

**TAGA  
HONORS AWARD 1999  
to  
WALTER F. ZAWACKI**

*for his 31 years of dedicated service to the color printing and ink industries; his development of computer color formulation programs; his research and customer service in the areas of color formulation, measurement, production assistance, prepress audits, and standards for ink and printing; his development of an instrumental method for strength and shade colorants; his service on many industry committees and task forces on industry standards; his 10 TAGA papers, TAGA honors Walter F. Zawacki.*



Walter F. Zawacki is Technical Manager of Color and Printing Research at the Flint Ink Research Center in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born in Brooklyn, NY in a family with an uncle who owned a printing plant. He attended the printing program at Vorhees Technical Institute in New York City and graduated from RIT in 1968 with a BS degree in Printing. In 1970 Walt joined Corporate Research in Continental Can Co. in Chicago where his responsibilities were computer color formulation, color reproduction, color specification and color control for gravure, flexo and offset.

In 1976 he received a Masters in Management degree from Northwestern University. That same year he joined the Corporate Research Department of American Can Co. in Neenah, WI as project leader of the computer color formulation program which involved systems for flexible packaging and cup printing. In 1980 he joined Decotone Carolina in Monroe, NC where he implemented a color formulation and dispensing system and was involved with the development of inks for heat transfer printing of textiles.

Walt joined Flint Ink in 1982 to start a new corporate color lab which included research and customer service in color formulation, measurement, reproduction assistance, prepress audits and standards for ink and printing. In 1984 he was given additional responsibility for the Printing Research Lab and in 1998 the Experimental Printing Lab.

He is a member of the NPIRI Color Measurement Task Force, represents NAPIM on a number of industry committees including Chairman of CGATS Process Control, Chair of CGATS Executive Committee, Alternate Representative to SWOP, member of the NAA Color Reproduction Quality Task Force, member of the SNAP Committee, and a member of the GAA Color Correlation Task Force. In addition he has found time to be a co-author of 10 TAGA technical papers and is a member of the TAGA Board of Directors. For all these industry activities TAGA distinguishes Walter F. Zawacki with the 1999 TAGA Honors Award.