

## EDP Awards 2021

### 26 winners are happy about the desired trophy

**Due to the pandemic, the EDP Awards 2021, - were again presented on January 31, 2022 in an online presentation to a total of 26 winners, who convinced the jury of the European Digital Press Association (EDP) with their products. The desired awards were presented for the 15<sup>th</sup> time. Due to the worldwide Covid situation, which again put the organization team to the test of patience, originally planned dates had to be postponed again and again.**

The EDP Awards are Europe's only technology assessment in the industry and an open competition for all products announced and launched in the market within a year. The winners are selected by a commission of experts (the EDP Technical Committee), which evaluate the submitted products according to criteria such as innovation, quality, performance and cost. Due to these strict criteria, there are no voting or other public votes. It is about technical criteria, not popularity. This is the only way EDP can guarantee that manufacturers' achievements in developing new technologies will be recognized. Thus, the logo of the EDP Awards stands for innovation and quality, offering orientation and providing a neutral recommendation for purchase decisions of users.

#### Awards in seven categories

This year, 26 awards were presented to the winners and products from following seven main categories were awarded: Software/Hardware, Print (Large and Wide Format as well as Commercial), Industrial Solutions, Finishing, Support Tools, Consumables and Accompanying Technologies. "It was another very challenging year for us after we all thought the situation would improve in 2021," said EDP Vice President Peter Ollen, who presented the winners of the online competition on behalf of EDP President Klaus Peter Nicolay. "Due to the restrictions in terms of Covid-19, it was not easy to create the award this year. My thanks go to the jury and their professional work, and of course to all the submitters who trust our expertise." The 2021 Technical Committee consisted of Chairman and Editor-in-Chief Herman Hartman, SignPro Benelux and Igor Terentyev, Publisher of Publish Russia. Everything under the leadership of EDP President Klaus-Peter Nicolay, publisher and editor-in-chief of Druckmarkt Germany and Switzerland, who reviews this year as follows: "The Covid pandemic and the ongoing restrictions are now in their second year of considerable uncertainty in the planning and implementation of the EDP Awards. Unfortunately, this has also led to delays in many areas and we hope all participants will understand that. Because we also know that the awards would not exist without the industry. Therefore, on behalf of our members, I would like to thank all partners who made it possible to organize and host the 15<sup>th</sup> EDP Awards."



## **The decisions from the jury's perspective**

“From the point of view of the technical committee, it was not easy to make a choice this year,” says jury chairman Hermann Hartmann. “It remains important for our work that we can see with our own eyes how products work in practice and that you can touch the result in terms of printing and finishing. It was nice that I was able to see a number of nominated products at last autumn's FESPA in Amsterdam. Unfortunately, this was not possible for my colleagues due to the pandemic, but at the end we were able to come to a satisfactory conclusion. The EDP Awards are all about innovation. This not only applies to the suppliers involved, but certainly also to ourselves. What we have learned from this year is that it is useful to have more explanations from the suppliers. That took a lot of time and is an important reason why the names of the award winners are only now being announced.”



## The winners of the EDP Awards 2021

### SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

Best workflow technology: **Mutoh | Vertelith**  
Best workflow solution: **Zünd | Prime Center**  
Best cloudbased workflow solution: **CGS ORIS | Colour Cloud**  
Best MIS: **Dataline | MultiFlow**  
Best software automation tool: **EFI | EFI Fiery Finishers**  
Best special application software: **Dataline | MAS**

### PRINT

#### Large/Wide Format Printing

Best roll-to-roll printer < 170 cm: **Ricoh L5130e/L5160e | UJV100-160**  
Best roll-to-roll printer > 350 cm: **EFI | Vutek Q5r**  
Best flatbed/hybrid printer < 100 sqm/h: **Mimaki | JFX600-2513**  
Best flatbed/hybrid printer < 250 sqm/h: **swissQprint | Nyala 4**  
Best flatbed/hybrid printer > 250 sqm/h: **Agfa | Jeti Tauro H3300 UHS**  
Best textile printer roll-to-roll < 100 sqm/h: **Mimaki | TS100-1600**  
Best textile printer roll-to-roll inline finishing: **Durst | P5 TEX iSUB**  
Best direct to garment printer: **Kornit | XDI Technology**

#### Commercial Printing

Best cutsheet printer color up to B3 < 200.000 A4/month: **Canon | imagePress C10010VP Series**  
Best label printer < 321mm web width: **Screen | Truepress Jet 350UV SAI S**

#### INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS PRINT & FINISHING

Best folding carton solution: **Kodak | Ascend Digital Press**  
Best corrugated solution: **Durst | P5 380 HS**  
Best industrial inkjet: **Agfa | InterioJet 3300**

#### FINISHING

Best wide format cutting solution: **Elitron | Kombo TAV V2**  
Best cutsheet finishing solution offline: **MBO | Auto Production Folding Line**

#### SUPPORT TOOLS

Best print support tool: **Zünd | Cut Center – Visualizing Option**  
Best in robotics: **Zünd | Cut Center – Pick & Place**

**ACCOMPANYING TECHNOLOGIES**

Best 3D additive printing (full color): **Mimaki | 3DUJ-2207**

**CONSUMABLES (INKS AND SUBSTRATES)**

Best UV ink: **swissQprint | Neon inks for UV-printing**

Best industrial ink: **Agfa | Alussa iUL10**

The EDP Association is convinced that the current presentation of the awards will motivate plenty of new submissions for the next phase. Preparations for this will be completed by June 2022. "We expect a positive trend again for the year 2022 as far as the submissions are concerned," says EDP President Klaus Peter Nicolay. After 15 years the EDP Association is now with 21 magazines in no less than 27 European countries the world's most important platform for informing users about the various digital printing systems in all parts of the market. The still prevailing restrictions on visiting trade fairs or exhibitions make the EDP even more important. The participating products and results of this year's EDP Awards, together with the comments of the jury, are published detailed in the "EDP Report 2021". This can be downloaded at [www.edp-award.org](http://www.edp-award.org). The submission phase for the EDP Award 2022 will begin in a few weeks and will end on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Infobox**

The EDP Association (European Digital Press Association) was founded in 2007 by six magazines with a special focus on digital technologies. Today the EDP has 21 member magazines from all over Europe, covering 27 countries and reaching more than half a million readers (printed editions only). One of the declared goals of the EDP-Association is to help users find the right solutions for their applications. Meanwhile, the EDP Awards are highly regarded in the market and are a strong reference point. Each year, experts from the EDP circle evaluate the latest technologies and product developments in categories such as hardware and software, large/wide format printing, commercial printing, industrial solutions, finishing and consumables. The best products in each category are honoured with an EDP Award. Since 2007, the EDP has handed over around 390 awards for the best technology and product developments - now 26 awards are being added this year.

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