

Daniel Link has been appointed CEO of Loepfe Brothers Ltd.

Loepfe Brothers Ltd. announces the appointment of Daniel Link as Chief Executive Officer with effect from May 1st, 2018. Maurizio Wermelinger, the current CEO, will retire but will remain as an advisor for a limited period of time to ensure a smooth transition. The management of Loepfe takes the opportunity to thank Maurizio Wermelinger for his valuable contribution to the company.

Maurizio Wermelinger has guided Loepfe successfully over the past ten years, particularly during periods of difficult economic situations in the textile industry. As former production manager, he focused strongly on Swiss quality in manufacturing – an approach, which has been proven to be a big success.



Under his aegis, several new instruments and services have been successfully developed and integrated into the portfolio.

Daniel Link is an experienced leader in the textile industry. He holds a Master in Engineering from EPFL, Lausanne, and an MBA in General Management from the University of St. Gallen.

Daniel Link held several management positions in R&D and Product Management at OC Oerlikon, before he joined Rieter Management AG in 2007 as a Senior Project Manager Corporate Planning & Development.

In the last 8 years, he successfully served as CEO of Bräcker AG. Loepfe is excited to welcome Daniel Link. With his well-rounded skills and long-standing competences, he is the ideal person to join the team and drive the next phase of growth for the company. ♦

Prof. Stephen Westland announced as the new President of the SDC

The SDC has announced the appointment of Professor Stephen Westland as its new President. The ceremony took place at the SDC's annual Day of Celebration held recently in York.

Prof Westland joined the SDC in 1991 and was a member of the University of Leeds student section. He is currently an active member of the North of England Region.

Prof Westland obtained his BSc and PhD from the University of Leeds in the 1980s before working for Courtauld's Research as a Colour Physicist. He then held academic posts at the universities of Keele and Derby before being appointed as Professor of Colour Science and Technology in 2003 at the University of

Leeds in the School of Design. During his time at Leeds, he has held several management positions including Head of School of Design (2006-2013) and Acting Faculty Dean (2013). He has published over 150 peer-reviewed book chapters, journal papers and conference proceedings in the areas of colour measurement, colour imaging and colour design. He received the Davies Medal from the Royal Photographic Society (2008) for his research into digital colour imaging and is a Senior Adjunct Scientist at the University of Texas Dental School (2010-). He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Colour and Imaging Institute and Tsinghua University in China (2010-).



Prof Westland commented: "I feel very proud to be elected as President of the SDC. Although I have achieved a number of academic distinctions, the role of SDC President is special because the SDC is a membership organisation for professionals working in colouration, many of whom have had long and distinguished careers in industry. It is exciting for me to take on this role at a time when the SDC has a new regional organisation. Expansion of the SDC to new geographic areas is important and I hope I can help to identify and develop further opportunities for the SDC during my year as President and beyond." ♦