

Industry Snapshot: All in the Family

IFRA North America's spring dinner highlights the role of family businesses in the fragrance industry

The industry gathered to honor two of its legends—who happen to be married—during the International Fragrance Association North America (IFRANA) spring dinner at New Jersey's Westmount Country Club. In welcoming attendees, IFRANA president Kim Bleimann (Berjé) emphasized the role of family companies in the flavor and fragrance industry.

Bob Bedoukian praised the Eric Bruell Distinguished Service Award recipient Stephen Manheimer (Kerry Ingredients & Flavours) for his vision and impact on the industry and called him “a legend and a wise friend.” Manheimer said that the industry is a family in itself, which requires a passion to link customers, suppliers and nature to support brands. The ultimate goal, he said, is to keep the industry healthy.

Jean-Paul Benveniste (Phoenix Aromas & Essential Oils) introduced Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Laure Moutet, invoking her special relationship with his father and her mentor, Ben Benveniste. Moutet provided a brief, but lively history of her career from JPM Imports to Manheimer to Kerry and underscored the ongoing fight to defend the fragrance industry.



Front, from left: Nancy Poulos (Kerry), Karen Manheimer (Kerry), Steve Manheimer (Kerry), Laure Moutet, Alan Manheimer and Arnold Manheimer. Second row, from left: Lauren Ritzmann (Kerry), Adriana Becker (Kerry), Stephanie Blakely (Ungerer), Claudia Garbin (Kerry), Lisa Meola (CPL), Asha Phekoo (Kerry), Maddy Hovnarian (Kerry) and Alice Asadourian (Kerry). Back row: from left: David House (Kerry), Kari Arienti (Symrise), Adam Gaetz (Kerry), John Gamba (Givaudan), Magdalena Leon (Kerry), Gary Friars (drom), Al Bauer (Citrus & Allied), Michael Monterosa (Bell Flavors & Fragrances), Jen Cocchiara (Firmenich), Lionel Nesbitt (drom), Dave Carroll (Kerry), Scot Benn (Kerry) and Jason Hawkins (Kerry).



Fred Keifer (Firmenich), left, and Raj Walavalkar (IFF)



Paula Flynn, left, and Susan Backer (both Givaudan)



Kevin Renskers (Takasago International Corp.) and Jennifer Abril (IFRA North America)



Stephen Manheimer (Kerry), left, receiving his honor from Robert Bedoukian (Bedoukian Research)



From left, Greg Adamson (Givaudan), Laure Moutet and Robert Bedoukian (Bedoukian Research)



Jean-Paul Benveniste (Phoenix Aromas & Essential Oils), left, and Steve Somers Jr. (Vigon)



From left, Izzy Heller and Jim Kavanaugh (both Bedoukian) and Joan Huang (Symrise)



From left, Steve Tanner (Arylessence), Jennifer Abril (IFRA North America) and Kim Bleimann (Berjé)



From left, Fernand Sirvent (Berjé), Tatiana Giacinti (Synarome Nactis US) and Mathieu Dutriaux (Firmenich)



Tatiana Giacinti (Synarome Nactis US), left, and Celine Roche (Mane)



From left, Greg Lermond (John D. Walsh), George Janow (Berjé) and Susan Lermond (John D. Walsh)



Paige Crist (P&F magazine) and Frank Mara (Berjé)