

## Press Release

### From practice, for practice

#### Koenig & Bauer offers users a platform for waterless printing

- 14th Cortina User Workshop at **hubergroup** in Munich
- Around 100 participants from 15 countries share best practice experience
- Intensive discussions between service providers and suppliers

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This year's meeting was already the 14th time that users of the Cortina waterless newspaper press had come together to discuss technical innovations and the latest developments on the market. Under the overall aegis of Koenig & Bauer, the Cortina users gathered at the headquarters of ink manufacturer **hubergroup** in Munich. "We are proud that the Cortina User Workshop has proved so successful over so many years and that it meets with such positive response," said a delighted Peter Benz, Cortina project manager at Koenig & Bauer Digital & Webfed. As initiator of the workshop, he also assumed his now traditional role as moderator of the two-day event, which was attended by around 100 participants from 15 countries. He reported on recent sales successes and press start-ups, for example the commencement of production at ICP Roto on La Réunion and the commissioning of the first Cortina section at Coldset Printing Partners in Paal-Beringen, Belgium.

#### 14th Cortina User Workshop

The diverse presentations given by representatives of Koenig & Bauer, users and the supplier industry served to promote the sharing of ideas and experiences and to facilitate the formulation of common strategies. As has become customary over the past years, the Cortina User Workshop again received valuable sponsorship and support from numerous equipment and consumables suppliers. Alongside **hubergroup** and Koenig & Bauer, the companies Prüfbau, apex international, Toray Textiles Central Europe, Verico Technology, UPM, Papierfabrik Palm, Papierfabrik Kriebstein, Sauer Walzenfabriken, Flint Group, KMi Kwang Myung Ink, Griso Chemie, marks3zet, HEIGHTS Group, Eltosch Grafix, Wifac bv, ContiTech and Q.I. Press Control all contributed to the success of the 14th workshop.

Thomas Klebs, managing director for sales at **hubergroup**, opened the workshop with a few remarks on the current market situation. Koenig & Bauer also addressed the topic of digitisation from the perspective of a press manufacturer. With the broadest product portfolio in the industry, Koenig & Bauer already offers solutions for digital decor printing, metal and glass container decorating, newspapers and digital commercial printing, and is now similarly at home in digital corrugated post-printing with its new CorruJET press.

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The second day was placed under the motto "From practice, for practice". As every year, the Cortina users made full use of the opportunities for intensive and interactive discussion, as a source of information and answers to all their technical questions. Last but not least, the workshop also spotlighted new aspects relevant to the production process, such as predictive maintenance and the

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use of artificial intelligence to detect emerging faults and thus avoid unplanned press downtime through timely preventive measures. Insights into efforts undertaken to advance environmental protection and sustainability met with equally great interest. The date for the next Cortina User Workshop has already been fixed: Cortina users and supplier industry partners from all over the world will be meeting on 25th and 26th September 2019. The 15th annual workshop is to be hosted by user Coldset Printing Partners in Paal-Beringen, Belgium.

## **Photo 1:**

Peter Benz, Cortina project manager at Koenig & Bauer and initiator of the workshop, moderated the two-day meeting

## **Photo 2:**

Thomas Klebs, managing director for sales at **hubergroup**, hosted this year's Cortina User Workshop

## **Photo 3:**

Around 100 participants attended the 14th Cortina User Workshop in Munich

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