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**Entry now open for the PPMA Group Industry Awards 2019**

The [2019 PPMA Group Industry Awards](https://www.ppmatotalshow.co.uk/awards/ppma-group-industry-awards) will be held at the National Conference Centre (NEC), Birmingham, on the evening of the first day of the PPMA Total Show 2019 – **Tuesday, 1 October 2019**.

Award entry submissions are FREE and now open to all PPMA Group members (PPMA, BARA and UKIVA) and others involved in the industry. **The deadline for submissions is 17 July 2019**.

Now in its eighth year, the PPMA Group Industry Awards 2019 brings together more than 300 industry professionals and stakeholders to celebrate the finest examples of innovation, smart manufacturing and entrepreneurship.

There are 12 Awards categories, ranging from most innovative technologies in processing, packaging, robotics, vision systems and ancillary equipment, to achievements in sales, export and the environment. The ‘Apprentice of the Year’ Award serves to acknowledge the most promising young talent within the processing and packaging, robotics and automation and industrial vision industries.

Companies that have developed a comprehensive apprenticeship or training programme have the opportunity to be recognised too through the PPMA BEST Award.

All entries will be judged by a panel of eight independent industry experts, including academia, end-users, editors and engineers.

This year’s Awards, featuring a three-course gala dinner, will be hosted by UK television presenter and magician, Stephen Mulhern, who has appeared as host on Britain’s Got Talent, Catchphrase and Big Star’s Little Star.

For further information on the Awards and details on how to enter, visit: <https://www.ppmatotalshow.co.uk/awards/ppma-group-industry-awards>.

**Notes to Editor:**

**The PPMA Group Industry Awards 2019**

The PPMA Group Industry Awards are organised by the Processing and Packaging Machinery Association (PPMA). <https://www.ppmatotalshow.co.uk/awards/ppma-group-industry-awards>.

**About the PPMA Group**

The PPMA Group of Associations comprises the Processing and Packaging Machinery Association (PPMA), British Automation & Robot Association (BARA) and UK Industrial Vision Association (UKIVA). Its mission is to actively help its 550-plus members through services, tools and initiatives to thrive in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Its *PPMA Show* and *PPMA Total Show* exhibitions are hailed as the UK’s unmissable, free-to-attend, processing and packaging machinery events. In 2017, the Group also launched the first UKIVA, Machine Vision Conference and Exhibition, which is now in its third year. More information of all of these events can be found on: www.ppma.co.uk

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