

FMA Spring Dinner Marks New Era

As the industry gathered to honor its tireless advocates, FMA prepared for its next chapter



Richard Pisano Jr. (Citrus & Allied Essences) thanks the FMA for honoring his father, Richard Pisano Sr., with its Special Lifetime Achievement Award.



Bill Troy (Firmenich), recipient of the Eric Bruell Distinguished Service Award.



Steve Tanner (Arylessence), honoring Bill Troy (Firmenich).



Kevin Renskers (Takasago) paying tribute to honoree Bill Troy (Firmenich).

This year's Fragrance Materials Association (FMA) spring dinner served to honor the contributions of key members and usher in the era of the **International Fragrance Association (IFRA) North America.** **Bill Troy** (Firmenich) received the Eric Bruell Distinguished Service Award for his efforts. In his introduction, Steve Tanner (Arylessence) described Troy as an organizer, communicator, facilitator, peacemaker and visionary for the fragrance industry. Accepting the award, Troy acknowledged that the FMA's transition to a new name and funding structure, in addition to questions of the organization's future role, have been challenging for the membership. He went on to highlight the need for commitment from the industry to keep the organization strong, led by a spirit of volunteerism in promoting success for all FMA members. **Richard Pisano Jr.** (Citrus & Allied Essences) echoed these sentiments as he thanked the FMA on behalf of his father, **Richard Pisano Sr.** (Citrus & Allied Essences), for the honor of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award. Pisano Jr. displayed for the audience the agenda for the last meeting of the Essential Oil Association of the United States, dated January 1979. That occasion marked the dissolution of that organization and the founding of the FMA. The industry, he noted, will always evolve. Meanwhile, Pisano Sr.'s honor highlighted his passion for the industry: "He has been our unfailing leader, our conscience, and our sternest critic. Nonetheless, he has shown that while principle must always overcome convenience, friendship and love for our industry overcomes all."

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Fred Walter (Fragrance Resources) and Craig Cole (Ungerer & Co.).



Ted Kesten (Belmay) and Sean Traynor (Takasago).

¹Read more in "Fragrance Industry Organizations Realign for a Stronger Global Voice," posted at www.perfumerflavorist.com/fragrance/regulatory.



Heather Sims, Cynthia Reichard, Lori Miller Burns and Steve Tanner (all Arylessence).



Steve Somers Jr. and Steve Somers (both Vigon International) and Glenn Edwards (Givaudan).



David Bedoukian and Robert Bedoukian (both Bedoukian Research), and Kevin Renskers (Takasago).



Mohan Pradhan (Mane), Jim Nickels and Debbie Nickels (IFF), and Dave Carroll (Kerry Ingredients and Flavours).



Bill Ludlum (Berje), Elizabeth Scharlat (Symrise) and Thomas Lauzurica (Berje).



Stephen Manheimer (Kerry Ingredients & Flavours) and Peter van Houten (Firmenich).



Mary Raukko, Tom Sulich and Stefanie Alexander (all Firmenich).



Ronald Fenn (Rusandro Inc.) and Jeb Gleason-Allured (Perfumer & Flavorist magazine).