

All about gluing

Successful MKVS 2017 with 250 participants from 12 countries

The 42nd edition of the renowned Munich Adhesives and Finishing Symposium (MKVS) recently took place in Germany. 250 participants from 12 countries gathered together at the conference hotel Sheraton München Arabella to discuss this year's topic "Gluing, converting and printing". Stephan Hinterwaldner and his team – for the first time without Dr Michael Gerstenberger who passed away earlier this year – organised a diverse program to attract not only product and machine manufacturers but also formulators, users and end consumers of the adhesives, printing and converting industry. Latest innovations and trends in the field of solvent, reactive, water-based and hotmelt solutions were the main topics of the 29 speeches held at the conference. The programme was rounded off by a small but well-attended table top exhibition.

Besides the future setting plenary speech "Package printing 2050: All digital or what?" (DFTA Technology Centre) and the lecture on research "The sustainable use of oil palm wood for products with a high value" (Jowat Adhesives), the informative key note speech "EU eco design guideline – an attempt to save the environment" (Onusseit Consulting) raised the interest of the audience and is a hot topic for all involved in the adhesives industry. Particularly the new drafts of the Implementation Acts of the Recycling Economy Regulations of the European Union drew special attention – the law provides that electronic devices such as computers and displays are only allowed to be equipped with double-sided adhesive tapes to make recycling possible. Even if it is not very realistic that the present draft could become effective, it shows which challenges the adhesives industry has to face in the future.



The audience of this year's MKVS

High-calibre speakers from the industry

Further highlights of the conference were lectures on the topics "State-of-the-art waterborne PSA's for clear filmic labelling and graphic" (Synthomer), "Stabilised and ready-to-coat water-based acrylics" (Henkel), "Moisture-curing acrylates for the use of PSA tapes" (Lohmann), "Latest developments in acrylic UV hotmelts" (BASF) and "Latest developments in synthetic waxes for water-based inks" (Honeywell). Also in the limelight were latest topics like "Energy savings in the paper industry: what can be reached theoretically and what is practically realisable" (FMP), "Contactless hotmelt application with the CC nozzle – when less is more" (SM-Klebertechnik), "Epoxy resin coating" (Kroenert) as well as "Self-adhesive high-barrier films for OPV applications" (Fraunhofer IVV). The dates of next year's MKVS are already fixed: The conference "Pressure Sensitive Adhesives" will be held from 22-24 October in Munich. ■



From left: The podium with Torsten Remmler, Dr Gene Plavnik, Prof Franz Durst, Prof Dirk Burth, Dr Peter Barth, Dr Hermann Onusseit and anchor Frank Henke