

Extended Portfolio of IPI School

**Boost your packaging skills!
The IPI International Packaging Institute has extended its portfolio and added new options to the program of IPI School to bring you more benefits.**



Modular Certificate Course in Packaging Technology

On October 23rd 2006 the third Certificate Course in Packaging Technology will be run. One significant benefit is that you can now start in October, January, April or July depending to your availability and book any of the 4 modules which make up the Certificate Course. The Certificate modules are open for all employees in the packaging and packing sector. Both the Certificate Course and the modules will be taught in German until March 2007. From April 2007, the courses will be run in English.

Gain deeper insight of the courses and get a free course guidance

For those of you seeking more detailed information about career development opportunities, we have added a guidance package which entitles you to attend any of the individual modules, the Certificate or the Masters level course of study for up to three days, free of charge. You will have the opportunity to get to know our experts as well as the current participants on our courses and to discuss about their background and experiences.

Professional seminars

A further development is the addition of a program of short Professional Seminars, due to be launched in the second semester of the current year. The first of these Professional Seminars have been developed with AVD, Innoform GmbH, the Technische Akademie Konstanz GgmbH (TAK) and other partners and will be run partly in English and partly in German. The Professional Seminars have been developed in response to public demand and will be regularly updated and extended.

Second Master of Engineering in Packaging Technology course to be started in March 2007

The second course of the world's first Master of Engineering in Packaging Technology will start in March 2007. The Master of Engineering of Packaging Technology course aims to provide candidates with the skills required to assume senior positions within packaging and packing companies operating in the international markets and requiring qualified management personnel in the packaging technology sector.

Interested in further information about the IPI study courses?

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IPI supports the first international «Barrier Packaging» Conference

**Packaging is cost driven,
but you need it to sell your
products.**



Research and developments shows that the future lies in comfort and flexible packaging. The new international conference Barrier Packaging for the packaging and food industry, which will take place on November 27th and 28th in Böblingen (Germany) presents the new trends and solutions for high barrier and film packaging. Focused to improve aroma retention, odor proofing, gas barrier properties, heat resistance, environmental compatibility and long-term storage without damaging the freshness.

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November 27-28, 2006, Böblingen

Topics of «Barrier Packaging»:

- Active and flexible packaging
- Antimicrobial coating
- Bio-degradable packaging
- Packaging processes
- Film applications
- Migration effects between packaging and filling
- Microbiological risks
- Nanotechnology in packaging

2nd IPI Symposium on «Modern Packaging Systems» was a success!

More than 50 specialists from industry and scientific research and development came together for the 2nd annual IPI-symposium, which formed part of Sigpack Systems' 125 jubilee celebrations.



The inaugural first symposium took place last year as part of the packaging sector's trade fair ,P' in Stuttgart. This year's symposium was held at IPI's premises in Neuhausen am Rheinfall (Switzerland) on 22nd and 23rd June. The 2 day meeting included 15 seminars for participants to choose from, covering a broad spectrum of issues and trends. Overall the event achieved its goal of offering delegates an intensive programme of updating on sectoral news and innovation.

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IPI's Director of Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Ingo Büren, set the scene for what was to follow in his opening lecture which included many first-hand examples of the challenges facing the packaging sector today. A total of 16 other speakers, specialists working in industry as well as in the research and development arena, presented workshops, ranging from the latest developments in packaging materials and processes to nanotechnology packaging systems and machines. Delegates were clearly impressed by the opportunities on offer and left with a considerable quantity of new insights and ideas.

The presentations of the first IPI Symposium in June 2005 and the second IPI Symposium of June 2006 are now available on a CD for an amount of 100 Euro (free of charge for participants). They can be ordered at info@ipi.sh

The 3rd Symposium will take place next year and will again be part of the ,P' trade fair in Stuttgart (20th to 22nd June 2007).

Successfull «Off to China!?!-Event»

The «Off to China!?!-Event was organised by the VLI (Verband schweizerischer Verpackungs-und Logistik-Ingenieure – Association of Swiss Packaging and Logistics Engineers) in conjunction with the IPI International Packaging Institute in Neuhausen am Rheinfall.



The main objective of the event was the focus on opportunities and special features of the Asian market, and to examine current developments in the packaging industry sector on particular. With rapidly growing demand and great development potential, the packaging industry is a booming sector across the whole of Asia. Practically all sectors of industry have a growing demand for packaging material, which at the same time must meet more specified quality requirements. Asia has thus become an important global market for packaging technology, equipment and production materials.

At the opening session, **Raphaela Stricker**, advisor to the Asian Embassies in Berlin, presented a comprehensive overview on macro economic parameters with potential impact on an entry strategy for the Asian market. In her speech Raphaela Stricker addressed the importance of some of the Asean countries as one of the future economic zones in Asia.

Christian Rommels presentation about the packaging industry in China was dedicated to his experiences gathered when conducting business in China as a Managing Director of ROX Asia Consultancy Ltd. in Hongkong. He pointed out some guidelines and important business rules in China.

At the closing session, **Dr. Ingo Büren**, Prof. HdM Stuttgart, Director of Science and Technology at the IPI International Packaging Institute, described the education system in China both in general and with a special focus on training possibilities for packaging specialists.

Zhan Yu, Packaging Specialist, Nestlé China – and Yunduan Cao, Shanghai, presented in an interesting contribution his point of view on the actual situation for the packaging industry in China.

The presentations were followed by an interesting discussion panel with an active question and answer session. According to the positive feedback the «Off to China!?!-Event» was a success and spurs the VLI-IPI to continue launching such events.

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