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The Frank Paine Packaging Award

During the event the Frank Paine Packaging Award, for outstanding contribution to the Packaging community on a global basis, was presented for the first time to David Edwards CSci FIMMM.

The Frank Paine Packaging Award is given to the person who can show an outstanding contribution within the Science and Technology of Packaging. It is open to members and non-members globally. The medal will be awarded every two years and the recipient will be asked to give a lecture on packaging innovation to an audience of young professionals the following year.

Many of you may have heard of or indeed known Frank Paine, who gave so much to our Industry during his many years in packaging. Sadly he passed away but thanks to the generosity of his daughter Heather he is remembered with a packaging award, created in his name.
Evening Seminar - 4 July 2018

Experts of the future: Connective, digital packaging.

The event focused on introducing the benefits of connective packaging and packaging created using digital technologies.

Speakers at the event:

Lauren Whittaker
Icon Connective Digital (ICD)
Marketing consultancy focused on developing integrated marketing solutions using connective, packaging technologies.

Paul Randall
HP Indigo
Digital print technology for packaging and printed media.

Jason Ridyard
Daena
Digital workflow and streamlined packaging artwork production.

Martin Stahel
Zappar
Augmented reality, virtual reality and mixed reality experts.

Michael Braybrook
Thyngs
Near Field Communications (NFC) experts.

The event attracted a range of attendees including big brands, packaging manufacturers and students from the USA and UK.

The seminar received positive feedback from all attendees and presenters, many seeing the event as a fantastic opportunity to build connections and find out more about evolving technologies.
The Thames River Cruise is an annual event that brings together packaging professionals from across the industry. It’s the perfect opportunity to network and build connections.

This year’s event attracted a range of guests from brands, large scale packaging manufacturers, and design agencies, including Coty, Kingfisher Group, and Billerudkorsnas.

**Guest Speaker - Ian Schofield**  
*Own Label & Packaging Manager - Iceland*

Ian joined the event following the Big Plastics Debate at Packaging Innovations 2018; a crowd-drawing debate that was both inspiring and realistic in driving home the need for immediate action and change.

Holding the TPS event on the River Thames provided the perfect backdrop to discussions that considered the positive and negative effects of packaging.

**Interested in joining next year’s event on 4 July 2019?**

Please get in touch. Early bird tickets will go on sale soon.

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Michigan State University (MSU)
Packaging Summer School, UK, 2018

By Keith Barnes, July 2018.

Every year in July I coordinate a whole month of visits and lectures for a group of undergrads from Michigan State University, the largest provider of packaging degrees globally.

On the 2nd July I, along with their leader Ron Iwaszkiewicz, welcomed the students to the UK ready for an intensive month experiencing the UK packaging industry. After introductions we shared an excellent presentation by David Jago of Mintel on the value of GNPD which is used at MSU in Lansing.

A busy week began with thoughts from Roy Dixon, Ed Kosior, the Packaging Museum and an assortment of presenters at the Experts of the Future, evening seminar held at IOM3 HQ. The seminar focused on connective, digital packaging technologies.

The following day we went to Smithers Pira at Leatherhead and then enjoyed an evening networking at the Thames River Cruise. Our final week day was spent at The Paper Trail in Hemel Hempstead.

The students used the weekend to explore London before starting the second week with a coach trip to RPC Promens at Rushden. This was our first visit there and highly successful. Tuesday emerged with our usual, superb visit to Britvic at Beckton via the Docklands Light Railway.

Wednesday and all change, a coach transported us all to Nottingham, first a stop at Kettering, Bubblewrap, home for our well established half day visit then on to Nottingham University.

No rest yet as we were picked up early the next day to travel to Futurama (Innovia) at Wigton, Cumbria, also a well established excursion to view BOPP and Cellophane production. After lunch another couple of hours travel followed to reach Glasgow. This partially leisure weekend included a tour around Glasgow (Loch Lomond, Trossachs and a distillery) on Friday and a day in Edinburgh on Saturday returning to Nottingham on Sunday.

We started the third week with lectures. The first looking at new innovations, followed by Jeremy Plimmer who introduced the students to anti-counterfeiting and security within packaging.

On Tuesday we travelled to Mansfield to visit Crown Specialities (Metal boxes) and Plastek Injection Moulding. Wednesday saw us in Daventry with MCC labels and Amy Chambers.

Thursday we travelled to Graphic packaging near Leicester for carton treatment and on Friday visited Beatson Clark in Rotherham for a hot glass finish to the week.
The final week started with a visit to Britvic Northern Distribution Centre at Lutterworth for a view on warehousing and distribution.

Onward to an afternoon visit to RPC Bebo at Corby-vacuum packaging explained by Emma Wise.

Tuesday provides a whole day of exciting presentations in the “Pack to the Future” conference at Nottingham University.

A new venue and company this year was Onboard, corrugated production in Wolverhampton, visited on Wednesday then more coach trips to Hayssen Sandiacre machines at Nottingham and Loughborough Design Centre in the afternoon.

The last day was spent with James Coldwill of Loughborough University who provided a lecture on R&D and sustainability.

In the afternoon I subjected the gang to my dreaded Quiz based on anything seen over the past month and next it was the turn for our students to give a presentation on what they considered an innovative or environmentally sound product from the UK. The students gained marks for this task along with their daily reports etc. based on what they have seen. We finished off with a debrief of the month hearing valuable feedback from the students.

As they say that’s it folks. Saturday brought the trip to a close and a coach that returned to London where the students continued their summer travels or returned to the USA.

For my part the end of a busy but pleasant month and the development of a number of new friendships and connections.
The ‘Pack to the Future 2018’ event was planned in response to the ongoing public and media campaign to reduce the use of plastics in packaging and to encourage recyclability.

Everyone in the packaging industry at large recognises that overcoming these challenges will be tough but with the assistance of new technology and innovation, the companies that are able to turn the tide on plastic pollution will reap the rewards.

For this specific Pack to the Future event we brought together some impressive speakers from leading brand owners and convertors to recycling.

Each approached the subject from a different perspective and suggested a suitable strategy to address these pressing matters.

- Latest technology in recycling in the future state.
- Global brands and the environment.
- Latest technology in plastic packaging for the environment.
- The future of plastic recycling.

Speakers

Bruce Funnell
Head of Packaging - Nestlé
Product Technology Centre, Confectionery

Barry Turner
Plastic & Flexible Packaging
Group Director - British Plastics Federation (BPF)

Barrington Pamplin
Technical Director/Partner - ThePackHub

Stuart Foster
CEO - Recoup

Daniel Shearstone, Judith Beardsmore
Wastecycle

David Rose
FIMMM; APkgPrf; DMS - Packaging Development Consultant.
Liam Barbary - Chairman of EMPS and Event Host

The event was held at Nottingham University and attended by circa 70 delegates.

Overall it was a great event and very encouraging to see the amount of work being conducted by all levels of the supply chain (converters, brand owners, waste recyclers and other NGO’s), to make sure plastics have a limited affect on our planet.

The level of collaboration is much improved since I last had an update on plastics and the environment. I truly believe, once the initiatives presented are fully established, plastic will have a minimal affect on our planet, whilst still delivering all the benefits of longer shelf life (thereby reducing food waste) and protecting products in transit.

A truly insightful day and I am very proud of my team in the East Midlands Packaging Society for putting together another great event.

The event received fantastic attendee feedback:

- The event was great and very informative and I look forward to further such events.
- I enjoyed Tuesday, thank you and there was a lot to take in but I feel better informed now than before the day started.
- Thank You for organising the Pack to the Future event on Tuesday. I thought it was a good overview of what is happening.
- Just wanted to pop a wee note to thank you for arranging the Pack to the Future event, it was great, HOT but great ☺
- Many thanks for organising today, I found it extremely interesting and informative.
Conference: “Better Living through Innovation and Sustainability”
Delivered by Women in the Packaging Industry.

12 December 2018

About the Conference

The London College of Fashion and The Packaging Society, Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, are hosting a one-day conference: “Better Living through Innovation and Sustainability”.

In this conference experts from a variety of industries such as food, healthcare, cosmetics, and recycling will take the audience through innovations and sustainability of packaging and discuss their contribution to better living. The event will provide an invaluable opportunity for the audience to network and learn about current innovative packaging concepts such as personalisation and digital, as well as sustainable materials.

2018 represents the year of the woman and as such, the presenters in this conference are esteemed females in the Packaging Industry. A version of the lectures will be published in “The Packaging Society Newsletters”.

The event is open to anyone who appreciates and would like to learn about the importance and impact of packaging on better living:

1) Individuals who are planning their careers in the packaging industry.
2) Those interested in learning about the past, present, and future of the packaging industry.
3) Experts in the field of packaging who would like to understand in more detail about other packaging industries.

The conference will take place on 12 December 2018, at London College of Fashion, 20 John Prince’s Street, London W1G 0BJ. Registration is essential.

For more information, please email Dr Milica Stevic - m.stevic@fashion.arts.ac.uk.
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Eco-Brands means Eco-Packaging
Lee Carpenter
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Meeting Consumer Demands for Subsustainable Packaging
Regina Maisevicute-Haydon
Global Food & Drink Analyst
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Kia Oval, Surrey County Cricket Club, Kennington, London, SE11 5SS
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Packaging Innovations London
Olympia, Hammersmith Road, London
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25 - 27 September 2018
PPMA 2018 - exhibition for processing and packaging machinery
Hall 5 NEC Birmingham
Contact David Harrison - Email: david.harrison@ppma.co.uk

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Materials Protecting People Seminar (third seminar in the series)
IOM3 HQ, Euston Road, London
Contact email: conferences@iom3.org

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