

## Optical Properties of Paper Seminar at SAPPI Maastricht

Recently Technidyne and Rycobel held an Optical Properties of Paper Seminar at the SAPPI Research and Development facility in the Netherlands. Over 20 participants heard how the appearance of color, brightness, whiteness and other optical properties of paper can be measured and compared.

Innovations are a key focus at Sappi's European research and development facilities located at the mill, in Maastricht. Investing in research and development (US\$34 million in 2008) has led to the development of new products like Tempo™. The total net value of this innovative product over the next five years is expected to be approximately US\$90 million – a good example of how innovation can enhance shareholder value.

Below is a picture of the participants. Special thanks go to Sander Niessen for coordinating this event and for sending out invitations. The facilities were superb, including the lunch provided by SAPPI.

