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TAPPI's 2019 PaperCon Conference 12th annual conference provides innovative solutions to contemporary mill challenges

More than 1,600 mill and other professionals gathered from around the world for TAPPI's 2019 PaperCon Conference on May 5-8 at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN to learn new strategies, technologies, and processes, and to network with industry peers.

PaperCon, considered the world's largest technical conference for the paper and packaging industry, offered attendees four days of expert-led technical presentations, roundtable and panel discussions, hands-on workshops, and networking events. Attendees had the opportunity to visit the exhibit floor where over 108 leading suppliers showcased the latest developments in products and services. They also had a chance to attend the Poster Session which highlighted multiple research projects covering such topics as training, reducing web breaks, centerlining and nancellulosics. Developed by technical experts and business leaders in the industry, the program included more than 250 speakers presenting on key topics within six, peer-reviewed tracks: Papermaking Conversions; Papermaking Additives; Coating and Graphic Arts; Process Control; Papermaking Fundamentals; and PIMA Management. Additionally, participants were able to attend the programs of four co-located events with their single registration fee: Recycled Paperboard Technical Association (RPTA) Production-Technical Seminar; Innovative Nonwovens Conference (NETInc); Reliability & Maintenance (TAPPI/IDCON); and the International Paper Physics Conference (IPPC).

2019 Speaker Highlights

PaperCon featured keynote speaker, Amy Blankson of GoodThink Inc, who gave advice about innovative thinking and reframing attitudes about work to a full capacity crowd. Other popular events included the Hot Topics Breakfast which focused on key issues affecting mills today; the New Technology Showcase which highlighted new innovations from select exhibitors; and the Executive Panel session which was hosted by Paper360 magazine in conjunction with the PIMA Management Committee. This prestigious panel of industry leaders included Andreas Tuerk, President, Paper and Water Eurasia, Solenis; John Williams, President and CEO of Domtar; Markku Hämäläinen, CEO of Kotkamills OY, and Kathy Buckman Gibson, owner and director of Buckman.

Known for being a great platform for networking and building business relationships, PaperCon offered multiple social events including a well-received conference reception at the Punch Bowl Social in Indianapolis, a Young Professionals mixer, an Alumni Soiree, Conference dinner and lunches, a community service project (Rise Against Hunger), a Women in Industry reception and an Awards Breakfast. Over 42 committee meetings were also held throughout the conference which allowed attendees a chance to meet industry professionals interested in specific areas and learn more about each committee.

PaperCon 2020 will be held in Atlanta, GA, USA on April 26-29.

