

Tomas Noelle strengthens ANDRITZ Küsters Team

New ideas and challenging goals are the objectives that Tomas Nölle, new Vice President of Paper Machines at ANDRITZ Küsters, brings to his new position in Krefeld: "We want to further enhance our technological strengths and expand this experience and competence to strengthen our position in the paper machine market for the long run".



Mr. Tomas Nölle.

Tomas Nölle further emphasizes that the knowledge base to reach these goals is already in place in the Krefeld and Bülach locations, with extensive experience in the finishing of all kinds of paper, and especially the production of specialty paper grades. "The goal is to further expand this expertise and to offer complete paper machines to our customers in the foreseeable future", notes Thomas Nölle. An example of this commitment is at the Krefeld site where the extension of the competence center for rolls, calenders, and presses is part of the immediate growth goals.

Tomas Nölle, who is a graduate from the Technical University of Magdeburg, was previously managing director at the PAMA company in Freiberg, Saxony. His areas of responsibility included development, sales, engineering, and project management for a period of over 20 years. His experience, insight, and technical knowledge will benefit the new Paper Technology division.

Paul Woodward takes over as UFI Managing Director

Paul Woodward is now Managing Director of UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, following Vincent Gérard's retirement. Woodward is well known within the UFI community as he was the UFI Asia/Pacific Regional Manager since 2004.

UFI's President, Manfred Wutzlhofer, stated with confidence, "Our UFI members will certainly



Paul Woodward, Managing Director of UFI.

ACIMIT Foundation: Six students awarded prizes for textile machinery works

At the assembly of the Association of Textile Machinery Industry Manufacturers held on 25 May, ACIMIT President Sandro Salmoiraghi awarded prizes to 6 students from Italian universities and textile technical institutes, winners of the annual ACIMIT Foundation Awards on research conducted on themes related to the textile machinery industry.

"The prizes, consisting of an amount of 800 Euros," stated Salmoiraghi, "are a sure indication of the attention the Association reserves to the training of students. In fact, for ACIMIT the training of young people, to whom we wish to transmit the knowledge of our textile machinery manufacturers, is a key element providing



ACIMIT President, Sandro Salmoiraghi awarding prize to a student.

continuity to the success of Italy's textile machinery sector throughout the world."

The awards ceremony was also attended by the professors who assisted the students in their research work. The competition is part of a framework of increasingly significant activities conducted by ACIMIT Foundation with textile sector training schools in Italy.



Six students awarded prizes for textile machinery works by ACIMIT Foundation.

appreciate the seamless management transition facilitated by Paul's move from east to west. Heading up the UFI headquarters team in Paris, Paul will ensure that we pursue our programmes and services and continue to successfully support the business objectives of our members and the exhibition industry worldwide."

Paul Woodward is also the founder and Chairman of Business Strategies Group Limited (www.bsgasia.com), a business intelligence and strategy consulting firm which specializes in business media, information and events in Asia.

Paul was based in Hong Kong and involved in the development of business media and events in the Asia Pacific region since 1985. He has conducted over 500 business intelligence and strategy consulting projects since 1990.

Prior to founding BSG in 2000, he was Managing Director of Asian Strategies Ltd., the research and strategy consulting division of Miller Freeman Asia and a Director of Miller Freeman Asia, now UBM Asia. There he was responsible for regional strategy development, corporate communications and businesses around the Asia-Pacific region.

Paul stated, "I am delighted and honoured to be stepping into this exciting position. I am really looking forward to having the opportunity to work closely with our members in 83 countries around, helping them add value to their businesses and our industry through UFI's wide range of activities and services. I am deeply grateful to Vincent Gérard for the incredible job he has done over the last nine years leading the UFI team and which gives us a very strong platform on which to develop new products and resources for our members". ♦