## EDP Awards Ceremony Saw 29 Winners

The European Digital Press Association (EDP) celebrated the winners of their 12th EDP Awards contest during Fespa 2018 in Berlin

Every year Europe's 21 leading trade magazines focussed on digital production processes, which are united in the European Digital Press Association (EDP), evaluate, judge and honour the best technological developments within the last 12 months (products such as software and harware, digital printing devices, postpress solutions and consumables). Criteria such as achievement, quality and cost efficiency are decisive for the choice. That's why the EDP Awards offer orientation and support more than half a million readers (only on the printed magazines) by their purchase decisions.

Out of more than 120 entries in 2018 finally 29 products were awarded with a trophy in its respective category. On Wednesday, 16th of May, the EDP Association announced at the EDP Award Ceremony 2018 all details of this year's EDP Awards.
Since 2007 the EDP members have honoured the best developments and innovations by awarding more than 260 products. This year again 29 Award were handed over.

At the Awards Ceremony 2018, Klaus-Peter Nicolay, President of the EDP Association, pointed out that the EDP Awards have become the "most prestigious and valuable Technical Award for the digital production business in Europe" during that period of 12 years.
Receiving such an EDP Award adds value to the winning product. "However, we also recognise that the EDP Awards can only be organised because manufacturers are willing to submit their products and give us insights for judging. Therefore, I thank all participants for making the EDP Awards possible", Nicolay said. "But what's about the products we don't give an Award? Are they bad or don't they fit into the market? No. Every product competing in the EDP Awards is a winner", Nicolay explained.
And it would be a misunderstanding that the EDP Awards only refer to Europe. It is, of course, an European Award, but with global brands and international character. 2018 again represents a colorful mix of Award winners and finalists from all over the world: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and USA.

**EDP AWARD WINNERS 2018**

**SOFTWARE/HARDWARE**

Best layout, design & editing software: **CHILI publish | CHILI publisher UGE**
Best color management: **Onyx Graphics | Onyx 18**
Best workflow technology: **Tilia Labs | Griffin Pro app**
Best special application software: **CloudLab | printQ 3D Packaging Design**
Best measurement & calibration: **AVT Advanced Vision Technology | Jet-IQ**
Best curing system: **ebeam Technologies | ebeam Compact**

**LARGE/WIDE FORMAT PRINTING**

Best roll-to-roll printer up to 170 cm: **Mimaki | UCJV300-160**
Best flatbed/hybrid printer up to 250 m²/h: **swissQprint | Nyala LED**
Best flatbed/hybrid printer > 250 m²/h: **Durst | P5 250 HS**
Best textile printer roll-to-roll > 100 m²/h: **Agfa | Avinci DX3200**
Best textile printer on transfer paper: **Aleph | LaForte Optima Paper340**
Best direct to garmet printer: **Brother | GTX**

**COMMERCIAL PRINTING**

Best cutsheet printer monochrome up to B3: **Canon | Océ VarioPrint 6000 Titan**
Best color printer up to B3 > 200.000 A4/month: **Ricoh | Pro C7200X series**
Best color printer up to B3 > 500.000 A4/month: **Kodak | Nexfinity Digital Press**
Best label printer web: **Screen | Truepress Jet L350UV+LM**

**PRINT AND FINISHING SOLUTIONS**

Best label printing solution: **ebeam, Uteco, INX | GAIA**
Best print and finishing solution: **MGI Digital Technology | JETvarnish 3D Web Color+**
Best corrugated solution: **Electronics For Imaging | EFI Nozomi C18000**
Best wallpaper solution: **Veika | Dimensor**
Best textile solution: **Konica Minolta | Nassenger SP-1**

**FINISHING / ENHANCEMENT**

Best digital sheetfed cutting solution: **Highcon Systems | Euclid IIIC**
Best digital wide format cutting solution: **eurolaser | XL-3200**
Best finishing support tool: **Zünd | Over Cutter Camera – OCC**
Best book on demand postpress solution: **Tecnau | Libra 800**
Best webfed finishing solution: **HP Indigo | HP Indigo GEM**
Best enhancement solution: **Leonard Kurz | DM-Liner UV-Ink**

**CONSUMABLES (INKS AND SUBSTRATES)**

Best special effect ink: **HP Indigo | Silver Ink**

**ACCOMPANYING TECHNOLOGIES**

Best 3D additive full color printer: **Mimaki | 3DUJ-553**

*2018 the EDP Association awarded 29 products with an Award. The group of EDP Award winners after the EDP Award Ceremony on Wednesday, 16th of May, in Berlin.*
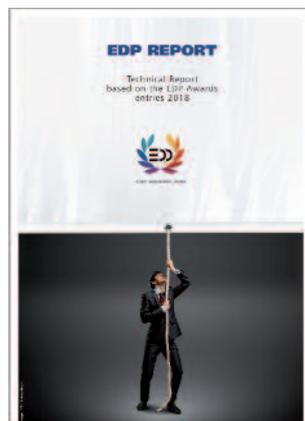
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With an EDP Award the EDP Association 2018 honoured 29 products. The results, all nominees, finalists, winners and more details of the EDP Awards 2018 contest are published in the "EDP Report 2018".

The 21 EDP member magazines all over Europe, covering 27 countries and reaching more than half a million readers in Europe (only on the printed magazines), congratulate the Award winners and finalists and thanks the participants and submitters for their cooperation.

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# EDP Association and EDP Awards

Since 2007 more than 250 trophies were awarded to the best technologies and developments by the EDP Association.

The EDP Association (European Digital Press Association) was founded in 2006 by six trade magazines with a mainly editorial focus on digital print processes. Today the EDP Association counts 21 member magazines all over Europe, covering 27 countries and reaching more than half a million readers in Europe. One of the goals of EDP Association is to assist the technology-appliers in their task to find the right solution for their applications. Because not every high tech product meets the requirements in a demanding production environment.

Every year experts representing Europe's 21 leading trade magazines on digital production evaluate the latest technological developments in several categories: software and hardware, large/wide format printing, commercial printing, print and finishing solutions, finishing and enhancement, consumables (inks and substrates) and special solutions. The best products in the respective categories are honoured with an EDP Award.

For the contest the members of the EDP Technical Committee (the jury consists of specialists and experts of the member magazines or partnering associations) investigate the submitted products´ features and qualities etc. At the end of the submission period the committee nominates the best ones in a category for the final judging round. At least representatives of all EDP member magazines discuss the suggestions of the Technical Committee and finally decide which product is worth of being awarded by an EDP Trophy.

So the EDP Awards are a classical competition, carried out by an expert's commission. Because of the strict criteria the EDP Technical Committee sets on the products, there are no votings on the Internet. It is about technical criteria, not about popularity.
Therefore the EDP Association grants the EDP Awards to the best products of the year to acknowledge the value of the research and development tasks of the industry. The logo that identifies the EDP Awards is a quality and innovation mark.

Since 2007 EDP has honored the best and newest products. Over the years nearly 300 trophies including the 29 trophies in 2018 were awarded to the best technologies and developments.