

**RARAY :**

## **Francolor is voted the Community Company of the Year**

Francolor Pigments at Villers St. Paul has just won the departmental award for the Community Company of the Year awarded by the Centre of Young Company Managers during their congress resolutely turned towards the future.

The regional congress at the Centre of Young Company Managers (CJD) in Picardy took place this year at the Raray castle. Organised every two years, the congress enables 70 young managers in Picardy to meet and focus on their ideas and their actions as the CJD is an organisation for testing and training based on a common commitment : to build the company by and for its personnel.

This time, it is the future which has inspired the young managers during a conference entitled : « I, entrepreneur of the year 2000 » whose aim was to help each of them to imagine the future of their company in an economical environment evolving rapidly by giving them bench marks and tools to better situate themselves and progress i.e. to quit putting up with the future and to start anticipating it.

Throughout the day, managers were invited to participate in 4 round tables animated by different subjects : « My profession, my strategy : same struggle », « My virtual turnover », « My own personal innovations », « My values in 5 years time, in the third millennium ».

The conference concluded with the presentation of the 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the Community Company of the Year, an award created in 1996 by the CJD of Compiègne whose aim is to reward companies whose actions are significant in the area of employment (creating or maintaining work, sharing or reducing the number of hours in the working week, flexibility in the hours of the working week, organisation of work with the aim to develop employment, social insertion etc .).

Open to all companies in the Oise area whose business employs between 10 – 500 employees, this year 2000 entry forms were received from all over the department.

At the creation of the Neighbourhood company award in 1996, A.Q.L. Electronique, a company specialised in the short series cabling from Saint-Just-en-Chaussée was awarded the prize.

This year, it was Francolor Pigments, a company based at Villers Saint Paul who, way above the others won this departmental award and thereby proved that it is possible to win new markets, to adapt to the new constraints of the global economy, to create riches and make profit whilst simultaneously protecting jobs.

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