

Aerosol awards recognise innovative products

An innovative use of an aerosol to cool down a cosmetic cream prior to application scooped one of the top prizes at this year's Paris Aerosol Awards at the Aerosol Forum in France.

Cryozone, an eye cream produced by L'Oréal brand Kéraskin Esthetics, won the New Markets category prize. Using a 50cl aerosol can from Boxal and a valve from Coster, the system cools the cream by around 8 Centigrade degrees just before application.

The Functionality award went to Soppec's Sylva-

Gun product (pictured), a plastics holder and actuator for aerosol cans of tree marking paint. Top in the Design category was an olive oil aerosol can with three dispensing functions – a spray, a continuous stream or drops – designed for Noveo's extra virgin olive oil by the Lindal Group in collaboration with Fareva.

An embossed can for Sanex's Natur Protect deodorant took the top Decoration award.

Special mentions went to canmaker Tubex for its tactile coatings, and Boxal's brushed aluminium can with an



embossed bamboo pattern for Garnier's Fructis brand of hair-spray.

Also taking place at the Aerosol Forum was a two-day conference, with presentations from a number of canmakers including Nussbaum, ColepC-CL, Thai Daizo, Boxal, Tubex and Aerocan.

A number of innovations were introduced, including a spray-on fabric from UK company Fabrican. The development has been welcomed by the fashion industry, explained managing director Manel Torres, and has other applications including upholstery repair and creating dressings for wounds.

In-can technology for

aerosols was a popular topic of discussion, with Nussbaum presenting a can-in-can option, Aerocan offering a piston-based system, and the Lindal Group promoting its bag-on-valve method.

Canadian company Spray-Logik fired the imagination with its latest technology, including battery-powered, sensor-operated aerosol cans. Using a mechanism clipped onto the top of a standard aerosol can, a suggested application was a motion-sensitive water spray to deter cats from fish tanks and furniture, with scope for many other applications using triggers such as light sensors, timers, and remote controls.