

Introducing: The 2023/2024 Packaging Innovation Awards judges!



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The Packaging Innovation Awards is more than just a prestigious awards program — it is a platform for inspiration and motivation. And what better way to inspire the innovators of the world by gathering an esteemed jury panel of experts to induct a new generation of winners from the 35th Packaging Innovation Awards.

Read through the bios to find out more about our 2023/2024 panel!

DAVID LUTTENBERGER

Global Packaging Director, Mintel

Returning to serve as lead judge for another year, David Luttenberger — a 30-year industry veteran — is known as one of the leading minds in the field. His insights and expertise offer incredible value to stakeholders throughout the value chain and have been featured in pieces by NPR, Forbes, and The Wall Street Journal.



MAURICIO AGUILAR

R&D Director, Meat Division, Sigma Alimentos

Mauricio Aguilar is a food industry veteran of 21 years who currently works for Sigma, a global company dedicated to manufacturing fresh food. In his current role as R&D Director of the Meat Division, he is in charge of meat process engineering, packaging, global end-of-line processes, industry 4.0 projects, and leads sustainable packaging projects.

GAUTAM BHATTACHARJEE

Senior Director of R&D Packaging, P&G

Drawing upon 25 years of experience across multiple industries such as FMCG, AlcoBev, and Converting, Gautam leads one of the largest packaging innovation organizations in Asia for P&G, based in their Beijing Innovation Center. He and his packaging organization are dedicated to finding superior and sustainable packaging innovations to meet consumer needs in China and the region.



LAURA BUEN ABAD

Vice President of Technology and Marketing for the Thermoformed and Flexible Packaging business at Sonoco

With over 20 years of international experience in product development and innovation, Laura has held assignments in Mexico, the USA, and Singapore. Her leadership extends beyond her function; she actively contributes to Sonoco's commitment to diversity and inclusion. As a member of the company's Diversity and Inclusion Council, Laura sponsors the Latino Employee Resource Group. In the industry, Laura serves on the Board of Advisors of the Innovation Research Interchange, a member-led innovation organization that brings together cross-industry research and technology leaders.

TIMOTHY CAHYADI

Managing Director, Bags and Film, Toppan Plasindo

Plasindo — one of the leading converters in Indonesia — welcomed Tim into their ranks as a production manager in 2007. His scope has evolved since then, with Plasindo placing the care and management of key areas of company-wide operations under his watch. He now oversees the complete downstream converting process, from pre-press to bag making, at an integrated film-making facility with a team of nearly 1,400 people.



KAY COOKSEY

Endowed Chair in Packaging, Clemson University School of Packaging

The career in academia that brought Dr. Cooksey to the present day began in the 1990s. As a member of the faculty at Clemson University, she leads undergraduate and graduate courses in packaging and innovation for food and healthcare, in addition to research in food and packaging interactions focused on bio-based coatings and sustainable solutions.



DAVID DOMBROWSKI

Independent Design Consultant

David is an independent design consultant with a proven ability to lead global teams. He has significant experience in finding creative solutions for unmet consumer needs through open innovation and creates consumer value enhancements by combining creative design with emerging packaging technologies.



BRETT DOMOY

Senior Director of Packaging Engineering, Unilever

Brett Domoy is the Head of Global Packaging for Skin Cleansing at Unilever. He has been innovating within Unilever's packaging organization the last 20 years in a global capacity designing rigid & flexible packaging formats for products like Dove, Axe, Vaseline, Lifebuoy and Lux just to name a few. Brett has multiple global design & utility patents across a wide range of packaging formats globally. Prior to joining Unilever, Brett worked for P&G and Kraft Foods, developing packaging solutions for hair products, beverages & desserts. Brett's current focus is on integrating premium and sustainable designs into Unilever's product portfolio.



GUILLERMO DUFRANC

Project Manager, Tridimage

Guillermo Dufranc is passionate about changing the world with packaging — that's why he created a YouTube channel dedicated to sustainability. He works as a project manager at Tridimage, a leading packaging and branding agency. He is the author of Packaging to Save the Planet, 2021, a book dedicated to raising the environmental awareness of packaging.



LAURA FLOREZ

General Manager, ICIPC

Laura has devoted her career to technical training and consulting in plastics processing, while also being involved in the development of packaging circularity in her native Colombia. She was appointed as head of the Institute for Plastics Processing (ICIPC) in Medellin, Colombia, and is currently committed to developing a more sustainable future for the use of plastics in our society.



GRACE KIM

Sr. Vice President and Head of Global Packaging R&D, CJ CheilJedang

With more than 25 years of international experience in the food and beverage, pharmaceutical and chemical industries, Grace currently leads the Global Packaging R&D team at CJ CheilJedang, a leading global food company in Korea. Prior to joining CJ CheilJedang in 2019, she worked at AbbVie Pharmaceutical and Kraft Foods as a packaging professional and at DuPont as an R&D process engineer, all in the US.



BRENT LINDBERG

Founder, Fuseneo

From the time he was only 17, Brent Lindberg has worked in nearly every facet of packaging design. From his start in blow molding to founding Fuseneo in 2008, his work has supported major brands and helped build powerhouse teams that have garnered awards, secured patents, and earned a reputation for using creative solutions to overcome the most challenging packaging hurdles.



BRYAN MCKAY

Head of Packaging, Woolworths Group

As Head of Packaging at Woolworths, Bryan McKay has been at the forefront of packaging sustainability in the FMCG and retail industry for over two decades. Notable achievements include developing and implementing a packaging sustainability strategy across Woolworths Group. Bryan is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Packaging and was crowned Sustainability Champion for 2023 at the APCO Awards.





ARNO MELCHIOR

Global Packaging Director, Reckitt

Arno's career as a packaging professional spans more than 35 years of international experience which includes developed expertise in the areas of sustainability, quality, consumer experience, innovation, cost optimization and new technologies, amongst others. His previous role at Merck KGaA saw him manage all packaging aspects of new product developments, from the concept to factory implementation and launch. Arno is also a judge for the Sustainability Award and the FINAT Label Sustainability Award.

KOICHI MIKAMI

General Manager of Product & System Development Division, DNP

Koichi Mikami is the General Manager of the Product & System Development Division at DNP, where he has played a key role in product development for packaging since joining the company.



CAMILA STOREL

Packaging Director, L'Oréal

With 23 years of technical experience in packaging development, and 16 years of experience managing teams and developing talents, she brings a wealth of expertise to her role. She joined L'Oréal in 2016, initially responsible for packaging in Brazil. Since 2020, she has overseen the packaging team for LATAM, with responsibilities spanning packaging innovation, engineering, qualification labs, sustainability, and excellence in packaging performance. Prior to her tenure at L'Oréal, Camila gained experience in the food and cosmetics industries, having worked at companies such as Bunge, Nestlé Purina, Beiersdorf, Natura, and Avon.

TIM SYKES

Brand Director, Packaging Europe

Tim leads Packaging Europe, an information platform with a mission to help packaging meet the demands of a challenging and changing world. A passionate advocate for sustainable innovation, Tim founded both the Sustainable Packaging Summit and the Sustainability Awards to inspire action and promote the importance of moving the industry toward a more circular tomorrow.



MARZBAN THANEVALA

Chief Marketing Officer at SB-Constantia Flexibles

With an attention to techno-commercial detail, built on a background in engineering and management studies, Marzban has spent three decades serving a wide variety of customers and applications. He has handled local, regional, and global profiles across various aspects of flexible packaging. Currently, he manages Sales, Marketing, R&D, and Innovations. As a leader in sustainability and innovation, and in building solutions, his passion is a driving force helping consumer companies move toward a greener and more circular world.



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