IN-MOLD IMDA DECORATING ASSOCIATION

THE IN-MOLD MESSENGER

Registration is Open for the IMDA Symposium

Early Bird registration expires August 26 / Hotel must be reserved by September 6

Registration is open for the 2022 IMDA Symposium / SPE Decorating & Coatings Division Topical Conference (TopCon). The joint conference will be held September 28-29 at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest in Michigan (14 miles from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport), with an opening reception on the evening of September 27. Optional events on September 27 include a plant tour (see below) or a golf outing.

The joint conferences will bring extraordinary value to attendees through a broad selection of experts in all fields of plastics decorating, coating and in-mold decorating/labeling. In addition to a wide selection of paper presentations and panel discussions, a Supplier Trade Fair will feature tabletop exhibits from leading suppliers to the industry. Additional information on the Supplier Trade Fair is available for companies interested in exhibiting while spots remain.

For online registration, hotel information and the full schedule, go to www.productdecoratingevent.com.

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IMDA to Host Plant Tour at Nissha Eimo Technologies

Join the IMDA September 27 – the day prior to the IMDA Symposium – for a special Plant Tour Event at Nissha Eimo Technologies in Vicksburg, Michigan. Attendance will be limited to 40 registrants.

Founded in 1969, Nissha Eimo Technologies was acquired by Nissha Ltd. Co. (Japan) and its North American subsidiary, Nissha USA, Inc., in 2007. Employing 300 team members, Nissha Eimo Technologies focuses on markets that include automotive, consumer products and medical.

The plant tour will feature “a day in the life” of real-time production at Nissha Eimo Technologies. Plant tour attendees will see the following processes:

• Type TR IMD
• Type P pre-form and insert molding
• Type S simulforming (hybrid of the first two)
• Screen printing/IML
• TOM process
• Automated pad printing with cobot

Cost: $89, which includes transportation (if needed) from Ypsilanti and lunch. Register now at www.plasticdecoratingevent.com.

Vision Inspection Solutions for In-Mold-Labeled Packaging

As seen in Plastics Decorating Magazine

A major key for current and future growth of IML packages is automation, which enables cost-effective manufacturing to compete with traditionally cheaper decorating alternatives. Special consideration must be made for automated quality inspection – primarily machine vision systems – which is required to replace traditional manual inspection methods. Today’s vision technologies also can offer added value for process monitoring to prevent defects before they occur. Read the full article here.

Are You Taking Advantage of Your IMDA Member Benefits?

Discounts with Grainger on Thousands of Commonly Used Supplies
IMDA members with offices in the US saved an average of $2,100 with Grainger in 2021 – more than doubling their investment of association dues. Grainger provides aggressive discounting to IMDA members. Members receive savings of 10 to 25% on more than 20 different categories covering 970,000 SKUs. Customized or factory-direct pricing is available on high-volume, frequently purchased items, and members receive a standard 5% discount on other catalog and online purchases.

Shipping Discounts with PartnerShip
IMDA members can save 25% to 45% on FedEx services, including select overnight, second-day, ground and home delivery services. Additional discounts are offered through UPS Freight, YRC and others for LTL freight shipments.

IMDA HelpLinks: An Email Community for Problem Solving and Business Leads
IMDA HelpLinks is an email-driven community developed specifically for IMDA members to share their questions and challenges with other members. A recent exchange helped a member work through a label substrate challenge that was causing rippling at the label overlap. The HelpLinks is also how IMDA distributes any potential new business leads when we receive inquiries at the IMDA office.

IMDA Surveys, Troubleshooting Guides and Video Academy also are available only to IMDA members. If you aren’t taking advantage of these benefits, please contact Dianna at dianna@imdassociation.com.

IMDA Welcomes New Members

IMR Technology Co., Ltd., Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, China, was founded in 2005. The company’s core competencies

revolve around in-mold solutions (IMS), including smart surfaces, IMR, IML, IMT, IME and film insert molding. With 600+ employees, the company also has branches in Hong Kong, Japan, Germany, USA, Singapore and Malaysia. IMR Technology focuses its efforts in markets such as home appliances, automobiles, smart home, smart wear, big health, consumer and more.

DNP America, New York, New York, is a subsidiary of Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd. (DNP) and established in July of 1976. With offices in New York, Los Angeles and Silicon Valley, DNP America focuses its operations in graphic printing services, decorative materials, packaging and functional films, as well as electronic devices to the North and South American markets.

Tekscape is a New York, New York-based managed service provider (MSP) specializing in IT, networks, systems, cloud computing, security and collaboration for businesses. With an emphasis area in manufacturing, TekScape supports smart manufacturing technology solutions with cloud technology to secure infrastructure and cybersecurity.

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Beck Highlights High Demand in IML Solutions

3D Electronics Enables Greater Integration, Says IDTechEx

Heidelberg Expands Portfolio for In-Mold Label and Folding Carton Production

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