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## **THE OFFICE OF THE FUTURE – BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT**

### ***Workers believe the 9-5 will be non-existent by 2016***

The traditional '9 to 5' working day will soon be a forgotten relic of the past, like the typewriter or power dressing, according to new research released today by Lexmark, which reveals how office workers think their working lives will change over the next ten years.

The survey of more than five hundred office workers across the UK, by the printing solutions provider, reveals over two-thirds (65%) believe the rigid '9 to 5' working day will become an out dated concept in just ten years time. Despite this, most do stick to these hours spending an average of 8 hours 18 minutes a day in the office.

#### **Homework Time**

However, a shift away from the strict '9 to 5' ethos is already starting to show, with British professionals now working on average 1 hour 7 minutes per day at home, on top of a full working day.

This trend seems to be due to new technologies with one in five (20%) of office workers saying they now work as or more productively at home than in the office.

#### **Upwardly Mobile**

Nearly half (40%) of office workers believe the conventional office as we know it will be a thing of the past in ten years time, replaced by a completely mobile work-force who are equipped with the tools to work anywhere, anytime.

#### **Suited and Booted**

Interestingly, despite believing in ten years they will be working at home and no longer going into the office everyday, nearly a third (29%) of office workers think the suit and tie will remain the working uniform.

## **Evolution of the Professional**

Along with the changes in working practices, today's office workers are themselves changing, becoming super-evolved professionals with a portfolio of skills over and above their specific job expertise, which includes:

- I.T. skills (78%)
- Time management (61%)
- Creative skills (52%)
- People management skills (48%)
- Financial management skills (44%)
- Presentation skills (40%)

In response to these changing work trends, Lexmark has recently launched a range of home office 4in1s featuring professional quality printing, fast copying, colour fax, precision scanning and premium photo capabilities. The new X5470 All-in-One is the ultimate 'super-evolved professional' with an automatic document feeder so you don't need to waste time standing over it while it copies or faxes and can print up to 25 pages per minute\*, specifically designed to help people be more productive at home.

"The working day is undergoing massive change as we become more productive" says Matthew Yarrow, Director, Consumer Printer Division, Lexmark UK. "New technology means we can work wherever and whenever we please. For some of us this means adding more hours to the working day when we get home, whilst for others it means greater flexibility between the standard working hours of 9 to 5."

"In ten years time, the working day may be unrecognisable from today - changes are already happening and Lexmark is committed to providing today's professionals with the tools to help them work more productively whether their needs are at home or in the office."

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Research conducted by Ipsos between July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> 2006

Number of interviews: 4,602 employees in France, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria and Poland.

Interview method: Online

\* In mono, 18 pages in colour

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