

Representatives Earn ICMA ACE Accreditation

ICMA announced 5 more members who have earned the Advanced Card Education (ACE-M) accreditation recently. The programme was introduced to recognise the knowledge, experience and dedication of leading professionals throughout the card manufacturing industry.

The first designation, ACE-M, covers general card manufacturing; future designations will include ACE-A (advanced technologies) and ACE-P (personalisation). To date, 13 members have successfully passed. The following are the most recent members to earn the ACE-M designation:

- Derrick Celewicz, Plant Manager, VCT
- Shannon Crawford-Taylor, Senior Chemist, CFC International
- Bob Cristinzio, Operations Manager, CFC International
- Barry Mosteller, Director of Product Development, Oberthur Technologies America
- Del Reyes, Production Manager, G+D



Derrick Celewicz



Shannon Crawford-Taylor



Bob Cristinzio



Barry Mosteller



Del Reyes

Individuals earn the ACE designation by demonstrating an in-depth knowledge of card manufacturing processes through the completion of a rigorous exam. Applicants must be working for an ICMA member company and have a minimum of 3 years of industry experience in order to take the test.

The ACE examination evaluates the skills and knowledge of card manufacturing professionals and is comprised of 8 key sections – PVC/plastics, inks, adhesives, printing, collation, lamination, die-cutting and standards/testing. Individuals must score minimum proficiency in all 8 areas in order to pass the exam.

"The ACE examination provides members with the opportunity to showcase their expertise and distinguish themselves as accredited card manufacturing professionals in the industry," said Al Vrancart, Co-Founder & Industry Advisor, ICMA.

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Datacard Receives CIFTEE Award In Banking Technology

Datacard announced that the Datacard MX6000 card issuance system has been awarded the Excellent Financial Equipment Award by the Organising Committee of China International Exhibition on Financial Banking Technology & Equipment (CIFTEE). This prominent award recognises Datacard's technology-driven innovation.

Receiving the award at the Beijing Exhibition Centre recently, Sherman Cai, Regional Director, China, Hong Kong & Macau, Datacard noted, "Our customers have realised the incredible cost savings and have enjoyed using the MX6000 system due to its modularity and efficiency. They are not only satisfied with the excellent ROI, but also are amazed by the throughput and reliability of the system."

The MX6000 system offers the most comprehensive range of card issuance capabilities available today at speeds of up to



Sherman Cai



Angus McDougall

1,500 cards per hour. This truly modular system takes card programmes to new levels of efficiency, productivity and profitability. Datacard's continued commitment to flexible, highly adaptable and scalable card issuance systems allow users to reliably produce many types of cards.

"Datacard is extremely honoured to be recognised for such a prestigious award," stated Angus McDougall, Regional VP, APAC & Japan, Datacard.

"We have installed more than 20 systems in China throughout Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Wuhan, Shenzhen and Zhuhai in a single year," commented Angus. "This further reaffirms the capability of the MX6000 system - exceptional quality, reliability and security."

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ASK Now A MasterCard-Certified Vendor

ASK has completed the MasterCard Global Vendor Certification Programme (GVCP) requirements for the plant located in Sophia-Antipolis, the company's HQ in the south of France. Having achieved certification allows ASK to manufacture MasterCard banking cards and embed chips for MasterCard issuers.

ASK confirms its strategy to address the banking market and offers an innovative range based on a multiapplication contactless or dual-interface (contact and contactless) smart card.

"ASK believes that its expertise in public transport will benefit banking organisations when they switch their contact-based smart cards to contactless smart cards," said Patrick Sure, Head of the Transport & Bank Business Line, ASK. "I'm convinced that due to the installed base of a contact POS infrastructure, dual-interface smart cards are the future of banking cards in Europe," he added.

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