

New Sustainability and Public Affairs Manager at EDANA

EDANA, the international association serving the nonwovens and related industries, has appointed PIERRE CONRATH, to the newly created position of Sustainability and Public Affairs Manager. Pierre, who joins the team in February 2008, will help to support EDANA's mission: 'to create an environment beneficial to sustainable and profitable growth of the industry participants through the active promotion of sustainable development, consumer interests and transparency'.

Pierre, a 27 year old French citizen, who is fluent in English and Dutch, holds a Masters degree in Public Affairs from the University of Bordeaux (France) and a degree in Economics and Political Sciences from the Laval University of Quebec (Canada). He will be responsible for managing the association's sustainability and EU public affairs activities, including future editions of its Sustainability Report, coordinating Life Cycle Analyses, current and new EU dossiers and a gap analysis for the nonwovens industry. In this newly created role, Pierre will bring his knowledge and expertise to EDANA, reinforcing its aims to provide excellence in its services to members.

Pierre has over 4 years experience in Public Affairs, gained by representing and advising a wide range of international and European organisations and industries, which has enabled him to develop a thorough understanding of and know-how in lobbying the European institutions and managing associations. More specifically, Pierre has represented and advised large companies, trade associations and European federations in a diverse range of areas, such as environmental, chemical and waste-related issues.

Dr. Michael Fiedler – the new managing director of KARL MAYER Malimo as of 1. April 2008

On 1. April 2008, Dr. Michael Fiedler took up his position as the new managing director of KARL MAYER Malimo Textilmashinenfabrik GmbH, the subsidiary responsible for the technical textiles section of the renowned KARL MAYER Group, which has its head office in Obertshausen.

Born in Zwickau in 1958, he completed a normal school education, and

studied mechanical engineering during the first half of the 1980s at the Technical University of Chemnitz. Michael Fiedler subsequently became an assistant lecturer at this technical university, and was awarded a doctorate at the end of the eighties. Shortly afterwards, he moved into the industrial sector.

This expert in mechanical engineering held various positions within this sector, from sales manager to managing director of a number of high-tech companies specialising in drive technology. In his new role as the managing director of KARL MAYER Malimo, Dr. Michael Fiedler intends to expand the core areas for which he is responsible. His aim is to further strengthen the sections of development, engineering and design, assembly, sales and service, thus enabling the company to continue along its innovative path and equipping it to compete successfully at the head of a market facing increasing challenges.

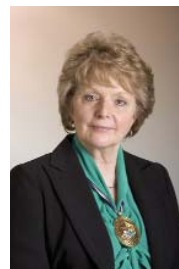
Sue Williams becomes the 86th SDC president

Sue Williams is the new president of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC), the world's only chartered society, professional body and educational charity dedicated to the science, technology and application of colour. She takes over from Adrian Abel and makes history for being the second woman president appointed by the Society in its 124-year history. Her term in office comes exactly 10 years after that of the first woman SDC president, Dr Veronica Bell.

Coming from a colour measurement and assessment background, Sue has worked in the industry for over 40 years. Beginning work in a pigments company, her future in colour was assured and in October 1969 she set up her own company, **Instrumental Colour Systems (ICS)**, with three other colleagues. In her role as company director, she ran colour develop-



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ment and application teams and also planned and delivered colour courses. ICS was bought by **Datacolor International** in 1990, for whom Sue went on to work for seven years, responsible for the launch of new colour software products and running the technical centre in the UK.

In 1997, Sue set up **Eurocolor Systems Ltd** with four colleagues, which went on to be acquired two years later by **GretagMacbeth UK**, a company that leveraged her experience and expertise to provide pre-sales consultancy for their colour management software. She then formed **Global Colour Solutions (GCS) Ltd** in 2001 to carry out consultancy, education and training and for the next four years worked closely with **DigiEye plc** helping to develop a pioneering digital imaging system for work in the measurement of fastness, colour and appearance. GCS Ltd was acquired by DigiEye plc in March 2007 and Sue now works as an independent colour consultant.

Throughout her career, education and training have featured highly and, not surprisingly, this will be the focus for her term in office. She is firmly committed to the Society's role as an educational charity and is dedicated to expanding and delivering SDC courses worldwide. A Chartered Colourist and Fellow of the SDC, Sue has been a Society member for over 20 years. Throughout this time, she has been involved in numerous technical committees and was awarded the Society's Gold Medal in 2006 for significant contribution to colour measurement.

The new president took office on Friday 18 April 2008, at a ceremony which was an integral part of the SDC Day of Celebration and saw her inaugural duties culminate in a presidential reception and dinner. This event was more colourful than usual – a reflection of Sue's forthcoming year in office – with the announcement of the winners of two global SDC competitions. Another first for the evening was that it also included the first ever fashion show at this annual SDC event, with outfits provided by a local SDC Patron College, the University of Huddersfield.

Another first in the history of the Society is that Sue will be keeping members up-to-date about her engagements as SDC president in her blog, which can be accessed via www.sdc.org.uk.

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