IHMA Awards 2015

A highlight of The Holography Conference in Shanghai was the announcement and presentation of the IHMA Awards for Excellence in Holography.

These awards for projects during the year to August 2015, are by application or nomination and are judged by the IHMA Board.

This year the standard of applications was the highest ever received, leading Mike Messmer, Chairman of the Association, to comment ‘that they show that the holography industry around the world is continuing to going through an innovative and creative period. Applicant projects came from around the world.’

In presenting the Awards, he said ‘This was one of the toughest years for the IHMA board to judge the awards. The awards celebrate the best in holographic achievement and ground-breaking innovations which keep holography to the fore in a diverse array of applications around the world.

We have seen again how holography continues to push technical and commercial boundaries to find new applications and markets.’

Best of Year: The Bowater Collection of Fabergé OptoClones

This award is only presented when the judges see an application that is truly outstanding to justify its elevation as the best project of the year.

This year the award was presented to "The Hellenic Institute of Holography for the Bowater Collection of Fabergé OptoClones™" which the judges agreed showed innovative and imaginative use of the best of Russian craftsmanship with the state-of-the-art in portable Denisyuk reflection holography.

In presenting the award, IHMA Chairman Mike Messmer said: ‘This award is truly deserving to Wayne who in his lifetime made an outstanding contribution to the industry’. The award was received by Nuray Yilmaz of MTM Security on behalf the Tompkin family.

Hologram Industries Becomes SURYS

Hologram Industries has changed its name to SURYS. According to the company’s founder and President Hugues Souparis, the name was designed to reflect the company’s wide-ranging offerings, which now encompass digital as well as optical security solutions.

The company, which was founded in 1984, originally focused on holograms, but has diversified over the years into a variety of alternative optical as well as digital technologies.

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