

FERFA CELEBRATES 45 YEARS WITH A GLITTERING AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE BELFRY

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The FeRFA Awards Dinner was celebrated in style this year (its 45th) at the famous Belfry Hotel. The awards were presented by comedian Fred MacAulay to a packed audience in the Woodlands Suite at the hotel.

Each year FeRFA members showcase their projects that demonstrate the versatility and wide range of applications for resin flooring as well as their innovation and ingenuity in overcoming the challenges that some projects present. As usual the judges were impressed with the quality and variety of the projects presented.

The Awards were presented by Fred MacAuley with the Award sponsors: Cobra Insurance Brokers, Huntsman Polyurethanes, Innveo/Dorfner, Protech Plastics Containers and Stallard Kane Associates, to:

Small Industrial Project of the Year – Central Flooring and Altro for Gate Gourmet, Heathrow

Large Industrial Project of the Year – IRL Group and Sika for Dove/Nestle
(Highly commended Zircon Flooring and Sika for GE Energy)

Small Commercial Project of the Year – Senso and Remmers for Twickenham Studios
(Highly commended – Reprotect UK and Altro for Newcastle Theatre Royal)

Large Commercial Project of the Year – Zenith Pola and Sika for Coleshill School

Trainer of the Year – Coatech

FeRFA Member of the Year – IRL Group

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FeRFA has been representing the resin flooring industry for 45 years and celebrated the Best Practice Awards with a Dinner at the Belfry Hotel.

The excellent quality of all the award submissions and the diversity of resin flooring applications, across different sectors from schools to hospitals, prestigious small renovations to traditional industrial flooring, gives clear evidence of the growing markets and new opportunities for resin flooring systems.

In addition to showcasing the range of top quality resin flooring projects undertaken by FeRFA members, the submissions showed members' continuing commitment to health and safety, training, environmental responsibility and sustainability.

The FeRFA Awards were presented by comedian Fred MacAulay together with sponsors: Howard Collins of Cobra Insurance Brokers, Peter Osborne of Huntsman Polyurethanes, Emel Jami and Harald Maul of Innoveo / Dorfner, Protech Plastics Containers and Barry Nicol of Stallard Kane Associates.

SMALL INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR (sponsored by Huntsman Polyurethanes (UK) Ltd)

This award focuses on resin flooring projects up to 500m² in an industrial environment, and as with all the awards, it is jointly submitted by the contractor and the manufacturer. The winning project was selected because of the project management involved to reinstate a seamless hygienic floor in a busy working environment:

The Winners of the Small Industrial Project Award were Central Flooring and Altro Floors for Gate Gourmet, Heathrow Airport

LARGE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR (sponsored by Huntsman Polyurethanes (UK) Ltd)

This award is for projects over 500m² submitted by a FeRFA contractor and manufacturer. The shortlisted projects included a large new build manufacturing facility (Central Flooring and Sika), a refurbishment requiring a super-smooth floor to uneven subfloor (Zircon Flooring and Sika), a new build production and maintenance facility for RNLI lifeboats (National Flooring and Degafloor) and a huge project for the Nestle coffee production facility (IRL Group and Sika).

The Winners of the Large Industrial Project Award were IRL Group and Sika for Project Dove Nestle

This challenging project involved over 26,000m² of resin flooring plus 35,000m² of resin wall finishes and 26,000m² of ceiling finishes.

The judges also awarded ***Highly Commended to Zircon Flooring and Sika for Project GE Energy*** for the refurbishment of a facility, creating a floor surface flat enough to enable the movement of components using air film technology.

SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR - sponsored by Innoveo / Dorfner

Resin flooring in the commercial sector is becoming a very popular and the shortlisted projects were all excellent examples, such as: an attractive yet safe surface for therapy exercises at Rainbow House (Crown Flooring and Sika), a food preparation area in a hot, overseas location (Flo-Dek and Degafloor), beautiful refurbishment for Newcastle Theatre Royal (Reprotec UK and Altro), fast-track installation for a five star hotel kitchen (National Flooring and Degafloor) and a vibrant poured resin floor in a historical building (Senso and Remmers).

The winners of the Small Commercial Project Award were Senso and Remmers for the Twickenham Studios.

A wet on wet pouring technique produced a dramatic effect of a fusion floor with intricate design detail to transform some old studios in an historical building..

The judges also awarded Highly Commended to Reprotec UK & Altro for the refurbishment of Newcastle Theatre Royal with no disruption to its busy programme.

LARGE COMMERCIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR - sponsored by Stallard Kane Associates

The large commercial project award is for projects over 500m² and the award was given to an excellent example of how the development of comfort resin flooring systems has opened up a new market in the education sector.

The winners of the Large Commercial Project Award were Zenith Pola Flooring and Sika for Coleshill School

TRAINER OF THE YEAR – sponsor Cobra Insurance Brokers

The great challenge for the resin flooring industry is to encourage newcomers into this specialist sector by providing training, qualifications and a structured pathway for career progression. Our goal is to ensure we



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have a skilled and qualified workforce to meet our current and future needs. The shortlisted companies were: Coatech, IRL Group and Reprotect

The winner of the Training Award was Coatech

FeRFA MEMBER OF THE YEAR – sponsor Protech Plastics Containers

This award recognises outstanding performance and achievement by a member company. Excellent customer service, commitment to health & safety and environmental best practice, training and development of staff together with the promotion of FeRFA and its quality standards are just some of the criteria that this award calls for.

The shortlisted companies for this award were: Central Flooring Services, Coatech, IRL Group and Reprotect UK

The FeRFA Member of the Year was awarded to IRL Group

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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)



Small Industrial Project of the Year
Winner

CENTRAL FLOORING and ALTRO
For Gate Gourmet Heathrow

Ben Clarke (Central Flooring) Helen McGachie
(FeRFA CEO) Peter Osborne (sponsor
Huntsman Polyurethanes) Richard Jinks
(Central Flooring and Fred MacAulay



Large Industrial Project of the Year
Winner

IRL GROUP and SIKA
for Dove/Nestle

Helen McGachie (FeRFA CEO) Colin Price,
Debbie Harrison and Mark Ollerenshaw, (IRL),
Peter Osborne (sponsor Huntsman
Polyurethanes) Mark Bushell (Sika) Stewart
Jones (IRL) and Fred MacAulay



Large Industrial Project of the Year
Highly Commended

ZIRCON FLOORING & SIKA
For GE Energy

Stewart Draper (Zircon) Helen McGachie
(FeRFA CEO) Peter Osborne (sponsor
Huntsman Polyurethanes) Tony Ledger
(Zircon) Mark Bushell (Sika) and Fred
MacAulay

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Small Commercial Project of the Year Winner

SENSO and REMMERS
Project: Twickenham Studios

Ashley Palmer (Remmers UK) Helen McGachie (FeRFA CEO) Alex Dennis and Isobel Stewart (Senso) Emel Jami and Harald Maul (sponsor Innoveo / Dorfner) and Fred MacAulay



Small Commercial Project of the Year Highly Commended

REPROTEC UK and ALTRO
Project: Newcastle Royal Theatre

John Holmes (Reprotec) Helen McGachie (FeRFA CEO) Harald Maul and Emel Jami (Innoveo / Dorfner) Nick Megson (Reprotec) and Fred MacAulay



Large Commercial Project of the Year Winner

ZENITH POLA and SIKA
Project: Coleshill School

Helen McGachie (FeRFA CEO) Andrea Hodgkiss, Kevin Hodgkiss, Jack Sant, Sue Cheshire (Zenith Pola) Jon Whitmore (Sika) Barry Nicol (Stallard Kane) and Fred MacAulay

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Trainer of the Year

COATECH

Helen McGachie (FeRFA CEO) Emma Shufflebotham and Mathew Shufflebotham (Coatech) Howard Collins (sponsor Cobra Insurance) and Fred MacAulay



FeRFA Member of the Year

IRL GROUP

Colin Pice, Mark Ollerenshaw and Debbie Harrison (IRL Group) Helen McGachie (FeRFA CEO for sponsor Protech Plastics Containers) and Fred MacAulay