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### THE TAGA HONORS AWARD For Outstanding Contribution

## For Outstanding Contributions to the Graphic Arts Industry

on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Technical Conference

The Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA) is an organization of technologists, scientists, technical and production personnel in the printing and allied industries and students in accredited graphic arts programs. It was established in 1948 as a forum for reporting on new research and technology in the graphic arts. It has a long history of distinguished annual conferences at which technical papers on graphic arts subjects are presented. The annual volumes of TAGA Proceedings are the published records of these papers by leading technical and scientific men and women who have contributed measurably to the progress of printing technology and graphic science throughout the world. The Board of Directors of TAGA hereby singles out an imaging scientist and a printing ink scientist with distinguished careers to receive the 1998 TAGA Honors Award as appreciation from their peers for their dedicated services and contributions to the advancement of graphic arts.

As evidence of this honor, the awardees will receive the symbol of the TAGA Honors Award, designed in 1976 by R. E. Maurer, then president of TAGA. It consists of a trihedron with three transparent side panels in the subtractive primary colors, yellow, magenta, and cyan, which are the colors of the three dye layers in transparencies and the colorants used in the printing inks for process-color reproduction. The overlap colors of red, green, and blue (violet) are generated by the colored panes. The black base represents the black printer and the white base of the pyramid the printing paper.

Presented here is a summary of the accomplishments of this year's distinguished recipients of the TAGA Honors Award.

# TAGA HONORS AWARD 1998 to FRANZ SIGG

for his over 40 years of dedicated services to the research, design and production of test targets for the graphic arts marketed by six suppliers, for his proposals of the term Gray Component Replacement (GCR), for the classes on graphic arts technology and seminars he taught at the RIT T&E Center, for his involvement in teaching, as a Thesis Advisor for graduate students in the RIT School of Printing, his studies of CTP exposure control, and his four TAGA technical papers, TAGA honors Franz Sigg.



Franz Sigg was born with ink in his veins. He is the fourth generation in a family of printers and started in the printing industry in his father's printing plant in Winterthur, Switzerland as an apprentice press operator. He continued his practical training in a Swiss trade shop learning camera work and dot etching for one year.

Franz's attraction to test targets was a natural consequence of his father's development of a platemaking test target which became the original UGRA-wedge after Franz did the research to reduce it to practice. His fascination for targets, their design and production has continued ever since. He has a company in Winterthur which does research on test targets and produces special targets for EMPA/UGRA (Swiss graphic arts research institute), Gretag (now Gretag-Macbeth), Kodak, 3M (Imation), and RIT.

Franz attended the RIT School of Printing in 1962-1964. He was an avid learner with a lust for knowledge. In 1964 he returned to Switzerland where he performed research to set up a reproduction (prepress) department in his family's printing plant. The research involved the development of a color control bar and evaluation system to standardize printing, proofing and color reproduction, the rights to which were sold to Gretag who developed it into the Gretag Color Control System in 1969.

Sigg returned to RIT in 1969 to obtain his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Printing Technology. He continued to improve test target design and production methods. Since 1983 he has commuted between RIT and Switzerland. At RIT he performed research in the Technical and Education Center, gave classes on printing technology and seminars on Microline theory standardization, and quality control. In 1984 he proposed the name Gray Component Replacement (GCR) to what was being called Achromatic Color Reproduction (ACR) and the name has stuck. He was also engaged in many research projects for the RIT Research Corporation.

In 1988 Franz transferred to the School of Printing where he has been involved in more teaching and has been outstanding as a Thesis Advisor to graduate students. He is now concentrating his efforts on digital imaging and exposure control in CTP situations. For his many accomplishments, TAGA distinguishes Franz Sigg with the 1998 TAGA Honors Award.

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