## Five-day online showcase

HEIDELBERG'S INNOVATION WEEK, which takes place from October 19 to 23, is a digital showcase of the new technologies, business models, and end-to-end solutions available to help increase the productivity and competitiveness of commercial, label, and packaging printers.

The first two days are focused on how commercial printers can reduce complexity and increase efficiency and productivity through autonomous production, digital workflow and intelligent operator guidance, as well as switch between offset and digital printing at any time.

The third day is dedicated to label decorating and finishing with presentations on economical and sustainable finishing of wet-glue labels, taming in-mould substrates at

high speeds, and how to reliably and profitably master increasing complexity.

The final two days are devoted to folding carton production and cover the benefits of short runs, automated packaging printing, die-cutting integration in the workflow, the contribution of consumables and digital services to stable packaging production, and how to generate profits through special effects.

In addition to Q&A sessions during the online presentations, interested participants can book one-on-one video chat sessions with local Heidelberg sales staff – in more than 35 countries, 30 languages, and 15 time zones – similar to what would happen at a trade fair.

For further information or registrations, visit: *heidelberg.com/innovationweek/en* 

## **UK innovation success** for Sandon Global



DMITRY BOGACHOV (pictured left), an advanced materials surface engineer, who is driving development work during Sandon Global's three-year chromium oxide coating project, has won a Future Innovator Award during the recent online Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) ceremony.

The KTP programme creates partnerships through which academic/research teams, graduates (known as KTP Associates), and UK-based companies collaborate to drive innovation.

The KTP Best of the Best Awards celebrate the most outstanding outputs of these collaborations. The judges –

made up of a panel of experts drawn from internal and external bodies – had a tough task creating a shortlist from approximately 800 KTP Associates and deciding on the eight winners in The Future Innovator category. These winners all posses exceptional skills in driving and delivering innovation strategy, demonstrating great teamwork, and outstanding leadership potential.

Sandon Global MD, Richard Millington, comments: 'It's hard to believe Dmitry only joined us two years ago. In that time, he has bridged the gap between academia and industry, and has become a vital part of our team as we develop the brand way beyond that of a standard anilox manufacturer.'

In other company news, a new purpose-built head office in Liverpool (UK) – which will provide extra production capacity for Sandon's anilox rolls, sleeves and gravure cylinders and accommodate a state-of-the-art R&D centre – is scheduled to open next spring.

The site is expected to create up to 10 apprenticeships annually, plus 30 skilled jobs over the next five years.

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