

## IC NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear IC members, colleagues and friends,

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Charles Weiss** from Clemson University (USA) has been elected as the new Chairman of the IC. The election took place on 4 September 2025, during the IC general assembly on the occasion of the 56th Conference of the IC: "Steps towards new initiatives in Print-Media Education, Technology and Economics" in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

29 colleagues took part in the online election for the new Chairperson. Charles Weiss received 17 votes, while the second candidate, Enn Kerner, received 12 votes.

The new Chairman Charles Weiss is professor of graphic communications at Clemson University in Clemson SC, USA. He has been teaching graphics and photography in higher education for more than 25 years and continues to love teaching in the classroom. He has also served as President of the International Graphic Arts Education Association (IGAEA), the President of the Graphic Communication Education Association (GCEA), and the Vice President of publications for IGAEA. He is currently serving on the Board of the Technical Association of Graphic Arts (TAGA) and on the Board of the Print Graphics Scholarship Foundation (PGSF).

### **Voting of the new IC Charter**

During the General Assembly, a new Charter has been unanimously voted. The new Charter has been processed by the IC advisory board and takes effect immediately. The charter has been uploaded to the IC website: [https://www.internationalcircle.net/about\\_ic/charter\\_ic/](https://www.internationalcircle.net/about_ic/charter_ic/)

### **Election of the new IC Board:**

Based on the new Charter, three Vice Chairpersons were unanimously elected by the General Assembly, namely Enn Kerner, Gunter Huebner and Anastasios Politis.

The new Board is formed by the three Vice Chairpersons, along with the new Chairman Charles Weiss and Martin Habekost (editor of the IC journal).

### **The 56<sup>th</sup> IC conference**

The **56th annual conference of the International Circle with the title: "Steps towards New Initiatives in Print-Media Education, Technology and Economics"** took place from **2 till 5 September 2025 in Pardubice, Czech Republic**. As in previous years it was co-located with the iarigai annual conference. During the conference, 16 quality papers have been presented.

In addition, the conference hosted the live final of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sinapse Worldwide Packaging

Productivity Contest. The two finalists, Nina Svitilova from the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, and Theano Vlachou from the University of West Attica Greece, both students of printing technology, competed against each other in the production of packaging jobs on Sinapse Flexo simulators. Nina Svitilova won the competition, with Theano Vlachou coming second.

Dear colleagues and friends of the International Circle,  
this is my last Newsletter as a chairman. I wish the very best to Prof. Charles Weiss during his term as the new Chairman of IC. Finally, being elected as a Vice Chairman, I will continue working for the Association and our sector, together with the great colleagues at the Board and the IC members!

Prof. Dr. Anastasios E. Politis,  
Ex-Chairman of the IC  
Oropos, Greece