with practical knowhow about waveform tuning (chaired by Dr Steven Hoath from University of Cambridge and ImageXpert), colour management and print (Oliver Kammann and Fogra), functional fluids (David Chapman) and speciality effects in textiles (Prof. Marc van Parys). A hands-on introduction to inkjet background and terminology including practical demonstrations will be given by Steve Knight and Johannes Renner from the iPrint Institute.

Delegate registration

The Inkjet Conference will feature two tracks with 50 technical presentations, an exhibitor area of at least 70 tabletops and an exquisite networking dinner on the evening of 5 October 2016. Together with one inkjet workshop of choice, lunches and refreshments, it is all included in the delegate fee of 695 euro + VAT. ESMA members pay 605 euro and academics enjoy a special rate of 160 euro. Group bookings unlock additional discounts. Registration is available at <http://theijc.com/about-event/registration-2016>.

Some of those who have already confirmed for the TheIJC 2016 as exhibitors, speakers or delegates include: Aako | Actega | Adphos | Albea | Allnex | Agfa | Archipelago | Arcolor | AT Inks | Atlantic Zeiser | Barberan | Barbieri Electric | Baumer Inspection | Bühler | Caldera | ChemStream | Collins Inkjet | ColorGATE | Digital Direct | Domino | DPS Innovations | Duralchrome | Eckart | Excelitas | Fujifilm Dimatix | Fujifilm Imaging Colorants | Fujifilm Speciality Ink Systems | GEW | Global Graphics | Global Inkjet Systems | Hapa | Heraeus | Holding Textile Hermès | Höhle | Huntsman | Hymmen | IACS | ImageXpert | Impress Surfaces | Industrial Inkjet | Integration Technology | INX Digital | iPrint Institute | Isimat | ISTECH Faenza | KBA-Kammann | KBA-Sheetfed Solutions | KHS | KIWO | KNF | Kodak | Konica Minolta | KWH Mirka | Leibniz Institute for New Materials | Malvern Instruments | Mankiewicz | Marabu | Matsui | Megnajet | Microtrac | Nazdar | NMP Systems | NTS Group | Océ Technologies | Pall | Particle Metrix | Phoseon | Rex-Tone Industries | Ricoh | RJA Dispersions | Roland DG | Schott | Seiko Instruments | Sensient | Smithers Pira | Stillemans | STS Inks | Sun Chemical | TexZeppelin | Thieme | Todema | Toshiba | TTP Meteor | Unilin Industries | University of Cambridge | Velvet Jet | Weber Marking Systems | Wifag-Polytype | Windmüller & Hölscher | Winner Screen Machines | Xaar | Xeikon Manufacturing

Mobile app

For 2016 The Inkjet Conference has introduced an app developed for all mobile devices (Android, iPhone, Blackberry and Windows Phone). It is available in the stores as “TheIJC 2016” and contains all conference details with automatic updates. Read more at <http://theijc.com/medias/mobile-app>.

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