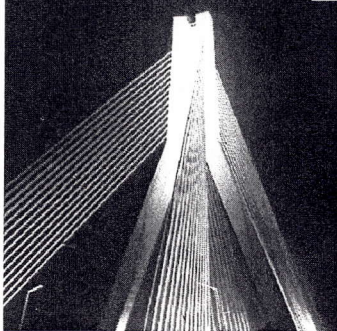


## Global pultrusion



About 300 companies worldwide are producing 500,000 tons of composite pultruded profiles, representing a value of 1.2 billion dollar. The average annual growth of the industry ranges between 5 and 10% depending on market sector, world region and application area.

Globally there is a growing interest in pultrusion technology. Composite profiles offer on many occasions an economic and technical superior alternative to metal profiles, both in low and hi-tech applications.

The Global Pultrusion Conference was held on June 6-8 in Baltimore - for the first time in the US - launched on the initiative of Brisk Events.

Composite profiles have shown that energy can be saved in many applications. As energy prices are rising this advantage shows even more prospects for the future. Based on this opportunity for the global pultrusion Industry, it was

decided to address the conference to this theme. The following subjects were presented in different conference sessions: energy saving in mobility, transport, construction and energy systems; academic and research projects, raw material development; processing technology, product Innovation, market development and case stories.

A special session was scheduled where delegate representatives of pultrusion engineering and production companies from around the world gave a presentation on innovations related to materials, machines, products and applications.

The objective was to find potential licensee partners in other geographical areas by exchanging innovative ideas in order to grow applications and markets for the pultrusion industry.

Delegates at the conference choose Robert Sweet as the

undisputed winner of the Brandt Goldsworthy Pultruder of the Year 2007 Award. Sweet founded Creative Pultrusions leading it successfully for well over 30 years. His company has developed countless profiles in a variety of industries. He has been instrumental in the growth of the overall pultrusion industry and has developed outstanding technology in pultruded structures.

Sweet has had the foresight to overcome many engineering problems and put pultruded sections into their rightful place as structural sections. He consistently supported new product applications such as bridge decks and building applications.

The other 6 nominees of the award were: Luigi Giamundo (ATP, Italy), David Johnson (Ebert Composites, US), Ayman S. Mosallam (University of California at Irvine, US), Eric Moussiaux (Exel, Belgium), Peter Pfaff (Glasforms, US) and Henrik Thorning (MD Fiberline, Denmark).

The Global Pultrusion Conference will be succeeded by the EPTA World Pultrusion Conference to be held on March 26-28, 2008 in Rome, Italy.