



## INVITATION TO PRESENT

### 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial TAPPI European PLACE Conference Polymers – Laminations – Adhesives – Coatings – Extrusions

The TAPPI European PLACE Committee is pleased to invite professionals from industry, universities and research institutes to present at the 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial TAPPI European PLACE Conference. Due to uncertainty related to the COVID pandemic, the event has been moved for 2021 from its traditional time in May, to **October 18-20, 2021** at the Sheraton Hotel in Bratislava, Slovakia. Bratislava is located on the banks of the Danube River with its famous old town, baroque façades, gothic towers, renaissance arcades, and its castle high above the city. Bratislava is the small and beautiful alternative between its cosmopolitan sisters, Vienna in Austria and Budapest in Hungary, which have already been host locations of TAPPI European PLACE conferences in 2005 and 2009. Bratislava is just an hour drive by car or train from the Vienna Airport, a European hub and connection to the world.

This conference is designed to attract professionals not only from Europe but also from the global flexible packaging industry including:

- Industry experts in packaging – material application – food – sustainability – recycling
- Specialists in converting processes and hardware
- Scientists and researchers in the field of packaging and package product interactions
- Key decision makers – regulators – legislators regarding the packaging industry.

**“Making Packaging as Functional and Simple as Possible, but not Simpler”** will be the theme of the conference. The program considers the public’s attitude of packaging and emphasizes the latest trends and technologies related to extrusion coating and lamination of web-based materials and applications including, but not limited to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Robust sustainability solutions | <input type="checkbox"/> New paths to packaging function    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barrier performance             | <input type="checkbox"/> Extrusion coating – new approaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Converting process simulation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Surface treatment and activation   |

If you are interested in presenting a paper on these, or related topics, you are cordially invited to submit your abstract no later than **March 31, 2021** electronically to the [TAPPI Speaker Management System](#).

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If you have any questions regarding submission of a paper or presentation, please contact anyone from the technical conference team listed below.

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