



# 'Environmental Printer of the Year'



*Members of GPS Management accepting the Environmental Award*

**A**t the 2005 Irish Print Awards the title of 2005 Environmental Printer of the Year was awarded to Belfast based printing company GPS Colour Graphics Ltd. Accredited with ISO 14001 GPS Colour Graphics was short listed from entrants Ireland wide and was chosen as the printing company implementing the best environmental practice.

This was the first year the Irish Print Awards included an environmental category. Frank Corr, one of the print award judges commented, *"The Environmental Printer category was introduced in 2005 because we were aware of a growing interest among printers in the preservation of the environment and we wanted to recognise excellence in this area"*. As it happened from the entrants one company from the South and one company for the North of Ireland was nominated.

Managing Director Derek Bell is understandably delighted with their achievement. *"Environmental Printer"* is arguably the most topical category in the awards as companies and organisations are increasingly concerned with achieving and demonstrating sound environmental performance by controlling the impact of their activities, products or services on the environment.

Commenting on the win Derek Bell affirmed,

*"GPS is dedicated to the protection of the environment and achieving Best Practice in environmental management. GPS worked to simultaneously gain the ISO 14001 Standard for Environmental Management and ISO 9001 Standard for Quality Management in September 2001. We have a fully documented Environmental System and we involve each member of staff in our programme of environmental awareness."*

*We are committed to being an environmentally responsible company that reduces its waste and disposes of what is left in the most environmentally friendly manner possible".*



Special thanks must go to Jim Burrows (above), GPS's dedicated Environmental Officer who is responsible for maintaining the ISO14001 and GPS's environmental procedures. His dedication to environmental care and continuous efforts to build on the company's environmental programme made the win possible.