

#### LET YOUR EXPERTISE SHINE AS A PRESENTER OR SESSION DEVELOPER

### This year's theme is "Setting the Pace for Innovation in Flexible Packaging"

The 2018 TAPPI International Flexible Packaging and Extrusion Division Technical Program Team is actively seeking technical presentations, panels, tutorials, roundtables and case studies from the packaging and academic community to be presented at the conference next year which will take place April 22 – 25, 2018 at the Omni Hotel in Charlotte, NC. Interested in being a session developer or know someone who would be a great presenter? Extended abstracts and developers will be accepted any time before August 31, 2017. Space is limited so submit now! Final papers will be due on or before December 1, 2017 and power point presentations will be due on or before December 11, 2017. See below for further information.

## **Session Developer:**

#### **Suggested Session Topics**

As respected professionals in the flexible packaging and extrusion field, you intuitively know the topics that are foremost on your colleagues' minds. What are the new innovations? How can I help my company advance? What technologies can be put to use for sustained advantage? To help get your analytical juices flowing, we've listed some potential topics here:

- -Innovations in Packaging for E-commerce
- -New adhesive breakthrough technology
- -Breakthroughs in resin technology
- -New die design
- -Extrusion coating optimizing & processing
- -Screw designs for blown/cast
- -Advances in equipment for Extrusion Coating
- -Sealing, Modeling and Implementation
- -Film Developments used in Laminations (including advances in metallization technologies)
- -Academic Exchange: Package Design, Process
- -and performance

- -Surface treatment advances
- -High Performance Coatings
- -Web Handling and Equipment
- -New technology in materials: PE blown & cast
- -New adhesive technologies
- -Emerging technologies (digital, 3D prototyping)
- -Advances in equipment development extrusion
- -Advancements in barrier/lamination applications
- -Sustainable Packaging recycling/biopolymers
- -Sealing, and Implementation biodegradable/compostable

If you know of experts in the field who would be interested in presenting on any of the above topics and you would be willing to contact them to invite them to present, we would love to have you as a Session Developer. If you are interested please contact Didem Oner-Deliormanli, Program Chair, <a href="mailto:doner-deliormanli@dow.com">doner-deliormanli@dow.com</a> or Kristi Ledbetter, TAPPI Division Manager, <a href="mailto:kledbetter@tappi.org">kledbetter@tappi.org</a> before Aug 31st or visit <a href="mailto:http://events.tappiflexible.org">http://events.tappiflexible.org</a> for more details.

## **Submitting an abstract:**

If you are not interested in being a session developer but would like to participate in the conference by sharing your expertise related to one of the topics listed above, please submit an abstract for review by the Technical Program Committee.

# Submission Deadline: Thursday, August 31, 2017

Abstracts should be at least 50 words and should be submitted through the secured TAPPI Speaker link <a href="http://speakermanagement.tappi.org">http://speakermanagement.tappi.org</a> Abstract acceptances will be issued by September 29, 2017. Final papers will be due on or before December 1, 2017 and power point presentations will be due on or before December 11, 2017.

For additional questions on the program please contact:

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