

## OBITUARY

### On the death of Dr Michael Gerstenberger

Many of you have known him, Dr Michael Gerstenberger, who – always dressed in an elegant suit with vest and breast pocket handkerchief – attended nearly every converting event. Michael was indispensable for our industry. After 20 years of working in leading positions in the chemical industry, he joined the former ICE Europe team 15 years ago and was substantially involved in establishing the event as the worldwide leading trade show for paper, film and foil converting. As technical editor he was one of the founders of C2 Magazines.

Furthermore, Michael was the face of the Munich Adhesives and Finishing Forum (MKVS) for which he took over responsibility in 2006 together with his business partner Stephan Hinterwaldner. He led the yearly conference to an ongoing success.

However, as the owner of Lion Consult, Michael Gerstenberger was a passionate consultant first of all. He breathed life into the sentence: “No task is too difficult, no challenge too great”.

Supporting and consulting European and North-American converting companies was his core business. He also really flourished when he went on special missions to help companies from Japan, Israel, Iran or Nigeria to get on their feet. And when I met him for dinner or for a glass of good wine after a long conference day, the professional and personal stories and anecdotes he told were much more interesting than all the speeches I heard that day...

With his positive attitude, his passion, his confidence and reliability, Michael Gerstenberger was a remarkable personality which will be missed in our industry. And in both his professional and his private life,



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he was a generous and openhearted man you could always lean on.

Michael Gerstenberger died on 24 March 2017 much too early with 64 years. Our thoughts are with his wife and his daughters and with those dear to him.

Franz Hermann