

## Start of the Second Certificate Course in «Packaging Technology» on October 24, 2005

The second Certificate Course in «Packaging Technology» is due to start in just a few weeks' time at the IPI. It will provide people moving from another technical or scientific discipline with a systematic entry into packaging technology and also with training that runs concurrently with their professional duties in preparation for the «Master of Engineering in Packaging Technology» course.



The Certificate Course in «Packaging Technology» is aimed at employees of manufacturers of packaging materials, packaging resources and packaging machinery, and workers in the packing industry.

A team of internationally renowned packaging technology experts imparts to candidates with initial training of a technical or scientific nature and relevant professional experience the necessary sector-specific technical skills to ensure lasting success in the field of packaging technology, with a sound theoretical and scientific basis.

The certificate course is structured along modular lines and comprises, depending on entry requirements and initial training, a total of up to 48 seminar days, in the form of six-day block seminars (Monday through Saturday) spread over a period of 12 months. Tuition of the forthcoming course is conducted in German. The certificate course starting in October 2006 will be conducted in English.

Upon successful completion of the course the University of Applied Sciences, Constance, awards candidates the certificate in «Packaging Technology».

### «Master of Engineering in Packaging Technology» course starts on March 6, 2006

Preparations are also now well underway for the proposed «Master of Engineering in Packaging Technology» course. It is scheduled to start on March 6 next year.

The course, which runs concurrently with professional duties, has been designed for international companies in the packaging and packing sector wishing to provide their managers and holders of expertise in the field of packaging technology and packaging management with further qualifications.

The content of the course is clearly focused on the area of lightweight primary packaging, with the emphasis on fillgood/primary packaging interaction, food & life science applications, flexible multilayer laminates and composite materials, packaging machines and packaging technologies as well as packaging management. Initial training at Bachelor's level which is specific to packaging is required for admission to the course.

The aim of the course is to greatly extend the participants' knowledge and to expand their research and development expertise in the various areas of packaging technology, to develop their managerial expertise even further, and to put the knowledge and skills that have been obtained into practice in business as part of scientifically sound practical projects.

The Masters degree covers four semesters, which run in conjunction with the participant's normal work activities. The course is conducted in English. On successful completion of the course of study, participants are awarded the academic degree of «Master of Engineering in Packaging Technology» by the University of Applied Sciences, Constance.

### ERA-IPI basic seminar in packaging gravure in November 2005

The «European Rotogravure Association» (E.R.A.) and the IPI are jointly holding the basic seminar on packaging gravure (see also the enclosed flyer). During the two-day seminar, experts from industry and universities will impart the basics of the gravure process. A simulation will be used to demonstrate to participants the transformation from theory to practice. An additional half a day is spent visiting two companies in the packaging sector which use gravure machines. The seminar is specifically aimed at people working in the gravure production chain (technical, production or sales staff, cylinder engravers, paper/substrate makers, ink makers). The contents of the seminar are structured so that the participants acquire a comprehensive overview of the entire gravure process.

Further information is available under [www.ipi.sh](http://www.ipi.sh)

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