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# General Assembly of the IC

Wednesday 4 September 2025

Pardubice, Czech Republic

Prof. Dr. Anastasios E. Politis Chairman of the IC

Prof. Dr. Ing Gunter Hübner, Vice Chairman of the IC



# General Assembly of the IC

## Thursday, 4 September 2025, 16.30-17.30

### Agenda:

1. Activity report by the IC Chair, Anastasios Politis, for his term of office 2021-2025 16
2. Vote for the new IC Charter
3. Election of the new chairperson 2025-2029
4. Election of the IC Board for the term 2025-2029
5. Any other subject



# General Assembly of the IC – Agenda

16.30 - 16.35: Opening of the GA, A. Politis & G. Hübner

16.35 - 16.50: Activity report by the IC Chair, Anastasios Politis

16.50 - 17.00: Vote for the new IC Charter

17.00 - 17.10: Election of the new chairperson 2025-2029

17.10 - 17.20: Election of the IC Board for the term 2025-2029

17.20 – 17.30: Any other subject – End of the GA

**The IC mourns the loss of Professor Dr. Wolfgang Faigle from the Stuttgart Media University (Hochschule der Medien)**

**Wolfgang Faigle, passed away in July 2024, a death that came as a great surprise to everyone...**

**Wolfgang Faigle was the Chairman of the IC from 2006 to 2016 and it was on his initiative that the IC journal “International Circular of Graphic Education and Research” was founded**



**We will remember Wolfgang, as a great colleague and a beloved friend...**

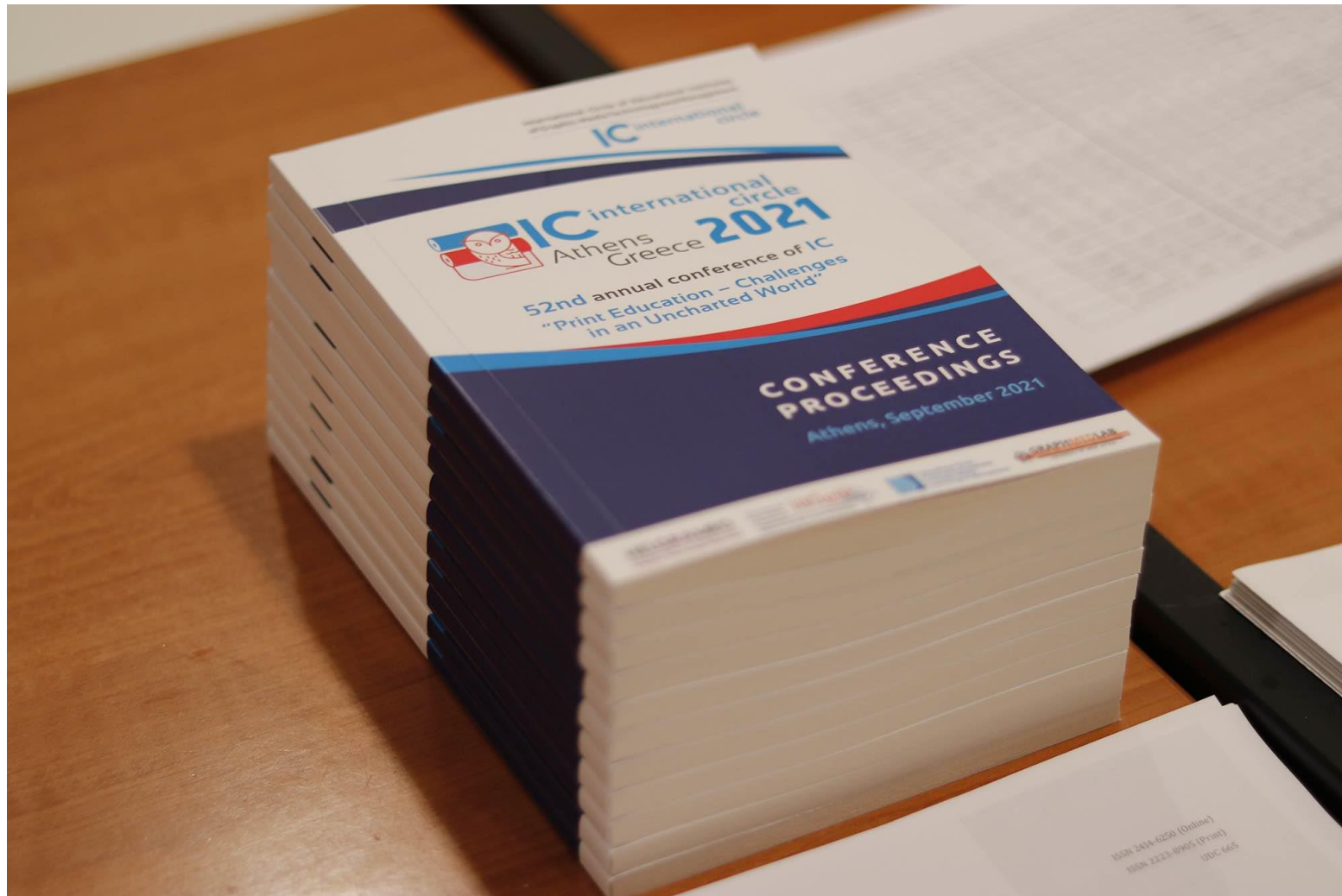


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# **Activities from the IC – the International Circle of Educational Institutes of Graphic-Media Technology and Management**

**Prof. Dr. Anastasios E. Politis**  
**IC Chairman 2021-2025**



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# Activities 2021-2025 - A summary

- ✓ Editing and distribution of newsletters (Politis, Hübner)
- ✓ Participation at various events as invited speakers (Politis, Hübner)
- ✓ Organization – co-organization of the annual IC conferences - jointly with iarigai Athens 2021, Clemson 2022, Wuppertal 2023, Zurich 2024, Pardubice 2025
- ✓ Publishing of conference's Proceedings (abstracts, full papers)
- ✓ Virtual drupa 2021 – IC virtual booth and organization of a conference
- ✓ Most important event: Active participation at drupa 2024
- ✓ Meetings of the Advisory Board (Politis, Hübner, Habekost, Sajek)
- ✓ Newly created website, new design of IC logo (Hübner)
- ✓ Editing and publishing of the IC Journal (Habekost)
- ✓ Re-writing of the IC History (with the contribution of Wolfgang Faigle)
- ✓ Loss of Wolfgang Faigle (2024)
- ✓ Newly created website (Hübner)
- ✓ Editing and publishing of the IC Journal (Habekost)
- ✓ Update of the membership list (Hübner)
- ✓ Creation and upload of a membership form (Politis, Hübner)



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# **Activities 2021**





## **Elections 21 April 2024**

**Two candidates:**

- ✓ **Anastasios Politis**
- ✓ **Daiva Sajek**
- ✓ **Chairperson elected:  
Anastasios Politis**

## **Formation of the Advisory Board:**

- ✓ **Chairperson: Anastasios Politis**
- ✓ **Vice-chairperson: Gunter  
Hübner**
- ✓ **Members:  
Martin Habekost, Daiva Sajek**



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Mariakerke, 22 April 2021

Dear members of the IC,

I take great pleasure in informing you that Prof. Dr. Anastasios Politis has been elected as new chair of the IC during the last General Assembly, which took place yesterday.

Anastasios is well known to many of you – if not all – and his expertise and network is broadly acknowledged and undisputed. With Anastasios, coupled with the assistance and support of Prof. Dr Gunter Huebner and Prof. Dr. Martin Habekost, the future of the IC is guaranteed. I wish him and the presidium the best of luck and success in all their endeavors.

Yesterday, the IC had its first online event on the occasion of the virtual Drupa 2021. A selected group of eminent speakers examined and discussed the various aspects of the central theme of our event. This well-attended conference was widely acclaimed for its excellent organization and the quality of the presentations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank again Gunter, Martin and Anastasios for their large contribution in the preparation, organization and implementation of this fruitful and inspiring event, organized jointly with iargai.

I was your chair for the last five years and a new chair has been elected. Thus, these are my last words as chair. I would like to thank you all - and especially Gunter and Martin, for your contributions, your friendship and your support.

I would like to end with the words of John Cage: "I am not afraid of new ideas; I am only afraid of old ideas." Continue to inspire each other and be inspired by your students. Keep up the networking!

With my best regards

Luk

Ex-chair

# Elections 21 April 2024

## Letter of the Ex-chair

### Luk Bouters

**Participation at Virtual drupa 2021 - Virtual booth**

World Print Campus  
on virtual.drupa  
April 20 to 23, 2021



# Participation at Virtual drupa 2021

Appalachian State University  
 Artevelde Hogeschool  
 Beuth Hochschule f. Technik  
 California Polytechnic State University  
 Clemson University  
 Grenoble INP-Pagora  
 Haute École d'Ingénierie et de Gestion  
 Helgramed  
 Hochschule München  
 HTWK Leipzig  
 Kaunas Kolegija  
 Media Industry Academy  
 RiSe  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Ryerson University Toronto  
 Stuttgart Media University (HdM)  
 University of Pardubice  
 University of Technology  
 Xi'an University of Technology

## Associations:

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# Virtual drupa 2021 - Organization of an international conference

**IC and iarigai at Virtual DRUPA 2021** VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**Bridging Education, Research and Industry  
in Graphic Communication,  
Print and Media**

**April 21st, 2021**

[www.ic-iarigai-drupa2021.org](http://www.ic-iarigai-drupa2021.org)



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some 6000 attendants**

## 15:10 - 17:10 CEST - Final Programme

Time	Topic	Speaker
15:10 - 15:20	Welcome by the Organizational committee Presentation of the Virtual Conference - Topics and Speakers	<b>MODERATOR:</b> Prof. Dr. Martin Habekost, <i>Ryerson University, IC Circular Journal</i>
15:20 - 15:40	The future of printing	Frank Romano, <i>Professor Emeritus, RIT USA</i>
15:40 - 16:00	How can we remain attractive for the next generations?	Beatrice Klose, <i>Intergraf</i>
16:00 - 16:20	Innovative Initiatives at University Graphic Communications degree programs in the United States: A Virtual Awakening	Prof. John R. Craft, <i>Graphic Communications Education Association, USA</i>
16:20 - 16:40	Industry and Education – Real life examples of joint initiatives to inspire and boost innovation	Jan De Roeck, <i>Marketing Director, Esko Belgium</i>
16:40 - 17:00	Amplifying our future - Together, digital print and digital media, a living experience of young generations	Jörg Hunsche, <i>Market Development Manager, HP Indigo, Germany</i>
17:00 - 17:05	Presentation of the iarigai and IC conferences, September 2021, Athens Greece	Prof. Dr. Anastasios E. Politis, <i>HELGRAMED and GRAPHMEDLAB, Greece</i>
17:05 - 17:10	Closing of the virtual Conference	Prof. Dr. Martin Habekost Prof. Dr. Ing. Gunter Hübner Prof. Luk Bouters

# 52<sup>nd</sup> IC conference 2021



47th iarigai and 52nd International Circle Conferences

19-24 September 2021, Athens, Greece [www.iarigai-ic-athens2021.org](http://www.iarigai-ic-athens2021.org)

52nd annual conference of the IC:


"Print Education - Challenges in an uncharted world"

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# IC-iarigai conference 2021, Athens High-ranked keynote speakers

*iarigai conference, Monday 20 September 2021, morning session:*



**Laetitia Reynaud**

*Intergraf's  
Policy Adviser,  
Intergraf, Belgium*

**Topic:**  
"Defending the  
Competitiveness  
of the European  
Graphic Industry"



**François Martin**

*Marketing &  
Communication,  
Bobst Group*

**Topic:**  
"Industry 4.0  
in printing &  
converting -  
The Bobst vision  
to shape the future  
of packaging"



**Matteo Micheli**

*Sales Manager  
Print & Packaging  
Italy & Greece,  
Xrite*

**Topic:**  
"How to drive  
Color consistency  
in the Packaging  
process"



**Axel Fischer**

*Head of Public  
Relations, INGEDE -  
International  
Association of the  
Deinking Industry*

**Topic:**  
"After the  
pandemic:  
Printing becomes  
more sustainable"



**Thomas Katsaros**

*Athens Byzantine and  
Christian Museum,  
Greece*

**Topic:**  
"Tomb Raiders in research  
of Exotic properties of  
Han and Egyptian blue -  
From the Terracotta  
guardians of the first  
Emperor of China and  
from the burial chamber  
of the pyramid of Djoser  
to superconductivity  
and 3D printing"



**Konstantinos  
Spyropoulos**

*Global Sales &  
Business  
Development,  
BEL Information  
Systems, Greece*

**Topic:**  
"The Connected  
Converter"



**Stelios Manousakis**

*Product Director,  
Digital Printing,  
Bobst Group*

**Topic:**  
"From pixel to drop:  
Inkjet innovations  
for the digital  
printing industry"



**Enn Kerner**

*Vice President  
of Estonian  
Engineering  
Association,  
Sinapse Printing  
Simulators*

**Topic:**  
"During the Meta  
Pandemic Era:  
Learning continues  
using Simulation  
Technology  
in Print education"

*IC conference, Tuesday 21 September 2021, morning session  
(joined also by iarigai participants):*



# Athens IC-iarigai conference 2021 - Printed conference proceedings



# IC-Iarigai conference 2021, Athens



# IC-iarigai conference 2021, Athens







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# **Activities 2022**

# Anastasios Politis - Invited Speaker



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**Parveen Aggarwal**  
President - OPA









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# IC board meeting November 2022 HdM - Stuttgart





# 53<sup>rd</sup> IC conference 2022

19-21 September 2022



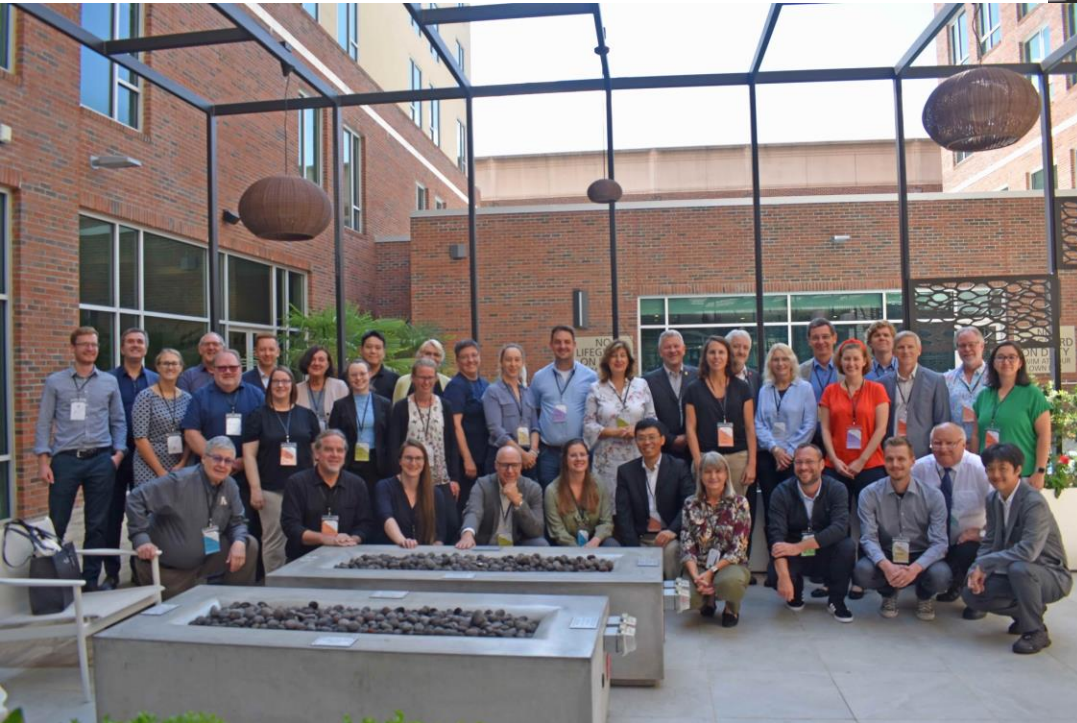
53rd Conference of the IC:

"Graphic Communication Education - Future Orientations"



## Meeting of the organization committee









Greek Packaging  
exhibition  
“SYSKEVASIA”,  
November 2022  
Athens:

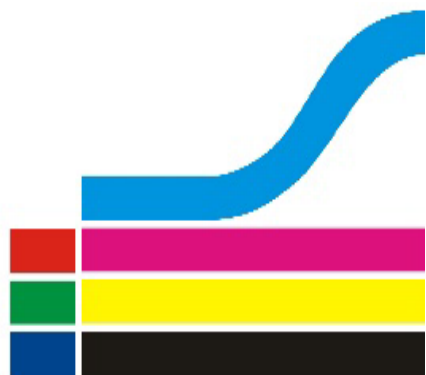
Presentation of IC  
at the HELGRAMED  
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# **Activities 2023**



**15th International scientific-practical  
conference**

**INNOVATIONS IN PUBLISHING, PRINTING  
AND MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGIES**

**26-27 April 2023, Kaunas, Lithuania**

**Presentation by A. Politis:  
Activities from the IC – the International Circle  
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54<sup>th</sup> IC conference 2023

18-20 September 2023









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## 54th IC Annual Conference

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

18-20 September 2023



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**The updated History of IC:  
70 years of research and development for print-  
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# **Activities 2024**



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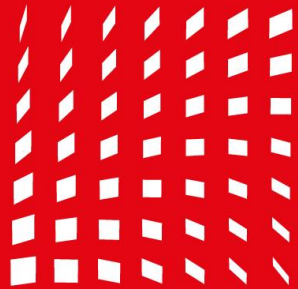
The Advisory Board and the Chairman of the  
International Circle wish to all a great New Year  
with health, hapiness and prosperity!

**2024**  
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# IC participation at DRUPA 2024



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- 2 years of preparation of the IC booth and events by Gunter and Anastasios
- IC, iarigai and 10 more research and education institutes
- Realized with the efficient management and staffing by HELGRAMED - the Union of Greek Print-Media Engineers
- Hundreds of visitors, fruitful discussions, a lot of contacts



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# IC and HELGRAMED brochures at drupa 24



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# IC Booth at drupa - Badges



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## IC-HELGRAMED Booth at drupa 24

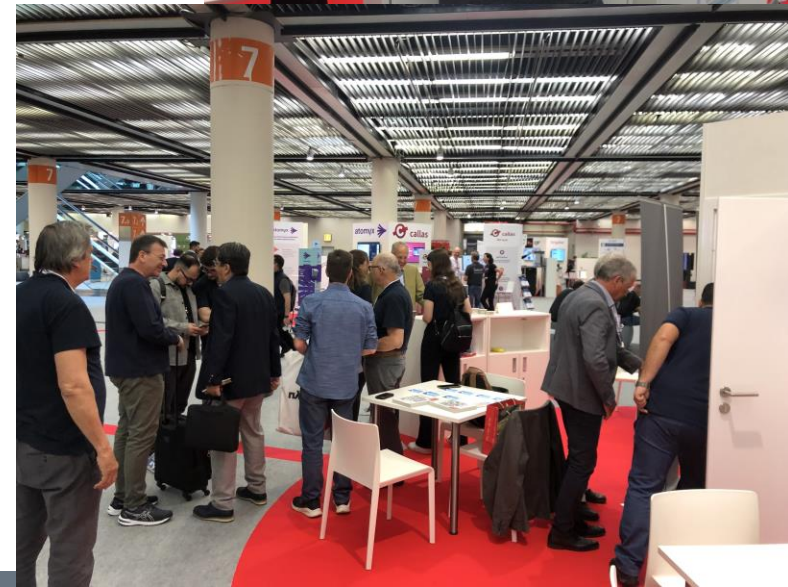
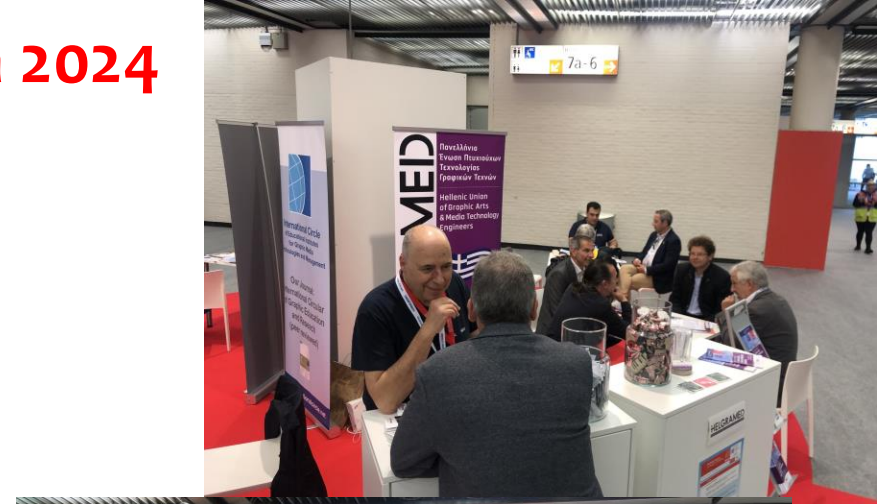




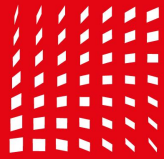
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# Participating IC members



## IC Organization & participation at events at drupa 2024

- ✓ Scientific Conference, 30 May 2025
- ✓ Presentations at dna stage - Gunter, Anastasios
- ✓ Support of the finals for Sinapse world contest on Offset and Flexography simulators
- ✓ Politis-Keynote at the Forum of Asia-Pacific Graphic Arts
- ✓ Anastasios & Gunter: Invited presentation at delegates of the Firjan - Federation of Industry of Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 2024

# Scientific Conference, 30 May 2024



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Thursday 30 May 2024, 11:30-15:30, Congress Center South- CCD, Room 001

## PROGRAM

11.30 - 12.00: **Welcome and Introduction**

**Gunter Hübner and Anastasios Politis**, IC - International Circle of Educational Institutes of Graphic-Media Technology and Management

**Fritz Bircher**, iarigai - The International Association of Research Organizations for the Information, Media and Graphic Arts Industries

### Keynote speakers:

12.00-12.30: **Prof. Dr. Anayath Rajendrakumar**, Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology & Haryana State Government University, India

**The future of Printing Industry in the light of drupa 2024: What to look and what to adopt?**

12.30 - 13.00: **Jan de Roeck**, Marketing Director, Industry Relations,

**EskoMarket dynamics fuel the need for operational efficiency in packaging production**

13.00 - 13:20: **Nicola Kopp-Rostek** DTFA - The German Technical Flexographic Association, Germany

**Employer Branding at the nexus of current challenges**

13:20 - 13:40: **Martin Dreher**, University of Media - HdM Stuttgart, Germany

**Saves on Resources & Cost! - What REALLY counts in terms of Sustainability & Print Quality!**

13:40 - 14:10: **Stylianios Manousakis**, Head of Digital Strategies BOBST, Barcelona

**Optimizing Printing Workflows for Energy Efficiency**

14:10 - 15:00: Discussion, Conclusions, end of Conference



# Support of the finals for Sinapse world contest on Offset and Flexography simulators

## WhatTheyTh!nk

Commentary & Analysis

Students Display Real Skills in Simulated Offset and Flexo Competitions at drupa

Patrick Henry reports on the student finalists of the WorldSkills 2024 hands-on printing competition at drupa 24.

By Patrick Henry

Published: June 26, 2024

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# Politis-Keynote at the Forum of Asia-Pacific Graphic Arts, 30-5-2024



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- Prof. Dr. Anastasios E. Politis,  
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- Chairman of IC - International Circle of Educational Institutes of Graphic-Media Technology & Management
- Vice President HELGRAMED - The Hellenic Union of Graphic Arts & Media Technology Engineers
- Sr. Researcher, GRAPHMEDLAB - The Hellenic Graphic-Media Research Lab, University of West Attica

**30<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Drupa, Dusseldorf Congress GmbH,  
2nd Floor, Room No.: 28, 3 PM**

# Anastasios Politis and Gunter Hübner - Presentation at the delegation of Firjan Printers Association - (South America)



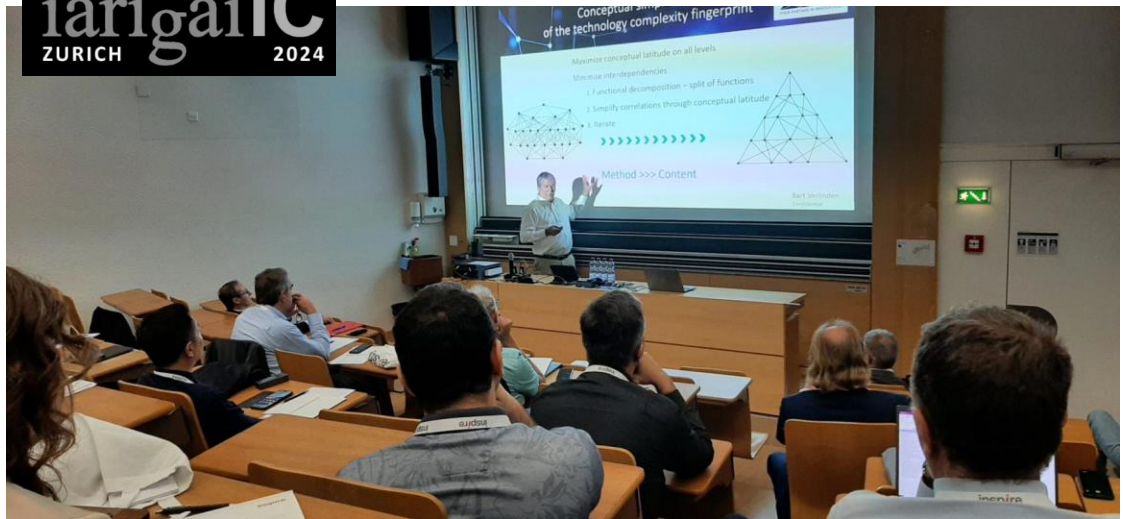
# 55<sup>th</sup> IC conference 2024

08-11 September 2024



"Future Orientations for Print-Media Education"









## IC Conference Proceedings





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# **Activities 2025**



# Activities 2025

- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Preparation of the 56th IC conference
- ✓ Call for papers
- ✓ Update membership list
- ✓ Creation and upload of a membership form



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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website	
Person nominated as the representative of the organization in IC	-
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Date of submission

Approved by the IC Board

Date|

# 56<sup>th</sup> IC conference 2025

"Steps towards new initiatives in  
Print-Media Education, Technology and  
Economics" 2-5 September 2025



- ✓ 16 papers to be presented at the IC part of the conference
- ✓ The Sinapse Packaging Productivity Contest Live Final
- ✓ IC General Assembly



During the term, we had the full support of my colleagues from Greece – HELGRAMED, the Print-Media Engineers and Researchers and the Greek Printing & Packaging Industry!

Marios Tsigonias, Giorgos Gamprellis,  
Jenny Pagani, Christos Koutrouditsos,  
Antonis Tsigonias, Daria Tretiyakova,  
Christos Trochoutsos, Pinelopi Gkountara,  
Sofie Stanosek, Evangelos Syrigos,  
Gerasimos Vonitsanos, Nikos Papantoniou



This is the end of our report!  
We wish a great term to the new Chairperson!  
Thanks a lot and long live IC!

**Anastasios and Gunter**



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