

Press Release

Paper – from bulk to brilliance

Wesel, March 26, 2008: To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of SPCI – the Swedish Association of Pulp and Paper Engineers – BYK Additives & Instruments is sponsoring the “Outstanding Paper Award”.

The high-tech potential and diversity of daily used paper is often underestimated. More than 4,000 different paper qualities are in common use and a whole variety of specifications are available for niche products and specialist applications.

The diverse nature of paper is due to different raw materials, along with a wide range of production and converting methods. To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of SPCI – the Swedish Association of Pulp and Paper Engineers – BYK Additives & Instruments is sponsoring the **Outstanding Paper Award**.

BYK, an additive supplier to the paper industry in the field of paper surface improvement / refinement, is honouring outstanding papers which deal with the capabilities, possibilities and uses of paper. We are looking for papers which fulfil at least one of the following topics:

- use of raw materials
- production – ranging from handcrafted methods to machine speed records
- converting and surface refinement
- final application
- other extraordinary characteristics

The best 25 papers submitted on the capability of this highly versatile material will be presented on stage at the Stockholm Gröna Lund Anniversary Party at 10:00 p.m. on the evening of 28 May 2008. The winner will receive an award of € 1,000.00.

To enter this competition, send a brief outline of your paper, along with a photograph or sample of the material by 21. May 2008 at the latest to:

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About BYK:

BYK is one of the world's leading suppliers of additives used in the coatings, inks, and plastics industry.

Approximately 85 % of our sales are generated by foreign countries. Our major export markets are Europe, the United States and the Far East.

Additives are used by processing industries in the production of coatings, inks, plastics and papers. In very small quantities, BYK additives simplify manufacturing processes, and significantly improve the quality of finished goods, such as motor vehicles and furniture. BYK is a member of ALTANA AG, Wesel. ALTANA develops and produces high quality, innovative products in the sector of specialty chemicals.

BYK has been producing additives since 1962 in Wesel. Today it employs around 1140 people worldwide, 25 % of whom work in research and development departments or technical laboratories

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