



A life for perfect binding

70. Birthday of Hans-Dieter Ehlermann



Mr. Hans-Dieter Ehlermann

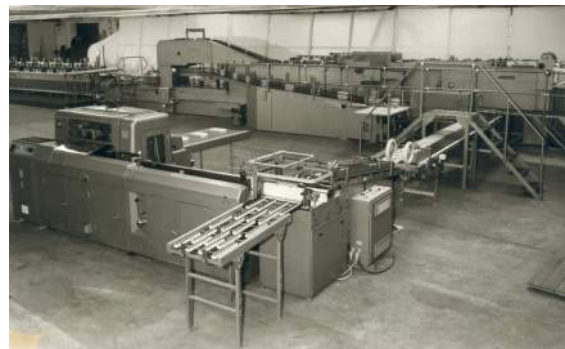
If perfect binding has been laid somebody in the cradle, it is the case with Hans-Dieter Ehlermann – grandson of Emil Lumbeck. At 3rd February 2009 he could celebrate his 70. birthday and he is not planning to retire out of active business.

Since 43 years by now Hans-Dieter Ehlermann is very active in this line of business and well known by bookbinders all over the world.

In 1966 he entered the management of the company Dipl.-Ing. Hans Ehlermann KG, founded in 1946, and started to complete – together with his father – the existing constructions towards complete perfect binding lines. The company Ehlermann KG rebranded to Dipl.-Ing. Hans Ehlermann GmbH & Co. KG. In this time the development of calendar, kid's book and soft cover binding lines with different applications for production of paperbacks, phone books or magazines started.

From 1970 to 1976 the machine program was upgraded intensively. Among other things the construction of the new series Fanflex GT could be finished. With this machine a fully automatic perfect binder was available for the first time. It was possible to produce book blocks and brochures as well on this machine in one step with up to 6000 cycles per hour. Until 1978 app. 70 machines could be delivered all over the world.

Points of development has been the Ehlerbinder I in 1976, he could be demonstrated in his latest configuration level at first at Drupa 1977 and he was followed by other models with higher speed and additional applications like an end paper processing station and HF-drying.



Fanflex GT

In 1981 the founder Hans Ehlermann died and Hans-Dieter Ehlermann takes over the exclusive management. To the surprise of the whole professional circle the company Ehlermann presents the first „small“ perfect binder in the A4-range at Drupa 1982: The Golf 12 in connection with a space-saving solution in term of the gathering machine Colly. Thenceforward the model Golf 12 and later Golf 18 became standard-machines for national and international bookbinders and developed to one of the most-sold perfect binders in its category.

In 1983 Hans-Dieter Ehlermann decided to handover his company to Wohlenberg in Hannover. This initially led to founding the company EWO GmbH.