

Headlines of 2019 That Was the Year That Was...

January

Arjowiggins Security goes into liquidation; Central Banking awards for Israel, G+D, DLR; France positioning itself as No 1 producer of euro paper; Bank of England releases contract notice for the supply of polymer; Peruri signals major change with new corporate plan; Thailand goes mobile for coin collection; China sets new standards for banknote inspection and quality; CPS launches counterfeit analysis & examination module of ECM ISA; NPA opens new quality control lab.

February

New euro series security pays off as counterfeiting falls; Loomis continues expansion in Germany; G+D expands cash digitalisation; Northern Ireland to lose one of its four note issuers; new law limits coins in Singapore; ups and downs for cash cycle leaders as they announce their year-end results; Louisenthal introduces Hybrid ADDvance; G+D's BPS C6 sets new standards for medium-sized cash centres; PNO Global outlines the Snowfish experience; Ghana's new cash centre; 'from Bibles to Banknotes' – Orell Füssli celebrates 500 years.

March

BEP gets go-ahead for new printing facility in DC; Crane's new Malta factory is formally opened; new Swiss 1,000 franc note defies the critics; Oberthur Fiduciaire moves up in the world; ArjoWiggins plans for resurrection; Kroll reports on 'missing' Liberian banknotes; Crane launches machine readable micro-optics; G+D's currency app for education; India unveils new coin series; Ireland bows out of banknote production.

April

US reviews again the financial benefits of replacing \$1 note with coin; rivals eye G4S Cash Solutions; G+D breaks more financial records for 2018; Iraq chooses PEC for new cash centre; Komori announces multiple new orders; banknote printing still going strong for KBA-NotaSys; Papua New Guinea prepares for growth with new cash centre; Kenyan joint venture for banknotes gets going; Portals forges new path as it goes it alone; game-changing new thread from De La Rue, CPS introduces a suite of new solutions; VIVID from CCL Secure illuminates the next level of security for Guardian; Luminescence Sun Chemical Security launches machine-readable inks; perfect timing for Toppan's new features, as Bank of Japan announces details of new series; National Bank of Ukraine and Jarden Zinc sign agreement for ZincSecure.

May

Clean note policy introduced in Nigeria; current notes and coins here to stay says UK Treasury Minister; Canadian and Finnish mints turn a profit; Israel court upholds cash operations rules; how to be a good corporate citizen – Oberthur Fiduciare poses, and answers, the forgotten questions; counterfeit banknotes – the Australian experience; BEP discusses the production of the world's leading currency and safeguarding an iconic brand; the currency community can create the most cost-effective billboard campaign of all time, says NPA; the reality of a changing cash landscape in France; CCL Secure marks a new chapter in the history of polymer banknotes; Solomon Islands bring SUSI Flip to life; MOTION SURFACE debuts in Aruba.

June

Cost of US coins continues to rise; Kenya launches new notes and coins, and a drive to crack down on corruption; headwinds for De La Rue and further changes on the way; Glory eyes international expansion with acquisition of Group Sortek; Spectra reports a record year; European CIT attacks down, but net losses up; Varifeye ColourChange from Louisenthal debuts; SECTAGO moves forward with AgiLite feature; choice of two standards for central bank cash services.

July

State takes ownership of euro paper production in Italy with establishment of Valoridicarta; ECO chosen as the name for West African's new common currency; further drop in euro banknote counterfeits, but not coins; Canadian Bank Note invests \$220 million in nanotechnology; Loomis tightens AML and shuts FX operations; both De La Rue and KBA-NotaSys come under investigation; Louisenthal celebrates 450 years for its paper mill, and launches major initiative to make banknotes sustainable; Namibia discontinues 5 cent circulation coins; Zimbabwe bans use of foreign currencies; Spain's paper mill back in business after major upgrade.

August

Spectra launches machine readable polymer substrate; G4S gives green light for demerger of cash business; declining demand hits Royal Mint's sales; Cash as a Public Good – the expert view; an overview of 20 years of making the euro; KBA-NotaSys' 'Sound of Intaglio' for 21st century intaglio authentication; IN Groupe in negotiations to buy SURYS.

September

Egypt's new printworks – delivering the details on a 21st century production facility and cash centre; Philippines finds new home for future currency production; all change for change in the Bahamas, Honduras and Philippines; India modernises production as cash grows, counterfeits drop; banknote developments at the global level – an annual update; data analytics – the introduction of a new technology; Royal Dutch Kusters celebrates 40 years of banknote destruction; Israel successfully sues again for IPR contravention.

October

Glory buys majority stake in virtual ATM company; New Zealand's WW1 commemorative coin heads the winner at the IACA coin awards; Bank of England unveils new £20; the rising costs of currency in Nigeria; Kenya successful concludes the introduction of its new banknotes and coins; historic highs for Australian banknotes in circulation; when micro is nano – the evolution of MOTION technology; Nanotech Launches ColourDepth; investment at FNMT leads to new Flesure substrate; Swiss counterfeiters defeated by technology.

November

China pilots cash limits as it prepares for digital currency; three winners for Asia banknote awards; new name, same DNA for KBA-NotaSys; new twists in Liberian 'Missing Dollars' saga; the low-down on level 3 features, the ultimate weapon against counterfeits; SURYS makes its move with Moov; banknotes dominate holography awards; Baldwin Visions Systems launches Complete Banknote Inspection system; WAMU countries to take back control of foreign reserves of CFA franc from France.

December

Loomis expansion in Germany knocked back as competition authority rejects Ziemann acquisition; Philippines changes the note/coin boundary; De La Rue serves as bellwether for the industry; software that is changing how banknotes are produced and distributed; new optical features for banknotes from Krypten; IQ Structures launches Keyhole Hologram; NPA's new house note celebrates 30 years of polymer; Australia publishes cost/benefit analysis of switch to polymer.