

42nd Munich Adhesives and Finishing Symposium - Highly Topical Program with Plenty of Space for Networking

The annually hosted Munich Adhesives and Finishing Symposium (MKVS) is targeted not only at product and machinery producers but also at formulators and applicators, as well as end-users of the adhesives, printing, and converting industries.

Some 250 delegates from 12 countries met from 23 - 25 October, 2017, at the conference center at the Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel. As the organizer, Stephan Hinterwaldner and his team from Hinterwaldner Consulting had as usual put together an interesting and highly topical program with a lot of space and opportunities for networking. Under the focus theme of "Gluing, Converting and Printing", the latest developments and trends in the field of solvent-based, hotmelt, waterborne, and reactive systems were presented in 29 papers - rounded off by a highly frequented table top exhibition

Plenary address on the EU Ecodesign Directive

In addition to the looking-forward plenary address entitled "Packaging Printing in 2050: Will everything be digital?" given by DFTA Technology Center and the research paper on "Sustainable use of oil palm wood for high value-added products" by Jowat, the plenary address by Onusseit Consulting focused on "EU Ecodesign –

an attempt to save the environment!", a hot topic for all those involved in the adhesives industry. The drafts on the Implementation Acts in the EU's Circular Economy Package stipulate that no adhesive, with the exception of double-sided adhesive tapes, should be used in electronic devices such as computers, monitors, etc. to enable them to be recycled. Although the current draft is not expected to come into effect in its original format, it clearly demonstrates the challenges that the (adhesives) industry could be facing.

Further highlights from the conference program

- State-of-the-Art Waterborne PSAs for Clear Film Labeling and Graphics (**Synthomer**)
- Novel Water-Based Starch Adhesive to Obtain a Green Adhesive Concept (**Avebe**)
- Stabilized and Ready-to-Coat Water-Based Acrylics (**Henkel**)
- Moisture-Curing Acrylates for Use in PSA Tapes (**Lohmann**)

- Latest Developments in Acrylic UV Hotmelts (**BASF**)
- Latest Developments in Synthetic Waxes for Water-Based Inks (**Honeywell**)
- Energy savings in the Paper Industry: What can be Theoretically Achieved and what is Realizable in Practice? (**FMP Technology**)
- Contactless Hotmelt Application with the CC Nozzle - Sometimes, Less is More (**SM-Klebetchnik**)
- Epoxy Resin Coating (**Kroenert**)
- Ready-to-Laminate, Self-Adhering High Barrier Films (**Fraunhofer IVV**)
- Flexible, Thin, and (Partially) Printed Applications for Adhesives in Wearable Electronics (**MSWtech**).

The next event, the 43rd Munich Adhesives and Finishing Symposium, will take place from October 22-24, 2018, and will focus on "Pressure-Sensitive Adhesives and Hotmelt Pressure-Sensitive Adhesives". A Call for Papers has already been issued. //

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