



AIP APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT



The Australian Institute of Packaging has appointed Pierre Pienaar, FAIP as its new Vice President. Currently chairman of the Queensland branch of the AIP, Pierre is also a long-standing tutor to the AIP Certificate and Diploma courses in packaging and is a key member of the AIP packaging training program. Pierre has

previously headed up the South African Institute of Packaging and has strong links with the IoP, PIABC and other packaging institutes around the world.

National President of the AIP, Craig Wellman, MAIP, believes that "Pierre brings a wealth of talent to the executive of the AIP and the industry at large. His experience in education for the packaging industry makes him enormously relevant to the AIP charter of education and professional development, and in the context of the AIP's expanding range of education and training activities, makes him well placed to lead the organisation in the future."

Pierre will hold the position of Vice President until the AIP National Conference in June 2010 where he will succeed Craig Wellman as a broad succession plan laid in by the AIP National Board.

"I look forward to working with Pierre in the next 2 years and beyond. Pierre, like many in the AIP, makes a contribution beyond the call of duty and has shown over the many years his passion and commitment to the packaging industry. Pierre has a steady hand and will do a wonderful job with this and future roles in the AIP." Mr Wellman said.

BOOK REVIEW - Design Collection With Limited Colors



by Sharon Givoni, AAIP

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NEW MEMBERS

The AIP would like to welcome the following new Members...

NAME	Associate/Member	State
Tibor Gyongyosi	Member	NSW
Kellie Brunetto	Associate	NSW



Packaging MEGA Trends
Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th of June
Sydney Showgrounds
Sydney Olympic Park
Alongside AUSPACK 2009

The Australian Institute of Packaging will be once again holding their biennial National Technical Forums alongside AUSPACK.

With the theme 'Packaging MEGA Trends' and international speakers coming to present, the AIP National Technical Forums are expected to be a must-attend on the 2009 calendar.

Packaging MEGA Trends that will be discussed over the two days will include:

- Nanotechnology.
- Sustainable Design.
- Openability.
- Design for the aging population.
- In Store Merchandising.
- Private Labels.
- Collaboration of Bioplastics & Plastics.



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A NEW DAWN IN PACKAGING EDUCATION FOR THE AIP

AIP Bolsters Packaging Training and Education by Cooperation Agreement with Australian Management Academy



The Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP) has bolstered its core activities in training and education for the packaging industry with the signing of a landmark agreement for training administration and cooperation with the Australian Management Academy, (AMA); a Registered Training Organisation accredited by the Department of Education & Training.

As the demand for packaging technologists in Australia remains high, there is an obvious need to elevate the skills base of the packaging

industry to ensure it remains globally competitive in these difficult economic conditions. In addition the increased work load and knowledge requirements surrounding the 'green era' in packaging is driving demand for education and training.

The AIP is the only source of internationally recognised formal education training in packaging in Australia with its long-standing Diploma in Packaging Technology and Certificate in Packaging courses. The AIP's flagship course is the Diploma in Packaging Technology, a Degree level course developed to provide in-depth understanding of the packaging industry aimed at technologists and managers whose jobs have a packaging focus. The Diploma in Packaging Technology is an internationally recognised qualification for those wishing to pursue a career in the packaging industry or for those who are already in the industry and who wish to extend their knowledge and expertise. It has been offered by the AIP continuously since 1980 and has an exemplary record of successful students.

The Certificate in Packaging has a broad appeal, from people who are embarking on a career in packaging to more established delegates who may be working in fields such as marketing, purchasing or logistics, for whom a more detailed understanding of packaging will help them to develop their role.

According to National President of the AIP, Craig Wellman, MAIP, the AMA is a well resourced and highly respected professional organisation which develops and delivers training across a wide range of industries with certificate and diploma programs in both operational and management streams.

"The AMA is able to bring an infrastructure that will assist the AIP as it drives educational and professional development in the packaging industry," he said.

"The new cooperation with AMA represents the dawn of a new era in the AIP's contribution towards education and professional development within the packaging industry,"

"AMA's professionalism is well matched to ours as they already provide a similar back office support role for other industry associations. The AIP are lucky to be able to leverage their experience of training administration in Australia, especially their knowledge of government." Mr Wellman said.

"By invoking the assistance of AMA, the AIP has underpinned its ability to accommodate a vast increase in student numbers and underwrite the expansion of both the number, and type of courses, that the AIP will offer into the future," he said.

Until now, AIP's training administration had been well looked after by The Appointments Group who made their contribution as a means of putting something back into the packaging industry from which it has originated.

As AIP activities have become more expansive and involved, TAG's Managing Director, Mr Andrew Preston, was instrumental in recommending that the AIP consider involving an existing RTO into its operational framework.

"As a recruitment organisation that does most of its work in packaging, we constantly hear the cry of industry about finding skilled people, especially those with formal qualifications in packaging, which I have to say are sadly lacking. We believe that the relationship with AMA will be an excellent outcome for the AIP but, more importantly I hope, for the standing of education in the packaging industry," Mr Preston said.

The handover from TAG to AMA has been seamless and students are now being administered by AMA on behalf of the AIP.

The AIP extends their sincerest thanks to The Appointments Group for their years of service to the AIP and the industry and looks forward to the next era in training for the packaging industry.

"The AIP have been extremely fortunate to enjoy the contribution made by Andrew's organisation, TAG over the last few years; who like many people in this industry, make a contribution beyond their pay cheque. The AIP wishes TAG all the very best for their continued success in the packaging industry." Mr Wellman said.

Background on the Australian Management Academy (AMA)

The Australian Management Academy was formed in 1997 by Peter Stephenson and Neil Francey who, for more than a decade, provided productivity improvement consulting services in Australia, New Zealand, South East Asia, Europe and the Americas under the banner of PICO Consulting. As a significant component of productivity improvement programs consists of formal training it was a natural progression to form a training organisation.

The Academy specialises in workplace-based training in industrial and business environments and provides a complete training service to clients through a comprehensive range of training programs that build productivity in all business functions, and at all levels of staff.

The Australian Management Academy is registered training organisation which means that the qualifications issued are recognised nationally. The Academy focuses on training for the manufacturing, processing and mining & quarrying industries from Certificate II through to Diploma level. Many Academy training courses have strong linkages to Lean Manufacturing and incorporate Statistical Process Control (Six-Sigma).

According to Mr Peter Stephenson, Managing Director of the Academy "Our goal at the Australian Management Academy is to give people the skills they need to change their lives. Our courses give people the skills that will make them a valuable resource, not just for today and tomorrow, but for the rest of their life."

"For our corporate clients, our training delivers benefits by way of productivity improvement through more predictable and controllable output, better flow of work processes, and embedding a culture of continuous improvement,"

"For the worker, our training enhances skills in planning, analysing information, problem-solving, empowerment in decision making, leading change and optimising the benefit of technology to build continuous improvement systems." Mr Stephenson said.

For further information on the AIP Diploma in Packaging Technology and the Certificate of Packaging please contact Lyn Lewis, AIP Education Coordinator, on PH: 0409 588 411 or email: educate@aipack.com.au

Don't miss out on the latest AIP activities for 2009

ALL Members are invited to attend ANY events across the country.

NSW

AIP NSW TECHNICAL DINNER

When? Wednesday 4th of February
Time? 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start
Where? Oatlands Golf Course Club House
Speaker? Sharon Givoni, AAIP is a lawyer and Principal of her own Commercial Melbourne-based law firm, Sharon Givoni Consulting.
What? Legal Aspects of Packaging

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PACKAGING SPECIFICATION Half-Day Training Course

When? Wednesday 25th of February
Where? Oatlands Golf Course Club House
Time? 10.00 am arrival for a 10.30 am start
Speaker? Emeritus Professor Harry Lovell OAM, FAIP
What? The AIP are offering a half-day training course dealing with the preparation and role of specifications across a variety of packaging materials. The different types of specifications and their functionality.

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QLD

SITE VISIT CAMTECH ENGINEERING

When? Wednesday 25th of February
Where? Camtech Engineering
2 Demand Avenue
Labrador
Time? 9.45 am arrival for a 10.00 am start

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INTRODUCTION TO PACKAGING ECONOMICS Half-Day Training Course

When? Wednesday 18th of March
Where? Mt Ommaney Hotel Apartments
12.00 noon arrival for a 12.30 pm start
Speaker? Pierre Pienaar FAIP
What? This half-day training course provides a comprehensive and non-mathematical introduction to the economics of packaging.

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JOINT AIP & SPE MEETING

When? Wednesday 4th of February
Where? Box Hill Golf Club
Time? 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start
Speakers? Dr Fugen Daver
Paul Haggett
Max Bushby, MAIP
What? 3 Diverse Views on Plastic Packaging

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SITE VISIT VISY RECYCLING

When? Wednesday 4th of March
Where? Visy Recycling Springvale Facility

PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE SPECIAL ISSUE Sustainable Packaging Call for Papers



The journal Packaging Technology and Science will publish a special issue on 'Sustainable Packaging'. The Guest Editor for this issue will be Gordon L. Robertson, FAIP, member of the Editorial board and food packaging consultant. Authors are invited to contact the Guest Editor to discuss their potential contribution prior to submission.

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TOWARDS PACKAGING SUSTAINABILITY



The Australian packaging industry must continue to lift its sustainability game, but what is 'sustainability' in packaging terms and what are the key steps from here?

By Russ Martin.

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