

Press Release

Dr David Galton recognised by the European Flexographic Association for his Outstanding Contribution to the Flexo Printing Industry

Tokyo, Japan & Brussels, Belgium, 22 March 2018 – Asahi Photoproducts is delighted to announce that its European Sales Director, Dr. David Galton has been recognised by the European Flexographic Industry Association for his outstanding contribution to the Flexo Industry. This lifetime achievement award is the highest honour awarded by EFIA.

David Galton has been a key figure in the printing industry for over 30 years, starting his industrial career at the London College of Printing and gaining his PhD at Leeds University. Galton remains an active researcher and author of numerous technical papers and articles and was chairman of EFIA for 5 years from 2009 to 2015. His career began at Ilford Films working in R&D. Galton moved to working with Litho Plate technology at Polychrome in the early 80s and then transferred to Asahi Chemical and the flexographic sector in 1985. He has been in his role at Asahi Photoproducts for over 30 years.

Debbie Waldron-Hoines, CEO of EFIA says, "David Galton's contribution to EFIA cannot be underestimated. He has worked tirelessly and effectively to strengthen our organization and its purposes. He is a highly valued and respected member of our board. During his five years as chairman of EFIA he has helped us to raise awareness for our organization. With his extensive technical knowledge, his understanding of business practices and his caring manner he is highly regarded by the hundreds of flexo printers and suppliers who are our members and depend on EFIA as a source of information and support.

The EFIA Awards 2018 were held at The Vox Centre in Birmingham, UK on Wednesday 14th March. During his acceptance speech Galton made a personal tribute to thank each member of the board. "I am honoured and humbled to be the recipient of this special award," said Galton. "EFIA makes a difference. It is a vibrant organization representing the Flexographic Industry that is run by a small group of dedicated volunteers without whom the industry would

not have a platform to 'showcase' and champion excellence. The training of our young people is ongoing and vital. The association is in safe hands and I believe it has a bright future ahead."

Dieter Niederstadt of Asahi states, "I have had the privilege to know David for 16 years. He brings an energy and enthusiasm to his work that is infectious. He is a genuine guy and with a significant depth of knowledge and understanding of our industries. He always goes the extra mile to help and encourage each and everyone he comes into contact with. We at Asahi all join together in congratulating David on this well deserved award."

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Left to right: Mr Mark McKee, Managing Director, JFM Plates - he presented the award, Dr. David Galton, Mr. Hal Cruttenden

David Galton and Neil Jones

Left to right: Dr. David Galton, Neil Jones, BOBST - Chairman of EFIA



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Asahi Photoproducts is a subsidiary of the Asahi Kasei Corporation which was founded in 1971 holding its European Headquarters in Belgium, Asahi Photoproducts is one of the leading pioneers of flexographic photopolymer plate development. By creating high quality flexographic solutions and through continued innovation, the company aims at driving print forward in balance with the environment.

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