

RESIN FLOORING EXCELLENCE CELEBRATED AT FERFA AWARDS

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Presented by FeRFA CEO and sponsors: Cobra Insurance Brokers, Huntsman Polyurethanes and Protech Plastics Containers, the judges awarded the following:

Contractor of the Year – IRL Group Ltd
Trainer of the Year – John Lord & Sons (Rizistal) Ltd
(Highly commended – 4m Flooring UK Ltd)
Large Project of the Year – Reprotect UK Ltd and Altro Floors
Small Project of the Year – Creation Flooring Ltd and Altro Floors

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Presenting the 2010 Awards on Friday at the Forest of Arden Hotel, FeRFA CEO Helen McGachie acknowledged the expertise and professionalism of all the entrants - giving the judges a pleasant but difficult task to select the eventual winners. The awards yet again attracted a high number of applications, showcasing a wide range of top quality resin flooring projects. The excellent submissions showed members' continuing commitment to health and safety, training and environmental responsibility as well as demonstrating the variety of uses for resin flooring, from industrial to commercial applications and the innovation, technology and expertise which has brought resins to new and expanding markets.

The Awards, presented by FeRFA CEO and sponsors: Howard Collins of sponsors Cobra Insurance Brokers, Ian Rimmer of Huntsman Polyurethanes and Protech Plastics Containers went to:

Contractor of the Year - IRL Group Ltd (sponsor Protech Plastics Containers)

To win this category the judges sought all-round performance, quality and variety of work, outstanding customer service, new application techniques, promotion of resin flooring, safety awareness, and a commitment to training.

For meeting all these criteria with ease, the award was presented to IRL Group Ltd.

The company has been a member for 30 years and throughout that period has upheld the FeRFA standards with its totally professional approach. It offers clients solutions to their problems and works with them to ensure they deliver complete client satisfaction. IRL's impressive training commitment throughout the company, includes two groups of apprentices on the FeRFA scheme and operatives trained to NVQ level 2 and above. This was a very impressive entry to reflect the professionalism of a winning contractor.

Trainer of the Year – John Lord (Rizistal) & Sons Ltd – sponsor Cobra Insurance Brokers

Training is the key to the future of the resin flooring industry and this award is in recognition of a member company's continuing commitment to training, development of staff to raise quality, and health & safety standards. Due to the excellence of the entries, the panel recommended a highly commended award to 4m Flooring, and the overall winner of this award was John Lord & Sons (Rizistal) Ltd.

The company demonstrated total and continuous commitment to training, commencing with the NVQ process in 2008 resulting in a fully NVQ qualified workforce. Clear training objectives and staff development plans throughout the business demonstrated that John Lord puts training at the core of its business.

Small Project of the Year – Creation Flooring Ltd / Altro Floors (sponsor Huntsman Polyurethanes)

This award was being presented for the first time and focused on projects under 250m². The winner was Creation Flooring for the Billing Aquadrome project. A high level of skill was required to achieve the precision results to the swimming pool area of this project, to produce intricate detailing to the durable and attractive resin flooring finish.

Large Project of the Year – Reprotect UK Ltd / Altro Floors (sponsor Huntsman Polyurethanes)

The winning project was from Reprotect UK Ltd and Altro Floors for the Northumbria Police HQ, a new build, architect designed project in the public sector where the floor finish had to be seamless, aesthetic yet practical. The client had very precise requirements in terms of the texture of the finish and how it would be cleaned. The contractor and manufacturer had to work very closely with the client and main contractor to agree a variety of finishes to fit within budget, programme and difficult working conditions. New application techniques were adopted to apply the resin systems as both flooring and vertical applications. Feedback from client is excellent in terms of quality of service received and the quality of the floor installation which is easy to clean, very durable and looks decorative. From design stage through to handover, a true partnership of client and specialist contractor working together.

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All Award Winners are pictured below:

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colour photos of individual award winners available as JPEGs via email

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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE AWARDS (available as jpegs)



Contractor of the Year

IRL GROUP LTD

Stewart Jones (MD) Ian Mellor
(Contracts Manager) Mark
Ollerenshaw (Director) Colin Price
(Contracts Manager) Ian Mitchell
(Warehouse Manager) with Helen
McGachie, FeRFA CEO.



Trainer of the Year

**JOHN LORD & SONS
(RIZISTAL) LTD**

Mark Hadfield of John Lord, Helen
McGachie, FeRFA CEO and
Howard Collins of Cobra Insurance
Brokers

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Trainer (Highly commended)

4M FLOORING UK LTD

Tim Butterworth, 4m Flooring;
Helen McGachie, FeRFA CEO and
Howard Collins of Cobra Insurance
Brokers



Large Project of the Year

REPROTEC UK LTD AND
ALTRO FLOORS

Richard Burn, Altro Floors; Stan
Howarth, Reprotec; Ian Rimmer,
Huntsman; Helen McGachie,
FeRFA CEO; John Holmes and
Elliott Lindsay of Reprotec



Small Project of the Year

CREATION FLOORING LTD

Ian Rimmer of Huntsman
Polyurethanes; Helen McGachie,
FeRFA CEO and Kevin Jarrett of
Creation Flooring