

ITALIAN PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY AWARDS - IPTA

“Paper Competition on the Technological Innovation in the Packaging Machinery Industry That Will Bring You to Italy”

November 4th – 11th, 2018

This initiative is organized by the

Italian Trade Agency – ITA

and the

UCIMA - Italian Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Association

In collaboration with the

Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)

Introduction: The Italian Trade Agency (ITA), in partnership with UCIMA (Italian Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Association), are once again proud to offer students of Packaging engineering and technologies an opportunity to experience face to face the vanguard technologies and marketing strategies, which have made Italian manufacturers recognized world leaders.

Throughout the years both the ITA and UCIMA have paid particular attention to the development of educational activities in Italy, where these activities have promoted an understanding and awareness among university students of the history as well as current activities within the packaging machinery industry.

The goal of this awarded opportunity is to strengthen the awareness of Italian technology and innovation within various packaging research and education programs.

The program will include, but is not limited to, the North American Universities listed below, all premiere institutions with packaging and packaging related programs:

1. California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo, California*
2. Clemson University – Clemson, South Carolina
3. Indiana State University – Terre Haute, Indiana
4. Michigan State University – East Lansing, Michigan *
5. Rochester Institute of Technology – Rochester, New York *
6. Rutgers State University of New Jersey – Piscataway, New Jersey
7. San Jose State University – San Jose, California
8. University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, Ohio
9. University of Florida – Gainesville, Florida*
10. University of Illinois at Urbana – Urbana, Illinois
11. University of Missouri - Rolla, Missouri
12. University of Ohio – Columbus, OH
13. University of Wisconsin Stout – Menomonie, Wisconsin*
14. Virginia Tech – Blacksburg, Virginia

**Additional universities may be included or removed by agreement between the ITA, UCIMA, and SME*

Eligibility: This competition is open to registered students in a junior, senior or graduate level degree program of academic studies. Each university's respective faculty will determine students' eligibility to submit papers based on such criteria as: GPA, transcripts, COOP program activities, etc. The selected students will be allowed to submit papers according to the topics listed below under "Categories".

Students and faculty selected will have to have excellent English language skills and if not US citizens, must be in possession already of US status to travel to Italy. The ITA, nor its partner associations can take on the responsibility of providing visa or travel documentation assistance.

Categories: Papers, which must be relevant to the market sector of their own choice and may be based on actual case histories, are to be developed according to the following topic guidelines:

- A) New technologies for quality control (detecting defects, errors, etc.) in the packaging process and in packaging.
- B) Alternative ideas in the design of machinery for packaging optimization.

Faculties may decide to integrate this contest into current academic courses, allowing selected students accreditation for their work.

Paper Requirements: Submitted papers would ideally be between 10-12 pages in length, typed and double-spaced. Attachments such as foot notes, images, photocopied materials, source citations, statistics, etc. may be included.

Papers should be submitted in electronic format to SME.

Panel of Judges: Affiliated SME University Program Director/Co-Coordinator will select student papers to be submitted to SME for final selection. The SME panel of judges will be chosen in accordance with the guidelines established primarily by the ITA and UCIMA.

Deadlines: Paper submissions should be made to SME no later than September 7th, 2018, to allow for the necessary travel preparations.

Award Announcement: The announcement of the winners will be scheduled for the no later than the end September 2018.

The announcement of each respective winner may be conducted during a faculty-organized student meeting and/or ceremony on affiliated university grounds. Any University published articles; web pages, newsletters and press releases, which mention this award, are kindly requested by the ITA.

Awards: Papers selected will be those

A complimentary trip to Italy will be awarded to a maximum of two (2) students whose submitted papers are selected, according to a panel of judges chosen by SME, and approved by the ITA and UCIMA, as best exemplifying the criteria in accordance with the guidelines set.

The trip will be chaperoned by a maximum of one (1) US faculty professor.

The study trip to Italy is scheduled to include a number of activities to take place November 4th – 11th, 2018. The proposed schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

Saturday, November 3rd, 2018

- Departure from US

Sunday, November 4th, 2018

- Arrival in Milan, Italy with transfer to the University “LIUC” Varese (outside Milan)

Monday, November 5th - Tuesday, November 6th, 2018

- Two day program at University "LIUC" Varese with international students and faculty from the other various Italian Technology Award Programs.

Wednesday, November 7th - Saturday, November 10th, 2018 program will include:

- Visits to selected Italian manufacturers of packaging machinery.
- Time dedicated to cultural activities.
- Visits to selected Italian packaging machinery manufacturers offices and facilities, orientation at ITA offices and/or UCIMA offices in Milan, and other related activities (TBA).

Sunday, November 11th, 2018

- Return to US

Airline flights (coach class), hotel accommodations, selected meals (not all), and ground transportation between scheduled sites in Italy will be provided by the ITA and the Italian Association UCIMA for the duration of the determined dates in Italy (excluding personal expenses – ex. phone, etc.).

Signed waivers absolving both the Italian Trade Agency, the Italian Association UCIMA, Italian local partners and the SME of any personal responsibility of the students' and professors' safety during travel to, from and in Italy will be requested by the winning students and accompanying professors prior to the trip.

Upon their return, students and professors will be asked to submit a summary of the program and how it has impacted their packaging education and overall view of the packaging sector, as well as Italian companies.

ITA Organized Event: Selected student winners may have be recognized at various ITA events, including Pack Expo 2018 and 2019.

A PowerPoint presentation of the trip to Italy, prepared by the student winners, will be shown; it may be asked (should budget allow) that 2018 winners attend this event. At this time, the next edition of request for papers may also be announced.

Closing Comments: The papers will become property of the ITA, UCIMA, and respective local partners who will therefore have the right to share and distribute the papers, in part or in their entirety, among Italian Packaging Machinery companies, magazines, journals, etc. at their discretion.

The ITA and UCIMA hope this initiative will continue to provide valuable benefits and experiences to the chosen students and faculty members from each respective university, along with giving the participating Italian packaging machinery manufacturers a unique opportunity to showcase their packaging technologies in action to these future and successful decision-makers and end-users.