

Professor Philip Yeung Kwok-wing announced as the new President of SDC

SDC has announced the appointment of Professor Philip Yeung Kwok-wing as their new President. The ceremony took place at SDC's annual Day of Celebration in York.



Prof. Yeung celebrates 50 years of membership of the SDC in 2017 and he is an active member of SDC's Hong Kong region. He gained his ASDC in 1972, FSDC in 1998 and was awarded a Silver Medal in 1993, a Gold Medal in 2011 and Honorary Membership in 2012. The Hong Kong region was established in 1972 and has the highest number of Chartered Colourists outside the UK.

Prof. Philip Yeung Kwok-wing graduated from the Hong Kong Technical College, the predecessor of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), with a Higher Diploma in Dyeing, Printing and

Finishing in 1968. After obtaining his Associateship of the Society of Dyers and Colourists in 1972, Prof. Yeung embarked on his teaching career at his alma mater. On the strength of his Associateship, he took a study break for a research programme at the Queen's University of Belfast and obtained his PhD degree in 1978. With his outstanding performance, Prof. Yeung became Professor and Head of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing in 1995 and as the Vice President of PolyU in 2000, responsible for its academic planning and development. He is currently the Executive Director of the Clothing Industry Training Authority in Hong Kong.

Looking back, Prof. Yeung always regards the award of Voting Membership of the SDC a major stepping stone for him to pave the way of his successful career. The

qualification of ASDC enabled him to start his teaching career in PolyU and the opportunity to study for his PhD under the supervision of Prof. R.S. Asquith to further expand his horizons in seeking knowledge for the benefit of both students and the coloration industry.

Prof. Yeung is most honoured to have been elected as the President of the Society at the time of his 50th year of membership. He commented that he will "take pride in discharging his duty as President and hopes to contribute more on the industry-profession partnership at a time that more pressures are exerted in the coloration industry in terms of environmental, health and safety issues. With the wealth of knowledge of our members, I am confident that we can play a more substantial role in providing education and professional advice on such issues in future". ♦

Christian Duyckaerts elected as 17th Fespa President

Christian Duyckaerts has been elected as the new President of FESPA, the global federation of Associations for the wide-format printing community, during the annual FESPA Gala Night on Wednesday 10 May. The FESPA 2017 global print expo took place in Hamburg, Germany (8 - 12 May).

Christian is FESPA's 17th President, and will be supported during his term of presidential office by Vice-President Christophe Aussenac.

Duyckaerts joined the Board of FESPA in 2002, representing the Belgian printing trade association Febelgra, where he presides over the screen and digital workgroup. Duyckaerts is also Managing Director and founder of Retail Communicators, a visual communications

specialist delivering brand retail solutions from concept and print to installation for many international household brands.

Duyckaerts was previously CEO and co-owner of two of the largest POS and outdoor print production companies in Belgium; Print&Display and GSI Printing. He started his print career at Hamiscreen after completing his graphic technology studies at TSM and the HIGRO school.

"We will help our global community to adapt to these new trends and evolutions with conferences and summits to share best practice, knowledge, information and friendship, along with many other initiatives. FESPA will continue to build bridges between the printing industry and the end users of print and graphics, invest in the industry



"FESPA Presidency Handover at the FESPA 2017 Gala Night."

and focus on areas such as textile print, packaging, interior design, retail and many more. We will continuously look for synergies in favour of our members and work for a bright future for print."

As President, Christian will Chair the FESPA Board to oversee the successful execution of the organisation's strategy by the executive team, led by FESPA CEO Neil Felton. The FESPA President is elected by FESPA's 37 member Associations for a term of two years. ♦