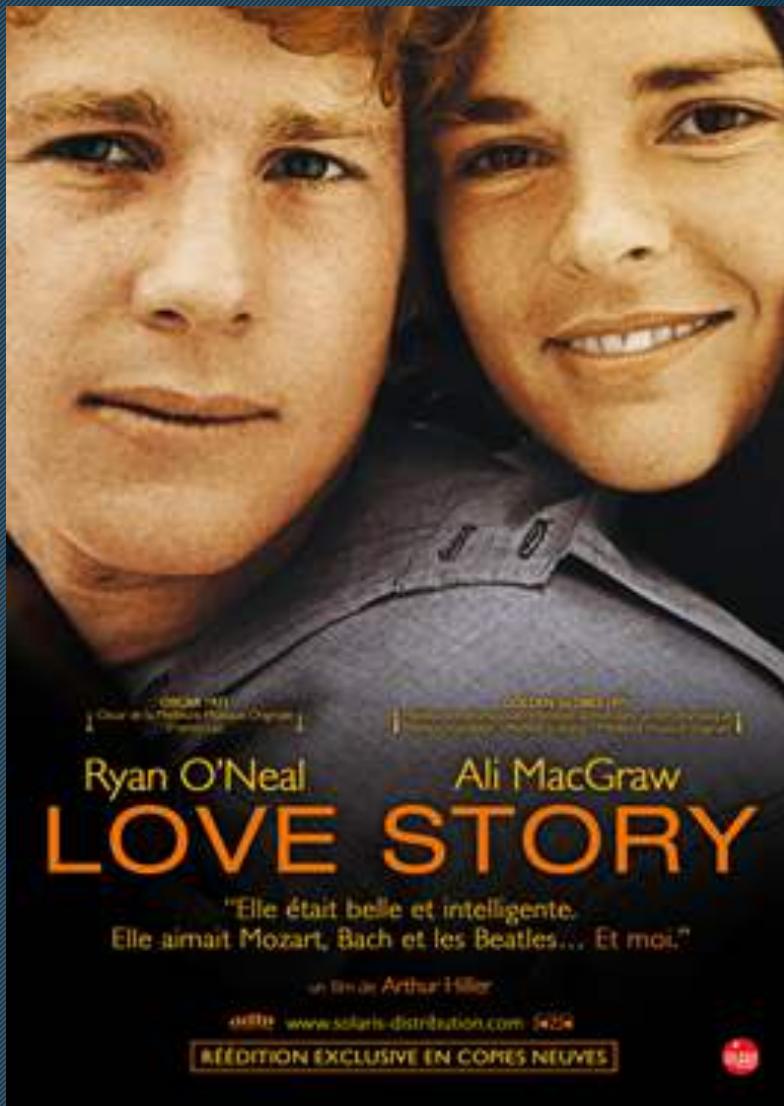


Flexo

A love story

Flexo: a love story



1986

“ After the study chemical engineering (1986) I start working in the flexible packaging industry.

Ing. Roel Seele

Experience

- “ Past jobs:
 - “ 4P printing group (Unilver, NL)
 - “ Schut Superflex (NL)
 - “ MD Amcor Envi & Hapece (NL)
 - “ MD Dumocom (NL)
 - “ MD Paraphane Plus (B)
 - “ MD Euroflex Printing Holland
 - “ MD Operational Benelux&Germany (NL & G)
- “ Present job:
 - Managing director cooperation Sterk Midden-Drenthe (NL)



President EFTA
Benelux



EFTA Benelux Flexo Awards
2015

Chairman Witteveense Boys '87



What happened in
the World?

1986



1986

The hand of God

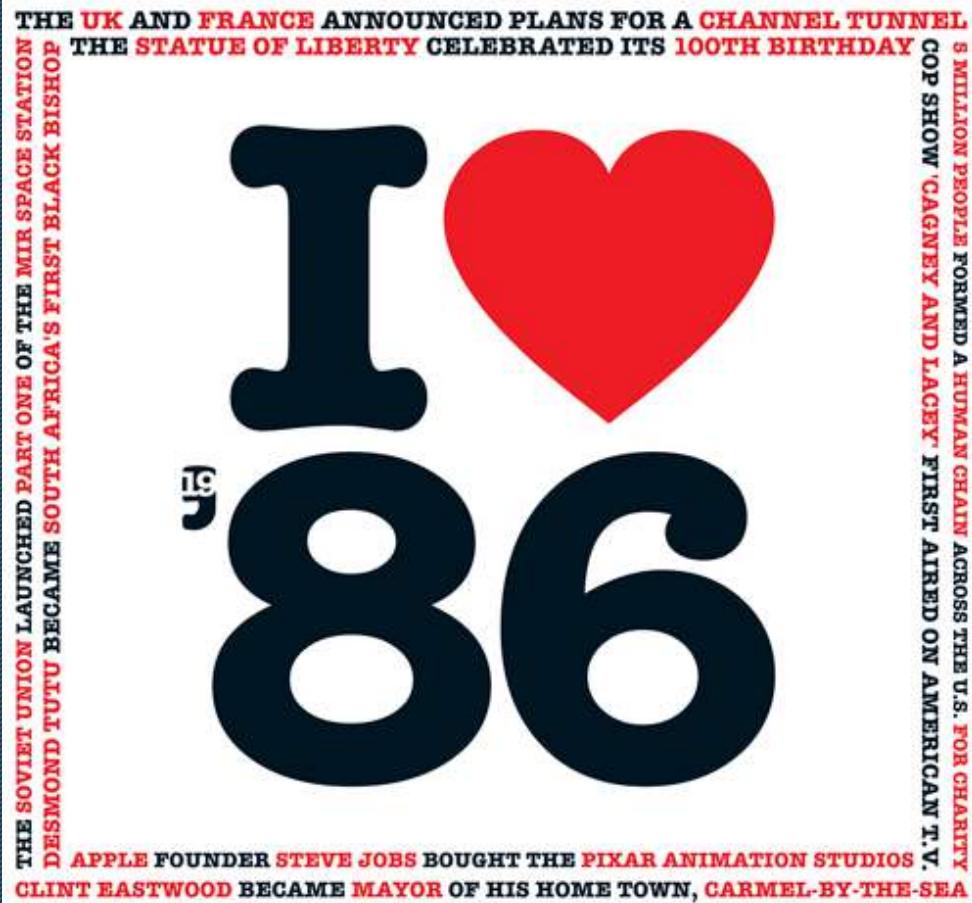
Argentina world champion



1/8 finales: France – Italy: 2-0
No Dutch team in Mexico

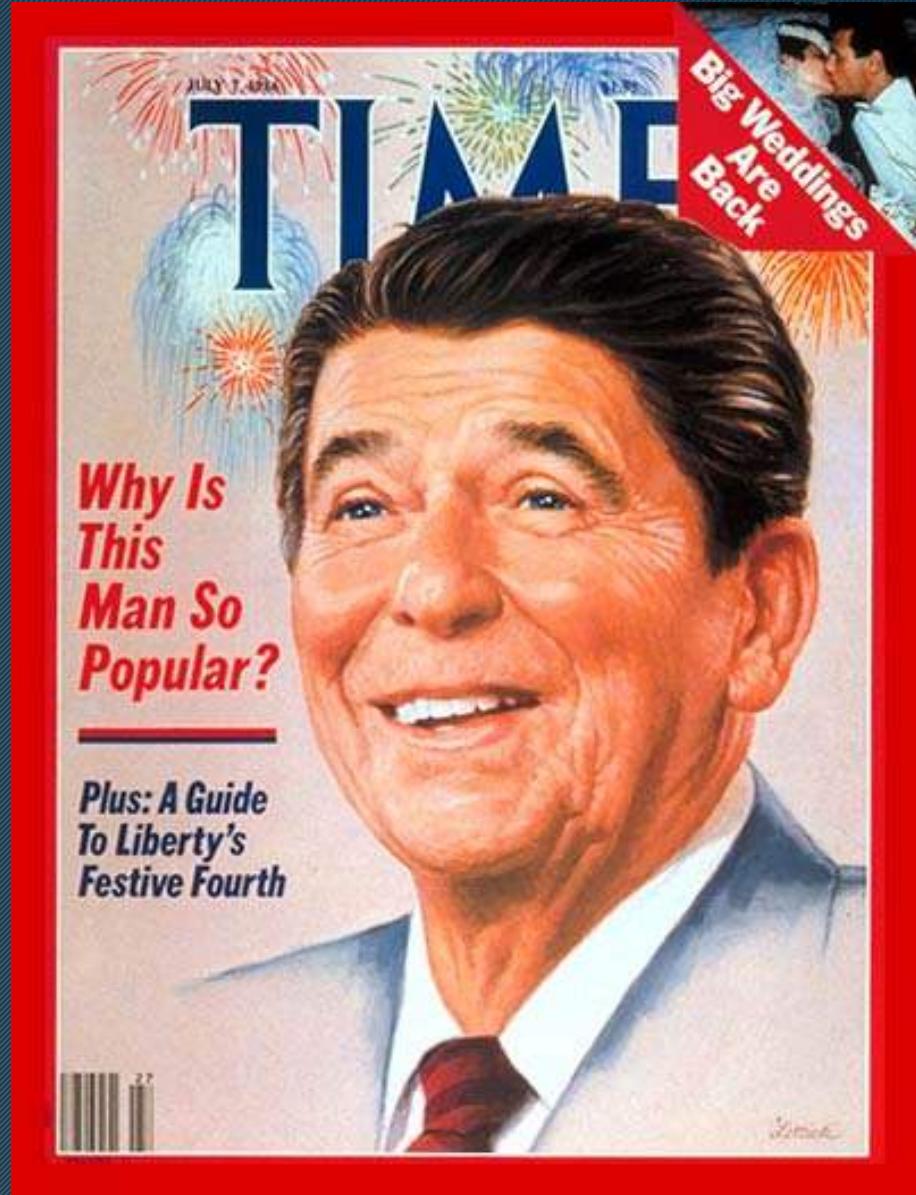
First PC virus on floppy discs

1986

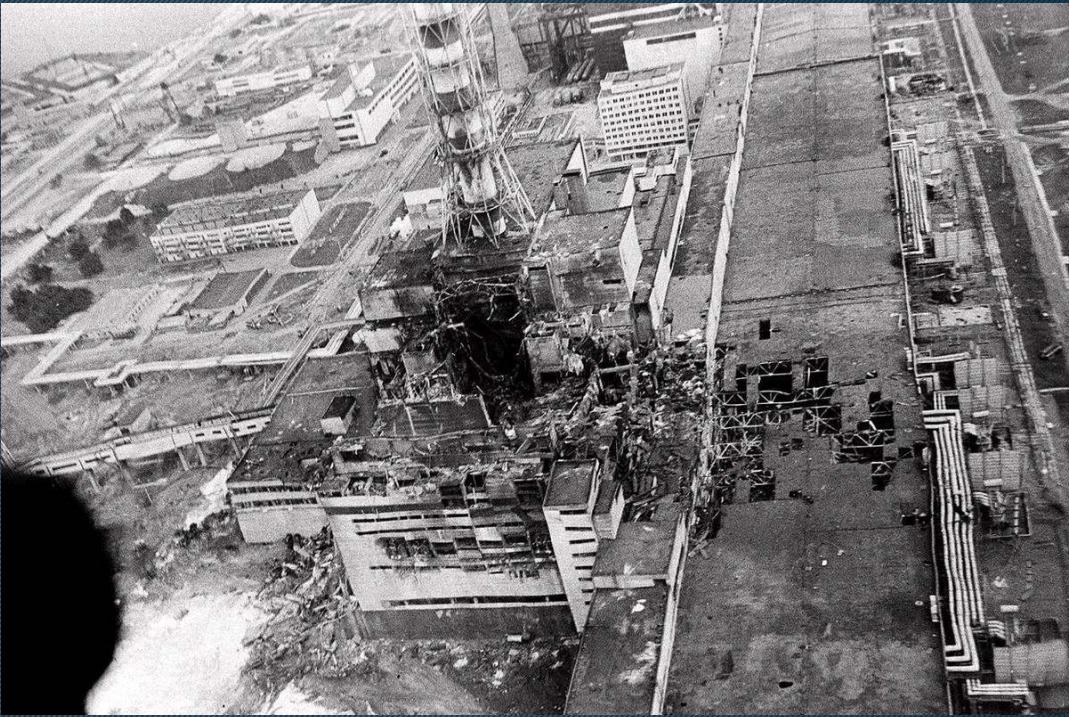


1986

President Reagan



Tjernobyl disaster





Challenger disaster



1986

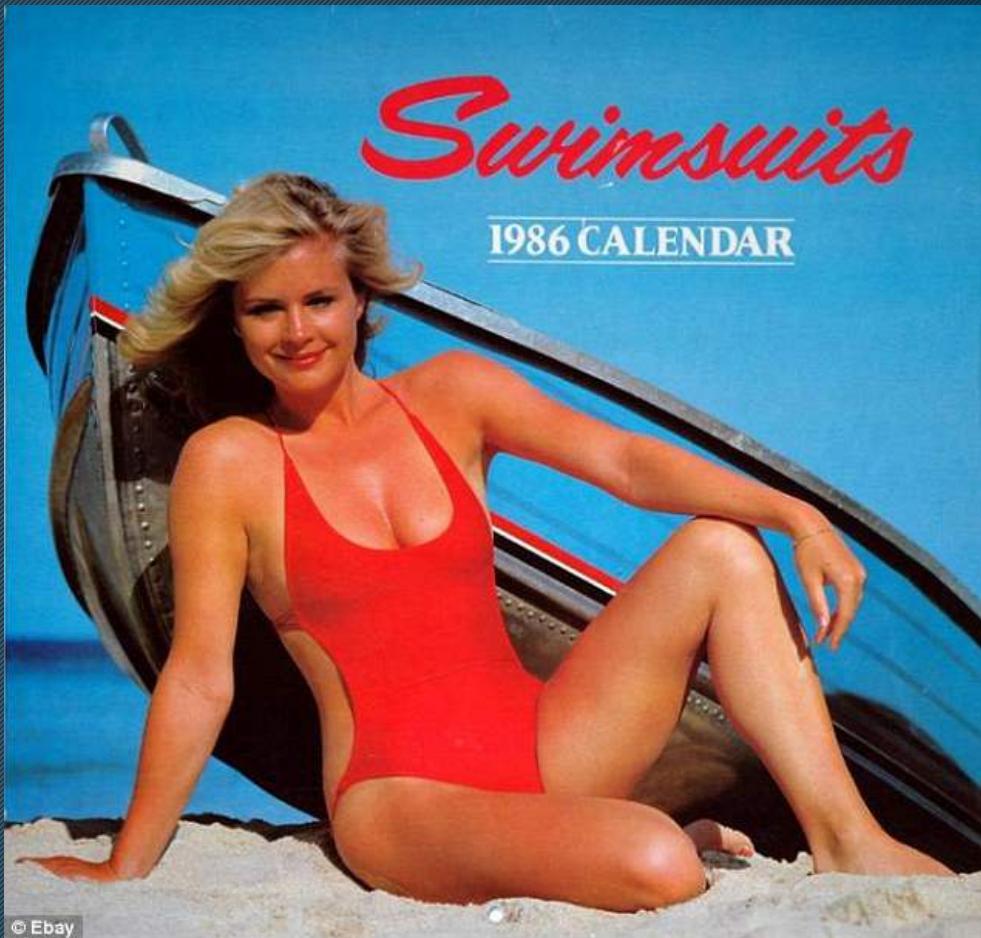
Out of Africa Wins 7 Oscars



Out of Africa

1986

Swim fashion



1986



Frisian 11 Cities Skate tour

200 km ice skating



King William Alexander of the
Netherlands

1986

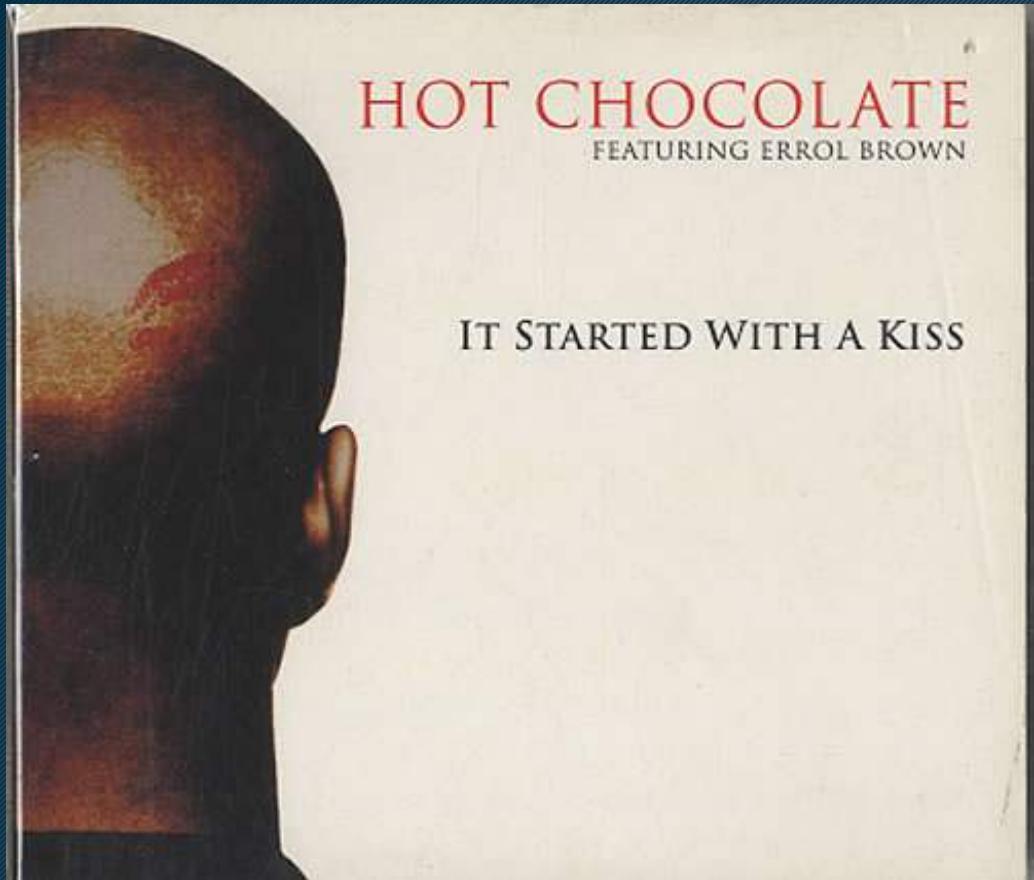
Ferrari 328



1986

Flexo: printing with rubber plates



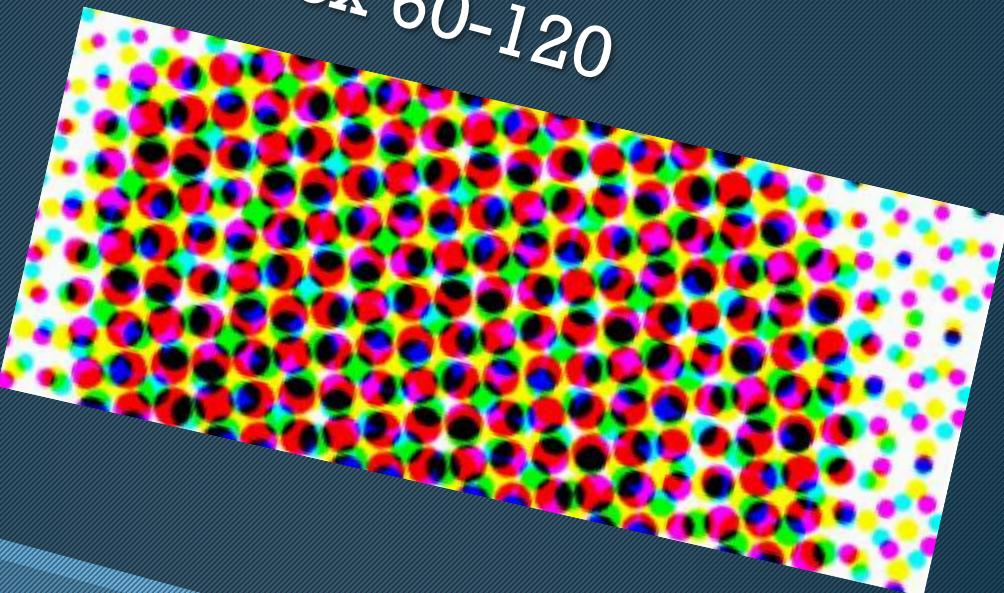


Flexo: a love story, It started with a kiss, but 30 years ago the kiss was not as soft as today....

It started with a
KISS

Rubber plates

“ Approx:
“ Screen 24-30
“ Anilox 60-120



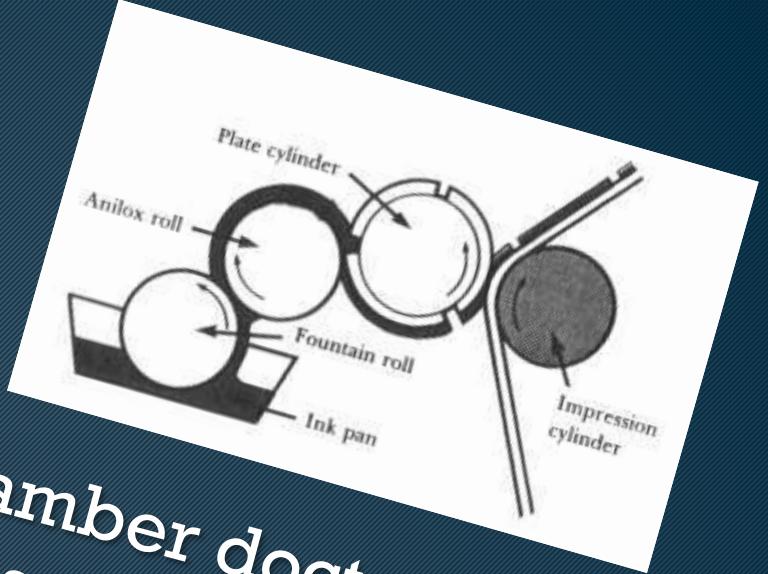
Rubber Plates



- “ Dot gain
- “ Bad High lights
- “ Solids okay
- “ Plates wear
- “ Difference between first
and last printed meters
- “ Quality far below gravure
- “ Cheap
- “ Candy wrappers - bags

Flexo Presses

- “ No chamber doctor systems
- “ 3 roller system
- “ Free evaporation of solvents
- “ Line of stack presses
- “ No kiss printing



Innovation 1986 -
2016

- “ In tapes
- “ In plates & anilox
- “ In sleeves
- “ In presses
- “ In inks
- “ In substrates

Innovation in Tapes

“From two types : “hard”,
and “soft” to a large
number of specific
tapes.



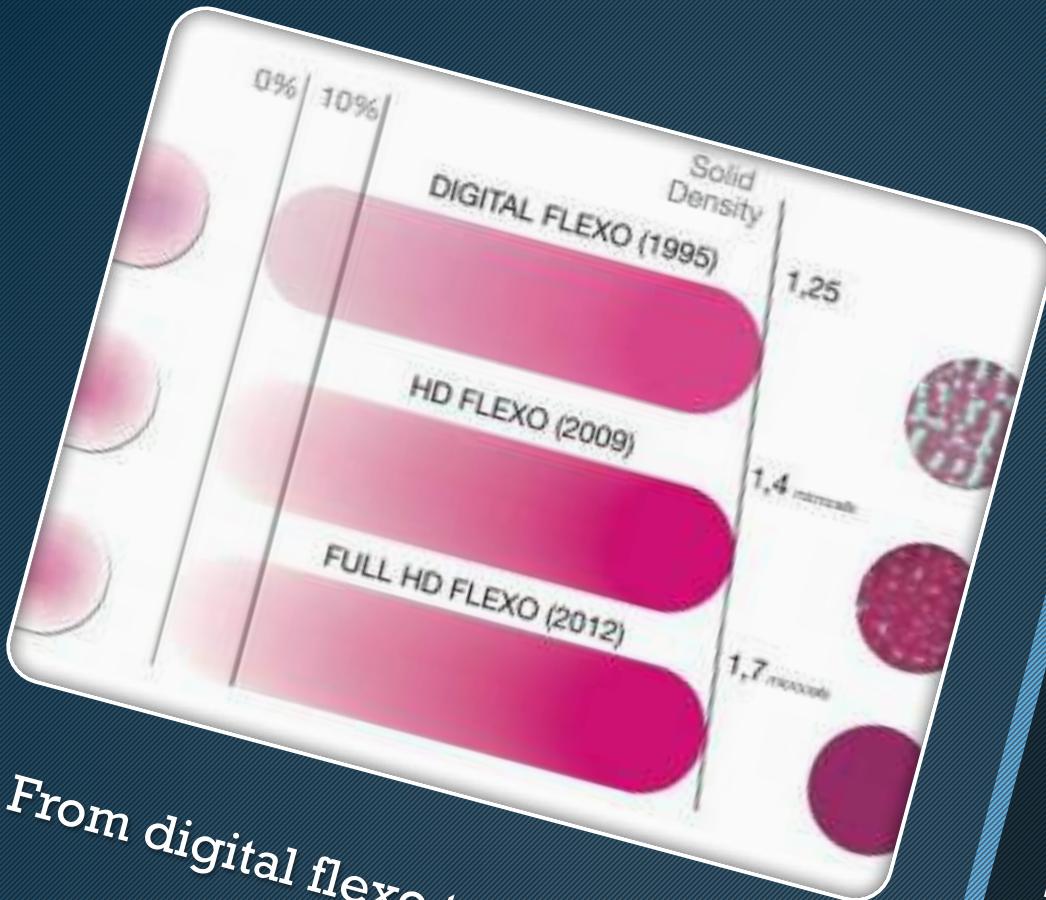
Innovation in Polymer plates and anilox

- “ From Polymer plates to CtP
- “ From CtP to Sleeves
- “ From CtP to NX - HD - Full HD
- “ Higher Screens (60/70 screen and >420 l/cm)
- “ Less dot gain
- “ Highlights
- “ Higher quality print



Innovation in plates

From digital flexo to Full HD flexo



Innovation in CI presses

- “ CI presses
- “ 2 roller system
- “ Camber doctor blade system
- “ Less register problems
- “ Auto register, auto kiss printing and auto colourmatching.
- “ Less waste
- “ A little bit more kiss printing



Mistakes at that time

- “ Sales: sells flexo as gravure quality
- “ To less Standardization
- “ Officially training printers became less

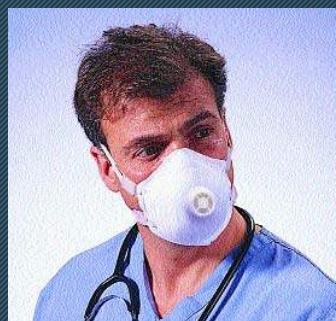
Legislation

**“Environmental issues
solvent exhaust to the
atmosphere”**



Safety

“Exposure printers to
solvents
“Machine safety”

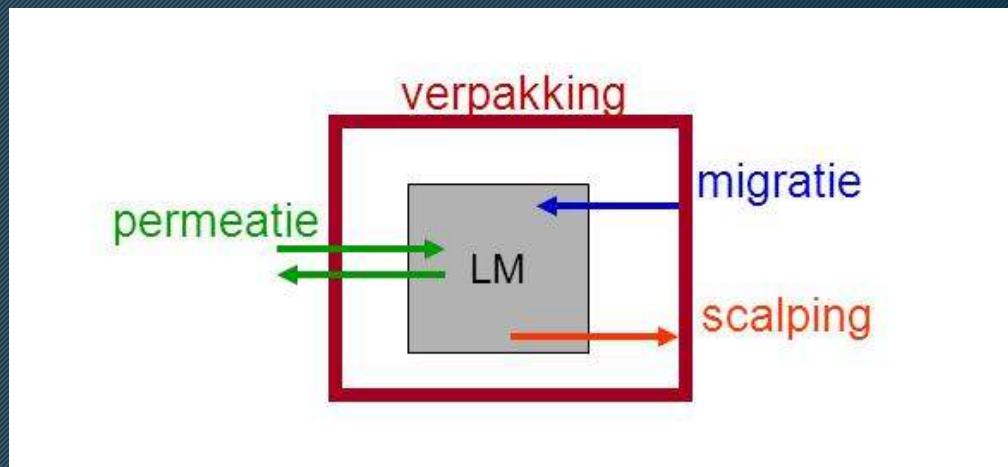


Compliance with
EU Legislation



Migration

“ Legislation on contact materials with food and migration of chemicals to food.



Innovation

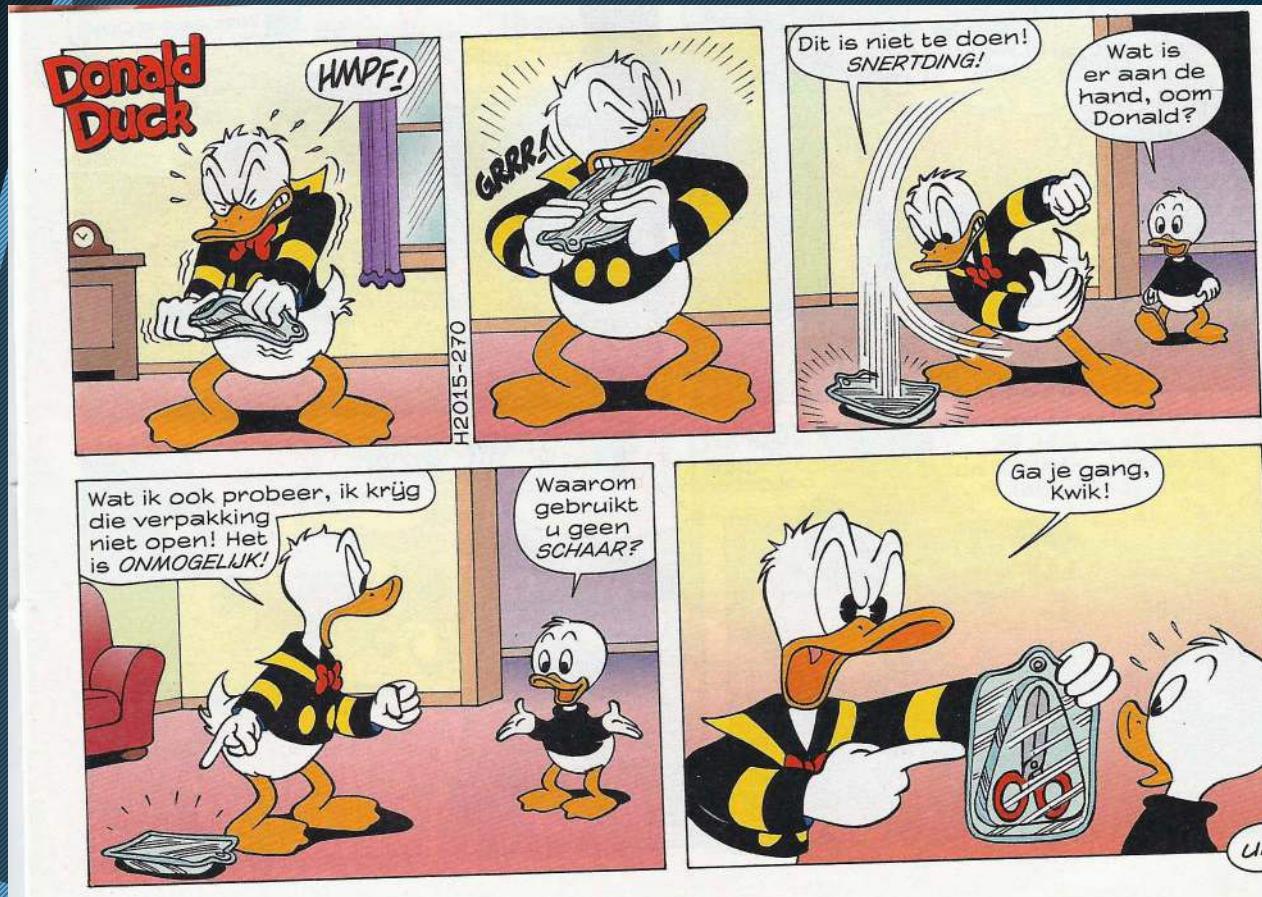
“ We were able to solve all these issues, because our industry is innovative, creative and adds value.

“ In my opinion we have to solve 3 more issues in the next years.

Packaging Innovation

1

“Easy opening



2

Environment

“ Ofcourse we all
subscibes the
environment legislation

“ Can we do more and is it
necessary?

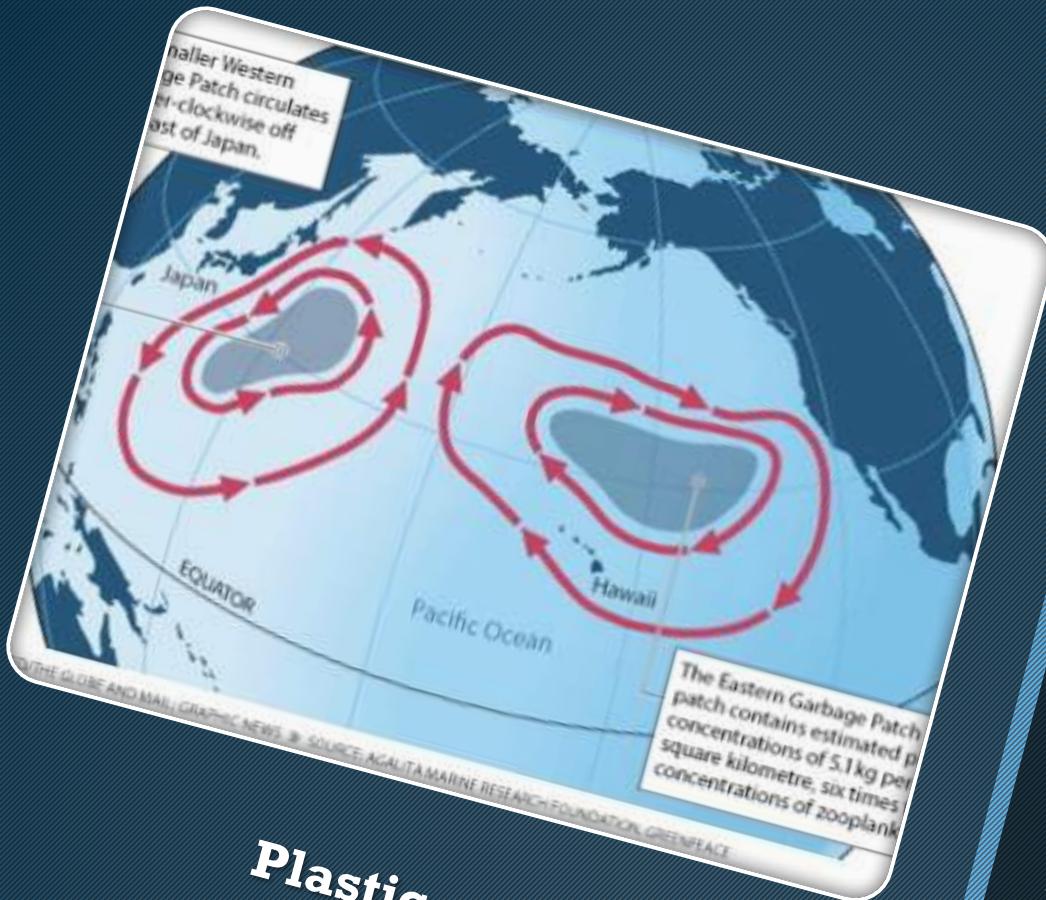
2

Plastic soup



Plastic waste in the ocean

Environment



Plastic soup

3

Education

“Training Printers
remained behind

“EFTA Benelux flexo
Academy

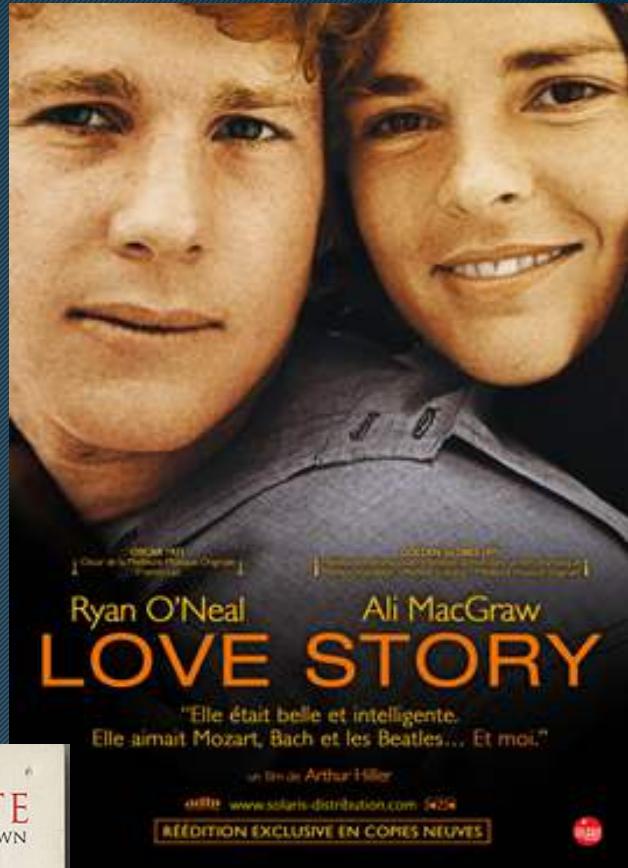
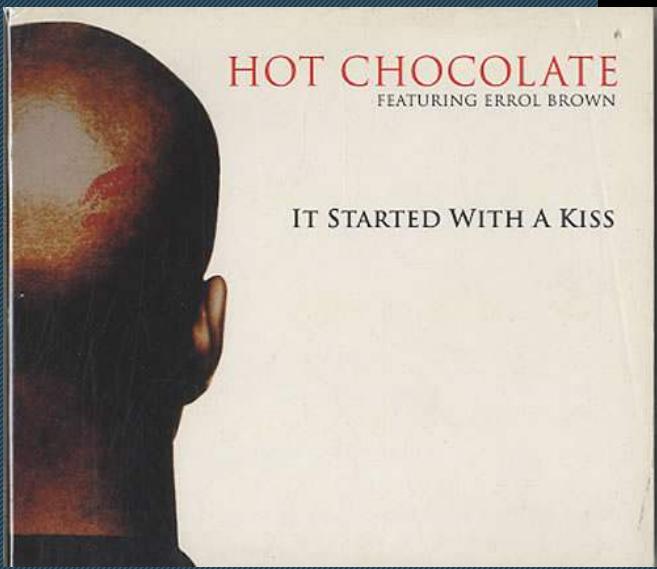


EFTA Benelux Flexo Academy

3

- “ 5 day training program
- “ Flexo printing
- “ Substrates & Inks
- “ Plates & Tapes & anilox
- “ Migration
- “ Test methodes
- “ Packaging issues
- “ Quality
- “ Fault detection & solutions
- “ Etc., etc.

Flexo: a love story





Thank You
Grazie

Ing. Roel Seele
President EFTA Benelux