

QUALITY RESIN FLOORING WINS AT THE FERFA AWARDS

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Under the glittering chandeliers of the Belfry Hotel's Warwick Suite, the 2011 awards were presented before a capacity audience of FeRFA members and guests.

The FeRFA awards showcase a wide range of top quality resin flooring projects and recognise outstanding initiatives by members. The excellent submissions demonstrated the variety of uses for resin flooring, from industrial to commercial applications. This year the short-listed applications were announced one month before the awards and delegates were able to see a presentation on all the submissions.

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

Small Project of the Year – IRL Group and Sika Ltd
Large Project of the Year – Ultrasyntec Ltd and Resdev Ltd
Environmental Initiative of the Year ACC Flooring Ltd
Trainer of the Year – Flo-Dek (UK) Ltd
Contractor of the Year – ACC Flooring Ltd

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Introducing the 2011 Awards on Friday at the Belfry Hotel, FeRFA CEO Helen McGachie praised the excellent quality of the applications which demonstrated the diversity of resin flooring which was being taken into new markets such as very high end residential and still being developed to meet the changing needs of clients in more traditional environments. The number and variety of applications gave clear evidence that the market for resin flooring continued to grow.

As well as showcasing a wide range of top quality resin flooring projects, the submissions showed members' continuing commitment to health and safety, training and environmental responsibility. This year a new award has been established to acknowledge the importance of sustainability and the changes the resin flooring industry was making to meet its targets.

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:

SMALL PROJECT – sponsor Huntsman Polyurethanes

This award focuses on projects up to 250m². The shortlisted projects demonstrated the variety of applications with entries ranging from a photographic studio (ACC), a pharmaceutical clean room (Kemtile), an operating theatre (IRL) and luxury spa (Senso)

The Winner was IRL Group and Sika for the York Hospital Operating Theatre.

The winning project is a great example of contractor and manufacturer working together to provide the client with an alternative to vinyl. The project was in a highly sensitive area, where the consequences for delays or any problems were enormous. The floor had to be seamless, hygienic and noise suppressing. Installation had to generate minimum dust, low noise and tight timescale.

LARGE PROJECT OF THE YEAR - sponsor Huntsman Polyurethanes

To win this category the key characteristics the judges were looking for were a degree of innovation, aesthetics, size of application, time taken (fast track-large area), difficult conditions, challenges, the total approach to ensure the project meets with the client's requirements. Shortlisted projects include manufacturing facilities(Ultrasyntec, National Flooring), fire stations (Veitchi) and a designer showroom (Senso)

The winner was Ultrasyntec and Resdev for the VTL Group 's manufacturing facility)

The winning project is a new build project in the manufacturing sector (3,000m2) where again contractor and manufacturer worked together to provide full resin flooring systems throughout, including a unique matting system.

ENVIRONMENT AWARD – sponsor Countrywide Waste Management

This is a new award for a company showing commitment to environmental best practice, engaging in recycling, and a whole company approach to meeting environmental targets. We had some outstanding entries to include innovative packaging (Remmers), and whole company approach to environmental practice(Instarmac, Flowcrete, ACC) from the building fabric to manufacturing process, but the judging panel all agreed that one entry stood out based on the fact the company had totally engaged in recycling, changed the way they run the business, and way of working which involved training staff, setting and now achieving the targets, resulting in 100% recycling commitment both inhouse and to the clients they work for.

For these reasons the Award went to **ACC Flooring**

TRAINING AWARD – 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 and training achievement. (ACC, TPS360, IRL, Flo-dek). .

It is always difficult for any company to take employees away from their day to day work, to spend time training and learning new skills. The winning company this year demonstrated the importance of staff development, sees them as the company's most valuable asset and as a result of training all employees, both administrative and contracting, have seen real improvements in the efficiency of the business

Training Company of the year was awarded to **Flo-Dek**

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR – sponsor Protech Plastics Containers

All of the shortlisted contractors were put forward for the contractor of the year. This award was presented to ACC Flooring to recognise the companies commitment to training, the environment, health & safety, promotion of FeRFA, quality of work and customer service.

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All Award Winners are pictured below:

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE AWARDS (available as jpegs)



Small Project of the Year

IRL GROUP LTD and SIKA LTD

For York Hospital Operating
Theatre

Helen McGachie, FeRFA CEO, Stewart Jones and Colin Price (IRL) and Mark Bushell (Sika) with sponsor Ian Rimmer of Huntsman Polyurethanes



Large Project of the Year

ULTRASYNTEC LTD and RESDEV LTD

Ian Rimmer of sponsors Huntsman Polyurethanes, Lee Sunderland (Ultrasyntec), John Wright (Resdev), William Hoyle (Ultrasyntec) and Helen McGachie, FeRFA CEO

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Environmental Initiative of the Year

ACC FLOORING LTD

Nick Megson (ACC Flooring) with Steve Hatton of sponsors Countrywide Waste Management and Helen McGachie, FeRFA CEO



Trainer of the Year

FLO-DEK UK LTD

Sarah Collins of sponsors Cobra Insurance Brokers with Martin Davis, Nicola Ramsey and Robert Ramsey of Flo-Dek and Helen McGachie



Contractor of the Year

ACC FLOORING LTD

Mark Clarke of sponsors Protech Plastics Containers Ltd with Nick Megson (ACC Flooring) and Helen McGachie