

## Minutes of the meeting of the WAN-IFRA World Printers Forum Board

Wednesday, 2016-10-12, Meeting at Courtyard Marriott hotel in Vienna, Austria

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## Agenda

No.	What?	Who?
1	Welcome	Vice-Chair
2	Participants	Round-table
3	Approval of the minutes of the Meeting on 1 March 2016	All
4	Report about the work of the World Printers Forum International Newspaper Color Quality Club 2016–2018 World Printers Forum Conference 2016 Projects: Paper Guide, Inkjet, Newsprint	M. Werfel, Anand S
5	Election of the new WPF Board	M. Werfel, all
6	Preparation General Assembly on 13 October 2016	all
7	Discussion on next project topics Value Adding (prepress, materials, printing, mailroom)	all
8	Other business	all
9	Next meeting	All
10	Closing comments	Vice-Chair

## **The Minutes**

### **1 Welcome and opening of the meeting**

Rick Stunt, vice-chair of the World Printers Forum Board, welcomed the participants and called the meeting to order.

The board accepted the apologies from Kasturi Balaji, Michael Hirthammer, Mohamed Hassan Mohamed Ali, Winfried Schaur and Peder Schumacher for not able to attend the meetings.

The board wished speedy recovery and good health for Kasturi Balaji.

### **2 Participants**

See list of participants on page 1 of this document.

### **3 Approval of the minutes of the Meeting on 1 March 2016**

The minutes of the fourth meeting of the World Printers Forum Board on 1 March 2016 were approved without changes.

### **4 Report about the work of the World Printers Forum**

Manfred Werfel presented the work of the World Printers Forum from March to October 2016. His slides are attached for information.

Topics of the presentation included:

- International Newspaper Color Quality Club 2016–2018
- World Printers Forum Conference 2016
- Status of projects: Paper Guide, Inkjet, Newsprint

#### *International Newspaper Color Quality Club 2016-18*

1. For the first time, the Color Quality Club competition was managed completely from India. A smooth transition was made from Germany to India.
2. 88% of the participants opted for Category 1 (Coldset on Newsprint), 6% of the participants opted for Category 2 and 3 (Heatset or UV on newsprint and super-calendered paper) and 6% of the participants opted for Category 4 (Extra-ordinary printing conditions).
3. Participation in INCQC is reducing in Europe and stable in India, UAE, Africa, Middle East and Latin America. We had 130 unique participants from 29 countries.
4. An INCQC winners brochure was published.

#### *Comments from Board of Directors*

Josef Schießl mentioned that the European participation may be reducing because many publishers and printing plants are participating since 1990s and after several years of participation, there are no new benefits anymore. The World Printers Forum should review the procedures and think of ways to add more value.

#### *World Printers Forum Conference 2016*

1. WPF Conference 2016 was organised as part of WAN-IFRA India conference in Kolkata. The conference was fully sold with 400 registered delegates. The printers' conference attracted at least 250 delegates.
2. The event also featured Asia Best in Print awards, INCQC winners felicitation and a printing plant visit to ABP Pvt. Ltd.

#### *Comments from Board of Directors*

Rick Stunt mentioned that it is very impressive to see such huge turn out for printers conference.

#### *Projects*

1. The Optimised Paper Handling and Logistics (OPHAL) project is in the final stages of production and we could expect its publication in November 2016. The book would be 260 pages long with 11 modules and very visual. A launch presentation was made in India, USA and Europe. Once ready, the book would be made available as a free e-book. Print on Demand will also be available.
2. The report on Inkjet applications in newspaper production is also in the final stages. The draft report is already sent to the expert panel for comments. It is possible to publish the report in November 2016. The report covers all the business cases, pros and cons of using inkjet technology.
3. The project on optimising production with lower grammage newsprint was kick-started in August. The project will cover the business case for migrating production to lower grammage newsprint and also cover the technical considerations while making such a move. The report will also compare the mechanical and printability properties of 45 g/m<sup>2</sup>, 42 g/m<sup>2</sup> and 40 g/m<sup>2</sup> newsprint and benchmark it with DIN 19306-4.

#### *Comments from Board of Directors*

1. All the Directors agreed that the OPHAL project is good and would help publishers worldwide to improve efficiency of production. It will also help shipping companies to adapt best practices. The Directors also emphasised to promote the report effectively.
2. For the newsprint project, Mr. Schießl commented that the business part is more important than the technical part. Mr. Sanat Hazra commented that WAN-IFRA should also include a user experience study to see how readers and advertisers perceive prints in different paper grades. Mr. Hazra also mentioned that it will be interesting to include perspectives from printers, who are increasingly printing in better grades of newsprint for better positioning of their products.

## 5 Election of the new WPF Board

Manfred Werfel presented the list of candidates running for the next term of World Printers Forum Board and suggested that an online voting could be done to select the board members.

Current list of candidates for the second term of the World Printers Forum Board (Feb 2017 to Feb 2019):

Anu Ahola, Senior Vice President, Newspaper Publishing Business Unit, UPM	Finland	Supplier
Dieter Betzmeier, Member of the Exec Board, Manroland web systems	Germany	Supplier
Sanat Hazra, Technical Director, Bennett, Coleman Company Ltd (Times of India)	India	Printer / Publisher
Dr. Michael Hirthammer, General Manager, Director Global Paste Technologies, Screen & Industrial, Sun Chemical	Germany	Supplier
Thomas Isaksen, CEO, DDPFF Den Danske Presses, Faellesindkøbs-Forening	Denmark	Printer / Publisher
Menno Jansen, Chairman QIPC-EAE, Chair of the PRIME Network	Netherlands	Supplier
Herbert Kaiser, Project Manager & Senior Project Manager Engineering Newspaper Presses, Koenig & Bauer AG	Germany	Supplier
Jan Kasten, Managing Director, CTO, ppi Media GmbH	Germany	Supplier
Josef Schießl, Technical Director, Süddeutscher Verlag Zeitungsdruck	Germany	Printer / Publisher
Peder Schumacher, NOPA Chairman, President V-TAB AB	Sweden	Printer / Publisher
Mujo Selimovic, MIMS Group (publisher of Oslobodjenje newspaper)	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Printer / Publisher
Dr. Rick Stunt, Group Paper Director, dmg media	UK	Printer / Publisher

### *Comments from Board of Directors*

1. More candidates should be included before elections can be conducted. At least 16 to 20 candidates should be there to do a meaningful election.
2. Representation from mailroom suppliers would be good.
3. A statute has to be written for the election of board members. As per the initial agreement, six board members would step down after the first term, six members would continue in the board for continuity and six new members would be added every two years. This has to be implemented.

*Way forward*

1. WAN-IFRA and the board members would look for potential candidates until end of November 2016.
2. Online elections would be done in January 2017 and the new board would take over in February 2017.

**6 Preparation General Assembly on 13 October 2016**

Directors suggested calling for potential candidates to run for the board at the General Assembly.

**7 Discussion on next project topics  
Value Adding (prepress, materials, printing, mailroom)**

Directors suggested to collect ideas for next projects through email.

**8 Other business**

Anand S reported about a planned benchmarking project in India on environment and efficiency.

**9 Next meeting**

The meeting participants discussed possible dates and venues. Rick Stunt invited the World Printers Forum Board to meet in London. The board member thanked Rick for the kind invitation to meet at the premises of dmg.

The board decided to plan the next **board meeting for Tuesday, 21 February 2017, in London, UK**. A preceding dinner is planned for the evening of Monday, 20 February 2017.

**10 Closing comments**

R. Stunt, vice-chair of the World Printers Forum Board, thanked the participants for their valuable contribution. He closed the meeting at 20.20 h.

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Minutes by Anand S, WAN-IFRA Research Manager, Chennai, India, 2016-10-17.

Minutes approved by the Vice Chair of the World Printers Forum Board on 2016-10-17.

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Attachment to the minutes:

2016-10-12 Report WPF Board.pdf