

# Personalia

## Changes in Ahlstrom's Corporate Executive Team

Ahlstrom Corporation announced the following changes in its Corporate Executive Team (CET) effective from January 1, 2009.

At the same time, Ahlstrom makes an adjustment in its business areas. Tommi Björnman is appointed Senior Vice President of the Filtration business area. Björnman transfers to his new position from the role of Senior Vice President of the Glass Nonwovens business area, which he has held since 2001. Prior to that, he has held several managerial positions within the company.

Senior Vice President Randal Davis, who is currently responsible for the Filtration business area, has decided to pursue other career opportunities outside the company.

Laura Raitio is appointed Senior Vice President of the Glass and Industrial Nonwovens business area. Raitio is currently responsible for the Corporate Sales Network, Human Resources, Corporate Communications and Marketing. She has held several managerial positions in the company.

The Glass and Industrial Nonwovens business area will cover the previous Glass Nonwovens business area as well as industrial nonwovens products, which currently are part of the Advanced Nonwovens business area. Hence, the Advanced Nonwovens business area will cover the Food and Medical Nonwovens products.

Paul Marold, 47, B.Sc. (Eng.), is appointed Senior Vice President of the Advanced Nonwovens business area and a member of the CET.

Paul Marold has lately been working as Vice President and General Manager of

the Medical Nonwovens product line. He joined Ahlstrom in 1999.

In the area of functional management, Senior Vice President Claudio Ermondi, who currently heads the Advanced Nonwovens business area, is appointed Senior Vice President, Innovations and Technology.

Senior Vice President Diego Borello, who currently leads the Innovations operations in addition to his other responsibilities, will focus on Purchasing and Sustainability.

The CET (Corporate Executive Team) responsibilities for the functions of Human Resources, Sales, Communications and Marketing will be informed later.

Ahlstrom's CEO Risto Anttonen congratulated the newly appointed CET members and thanked Randal Davis for valuable contribution for the company during the past years.

## Kathleen Mattson promoted to Vice President of IFAI Member Services

Kathleen J. Mattson has been promoted from Director to Vice President of Member Services of IFAI.



Kathleen Mattson.

In making the announcement IFAI President and CEO Steve Warner said, "This is a well-deserved recognition of Kathy's talents and results." Mattson has been employed by IFAI since February 2005, and has been promoted to increasingly higher levels of management responsibilities during this time.

Kathy works to continually improve IFAI's value proposition for members: "As a member-driven association, our goal is to address the unique needs of this multi-faceted industry," she said.

IFAI's total membership value package includes essential industry news through seven market-specific publications, critical business connections at a variety of industry events throughout the year, numerous ways to reach new customers, and money-saving business services and discounts. ♦

## Dr. Geoffrey Scott of Uster Technologies awarded as "Entrepreneur of the Year"

On Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> at a gala evening attended by around 400 guests at the Lucerne Culture and Convention Centre, Ernst & Young announced the winners of its eleventh Entrepreneur of the Year<sup>®</sup> award. Regarded by the Swiss business world as the highest of accolades, the awards are made to businessmen and women in recognition of their outstanding entrepreneurial achievements.

### Quality pays: Dr. Geoffrey Scott, Uster Technologies AG

In the "Industry" category, Dr. Geoffrey Scott, CEO of Uster Technologies AG, succeeded in leaving the competition behind. Uster Technologies have specialized in quality control systems for the textile industry, defining quality standards and developing electronic measuring equipment and software systems. The Uster-based company, with its two technology centers in Knoxville (USA) and Suzhou (China) and a global sales and service organization, operates in the most important textile markets around the globe. The jury was impressed by Dr. Scott's managerial skills, his entrepreneurial influence on the company's working culture, and the high motivation of the staff and their ability to identify with the company.

"With Uster Technologies I have had the chance to take a considerable personal risk to go after an opportunity to build a successful business" stated Dr Geoffrey Scott. "I have enjoyed the privilege of leading and working with a great group of people over the past years to build a company that we are all proud to be part of. I come from a family where my father, my brothers, many uncles, all took risks and started businesses. Being an entrepreneur is something that is in my blood and I am happy to keep the family tradition of entrepreneurship alive!"



Dr. Geoffrey Scott, CEO, Uster Technologies AG.

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