November 3-4, 2021
Huntington Convention Center
CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA

Conference Program

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THEATER 1: DAY 1

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
KEYNOTE: Analyzing global trends in plastics compounding markets
Andrew Reynolds, Director, Advance Bidco

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
BUSINESS DEBATE: Discussing the future of technical compounding
Chris Smith, Editor Compounding World Magazine, AMI
Jean Sirois, MD of Strategic Planning and Acquisitions/GM Canada, RTP Company
Scott Anderson, President & COO, Polymer Resources
Jack Chiang, Marketing Director, Engineered Compounds and 3DP, TechmerPM

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM
Developments in clay barrier technology
Tom Inch, Market Manager Thermoplastic Additives, BYK USA

11:40 AM - 12:00 PM
A step into the future of recycling with twin-screw extruder technology
Sabine Schönfeld, Business Development Manager Recycling, Coperion

12:10 PM - 12:30 PM
Developing flame retardant PP compounds with improved flow for injection molding applications
Dr. An Du, Product Development Manager, Polymer Products Company

1:40 PM - 2:00 PM
Synthetic metal sulfides and their contribution to wear resistant plastics
Clemens Kappil, Head of Markets & Technologies, Tribotecc GmbH

2:10 PM - 2:30 PM
PP compounds in a global market: challenges and opportunities
Sylvia Tabero, Senior Project Consultant, AMI

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM
INDUSTRY DEBATE: Discussing the future of cable compounds
Chris Smith, Editor Compounding World Magazine, AMI
Futsum Woldesus, Chief Technology Officer, Saco AEI Polymers
Samuel Efird, Quality & Compliance Engineer, Cable + Connectivity, LUTZE
Justin Banfield, Project Specialist, Champlain Cable

3:40 PM - 4:00 PM
Improving repeatability and scalability in continuous mixers with process data
Slayton Altenburg, Application Specialist, TPEI

4:10 PM - 4:30 PM
Overcoming challenges of processing biopolymer and recycled materials with continuous mixing technology
Mike Millsaps, Regional Sales Manager, Farrel Pomini

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KEYNOTE: Five compounding innovations to watch
Chris Smith, Editor Compounding World Magazine, AMI

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BUSINESS DEBATE: Discussing the future of the concentrates industry
Andrew Reynolds, Director, Advance Bidco
Matthew Miklos, Vice President, Global Technology and Innovation, Americhem
Tom Stevning, Managing Partner, ATC Plastics
Shruti Singhal, CEO, Chroma Color Corporation

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM
Supporting fire safety through innovative, sustainable and reliable fire safety solutions
Margaret H. Baumann, Business Manager North America, Pinfa NA

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Sustainable polymer additives from recycled feedstocks: novel tools to drive performance, enhance value, and boost PCR content
Cristiano de Santi, Senior Sales Manager, GreenMantra Technologies

12:10 PM - 12:30 PM
Exploring new developments and applications for crosslinkable PE compounds
Malte Alberts, Sales Manager, Silon

1:40 PM - 2:00 PM
Implementing practical solutions to reduce dust levels in compounding plants
Jordan Newton, Chief Operating Officer, SonicAire

2:10 PM - 2:30 PM
Flame retardancy, foaming and laser marking - eco-friendly ingredients in polyolefins
Carolyn D. Pressley, Vice President of Sales North America-BUMI, Budenheim

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BUSINESS DEBATE: Discussing the future for PVC compounding
Sylvia Tabero, Senior Project Consultant, AMI
Matthew Kuwatch, Senior Vice President - Marketing, Innovation & Business Development, Aurora Plastics
Larry Shaw, Chief Commercial Officer, GEON Performance Solutions
John Kaminsky, Vice President and Business Manager for the Vinyl Division Teknor Apex Company
Eric Schumacher, Director of Sales, Westlake Chemicals

3:40 PM - 4:00 PM
Sustainable flame retardant solutions for e-mobility
Grant Erikson, Senior Technical Sales Representative-Major Brand Owners, Clariant
Subra Narayan, Technical and Business Development Manager for Flame Retardants, Clariant
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**Key trends and developments in a dynamic market – the goalposts are moving in recycling**  
Silke Einschuetz, Consultant Recycling & Sustainability, AMI

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**INDUSTRY DEBATE: Federal and state regulations: are they the key to improved recycling rates?**  
Robert Render, Business Development Manager Sustainability, Ravago Recycling Group  
Steve Alexander, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of Plastic Recyclers  
Stephanie Potter, Sustainability Strategy and Corporate Affairs, Nestlé

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<td>Best practices for plastics operations that process recycled materials?</td>
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<td>Graphene for resurrecting recycled plastic resins</td>
<td>Christopher Ahmer, Business Development Manager, Carbon Technology, NanoXplore</td>
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<td>Mapping the future for sustainable and circular plastics</td>
<td>Paula Luu, Director, Centre for the Circular Economy, Closed Loop Partners</td>
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David Clark, Vice President, Sustainability, Amcor  
Susan Graff, Vice President | Principal Global Corporate Sustainability, Resource Recycling Systems  
Tamsin Ettefagh, Chief Sustainability Officer, PureCycle Technologies  
Jeremy DeBenedictis, President, Alterra Energy  
Vytas Gruodis, Co-Founder, Prevented Ocean Plastic™

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**New innovation in melt filtration**  
Thomas Lehner, CSO & MD, BritAS Recycling-Anlagen GmbH

**4:10 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**Additive solutions enhancing the quality of circular plastics**  
Irfan Huda, Technical Business Development, BASF

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**Achieving traceability and scale in the ocean-bound plastic supply chain**  
Vytas Gruodis, Co-Founder, Prevented Ocean Plastic™

**10:15 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: The APR Design® Guide for Plastics Recyclability - steps to design plastic articles that are compatible with recycling infrastructure**  
John Standish, Technical Director, Association of Plastic Recyclers

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<td>Martin Baumann, VP / GM Maag Americas, MAAG Group</td>
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**KEYNOTE: Trends and opportunities in flexible packaging**
Charmaine Russell, Business Unit & Research Manager, AMI

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**INDUSTRY DEBATE: The future for flexible packaging**
- Cindy M. Collins, Senior Product Manager, Avery Dennison
- Ellen Smith, Product Development Engineer, American Packaging Corporation

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**Processing undried PET with innovative extrusion and filtration technology**
Monika Gneuss, VP/Sales & Marketing Manager, Gneuss

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**Screw design for PVC profiles on counter-rotating twin screw extruders**
Haikun Xu, Process Engineer, KraussMaffei Extrusion

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**Configuring your extrusion line for physical foaming with N2 and CO2**
Andy Caufman, President, Promix Solutions

### 1:40 PM - 2:00 PM
**Importance of measuring rheological properties in production**
Bill Desrosiers, Vice President, Business Development, Dynisco

### 2:10 PM - 2:30 PM
**Geomembrane extrusion lines - different concepts for different markets**
Adolfo Edgar, VP Sales, Flat Film & Sheets, Kuhne Maschinenbau GmbH

### 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
**A review of coextrusion technology for film and sheet applications**
Olivier Catherine, Technical Director, Cloeren

### 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM
**Investing in aging equipment**
Dan Barlow, President, Integrated Control Technologies

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**Custom winding solutions to improve safety, profitability, and uptime**
Mark Wodrich, US Sales Manager, Macro Engineering

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**KEYNOTE: Analysing global trends in film**
Andrew Reynolds, Director, Advance Bidco

### 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
**INDUSTRY DEBATE: Women in plastics: empowering industry change**
- Ellen Smith, Product Development Engineer, American Packaging Corporation
- Lori Carson, Site Manager, Phoenix Technologies
- Diana Maya, Technical Service & Development Engineer, Kuraray America

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**How advancements in downstream extrusion equipment have changed the extrusion process of plastic pipe**
Gerry Lamorte, Service Director, Custom Downstream Systems

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**Supporting the circular economy by solving challenges of recycling laminated hygroscopic material regrind (e.g. PET, PLA)**
Jessica Fischer, Applications and Technology Manager, PTI Extruders

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**A comparison of screen changer designs for precision, tight tolerance extrudates**
Justin Marriott, Product Manager, Key Filters, Parkinson Technologies

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**A perspective from the gearbox manufacturer and gearbox maintenance mechanic as it relates to the extrusion process**
John B. Amendola III, President and Head Engineer, Artec Machine Systems

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**INDUSTRY DEBATE: The future for pipe and profile extrusion**
- Arturo Valencia, Global Director of Research & Development, Dura Line
- Brian King, Executive Vice President of Product Management and Marketing, Advanced Drainage Systems
- Moulee Palaniappan, Technical Service Manager, Magris Talc

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**Cleaning chill rolls & heat exchangers on an extrusion line**
Bryan Whitaker, Technical Manager, iD Additives

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Maurilio Millefanti, Sales and Spare Parts, GA.VO. MECCANICA
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Types of Presentations

Business Debates
Business debates will run for 45 minutes and feature influential industry leaders discussing strategic issues facing the plastics industry.

Training Seminars
A series of practical training seminars will be delivered by experts on a range of topics.

Industry Presentations
There will also be more than 55 presentations covering the latest technology developments and industry trends.

Keynotes
Leading experts will share top level overviews on the state of the industry.

Last Exhibition Booths Available
The two-day event will provide a cost-effective and time-efficient way to promote your company, and its products and services to a large international audience focused on your core markets. A range of shell-scheme and space-only booths are on offer from 100 to 400 sqft, along with a special exhibition package including furniture to make exhibiting at the show as simple and as cost-effective as possible.

Location and Venue
The co-located expos, will be held at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. This state-of-the-art exhibition facility is located right in the heart of Cleveland’s revitalized downtown boasting plentiful parking, free public transport and surrounded by an excellent selection of hotels.

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