

ERPC declares 2013 paper recycling awards winners

Two organisations awarded for innovative efforts in paper recycling



INGEDE member International Paper Kwidzyn receiving the commend for its entry „Seventh heaven for Newspapers“

The European Recovered Paper Council (ERPC) announced the winners of the fourth European Paper Recycling awards. The well-attended ceremony took place at the European Parliament and was hosted by ALDE MEP Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, who underlined the importance of recycling in today's society.

First winner in the category Technology Improvement and R&D was Voith Paper GmbH & Co. KG with a new technology called LowEnergyFlotation (LEF). "This is an innovative technique that significantly reduces the energy requirements needed to remove printing ink from paper fibres", explained product manager Reinhard Bluhm.

The newly developed injectors are at the heart of the LEF. Together with the modified pumps, they enable energy consumption to be reduced by up to 50% in the flotation. Subsequently, paper mills not only save energy but also achieve significant financial savings. The LEF technology has already

been applied to more than 10 systems worldwide.

The winner of the category Information and Education was the Alcorcon municipality in Spain. Their project improves paper and board collection by distributing paper bins in all schools in the district. The project aims to increase both the amount of paper collected as well as environmental awareness among children. "In the end, more than 15,000 children will know how to recycle paper and will have learned the importance of recycling", said Alcorcon's waste collection officer Susana Mozo, speaking at the ceremony.

In her speech ERPC Chairperson Beatrixe Klose stressed the role of the recycling awards. "The European paper recycling awards recognise innovative approaches to paper recycling, which is a daily act, familiar to all. It is our pleasure to highlight a few of those that merit wider recognition and visibility", she added.

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29 Oct 2013
EcoPaperLoop Seminar
Warsaw, Poland

4-5 Nov 2013
INGEDE working group
Deinking Process
Laakirchen, Austria

5-6 Nov 2013
INGEDE working group
Paper for Recycling
Laakirchen, Austria

26-28 Nov 2013
European Paper Week
Brussels, Belgium

15 Jan 2014
INGEDE Project 141 13
"DIP Characterization"
Munich, Germany

12 Feb 2014
INGEDE Symposium
Munich, Germany

13 Feb 2014
INGEDE Communication Platform
Munich, Germany

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Three more entries were commended by the jury: International Paper Kwidzyn for its entry ‘Seventh Heaven

for Newspapers’ (Information and Education category), Lucart Group for “Natural Project: Tissue paper from beverage cartons” and Reculiner bvba for their work on “Sustainable paper

release liner recycling” (Technology Improvement and R&D category). See below further impressions from the awards ceremony in Brussels.

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Reinhard Bluhm from Voith Paper, winner of the Technology Improvement and R&D category, with Beatrice Klose, ERPC Chairperson



Audience



PTS Pulp Symposium

This year PTS Pulp Technology Symposium will be organised in Dresden on 27 and 28 November 2013. It will focus on new, fibre-based materials

and paper products. Fibrous raw materials are becoming increasingly expensive, energy prices continue to rise and markets are undergoing dramatic change – many papermakers are therefore searching for new, innovative product ideas to ensure sustainable economic growth in future. The PTS Pulp Technology Symposium will provide ideas and approaches for potential solutions. The attendees will be provided with a topical overview and the latest development trends regard-

ing the spectrum of pulps available worldwide and approaches for value-adding deployment. Key aspects of the first day are sustainable availability of fibre pulps today and in future. Key aspects of the second day are technological developments of stock preparation processes for more effective use of fibre potential. Programme and registration:

www.pulp-technology-symposium.com

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