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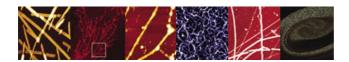




Nanocomposites 2007

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European Plastics News and Plastics & Rubber Weekly present the full programmes for Nanocomposites 2007 and Nanotubes 2007 - two of the key events in the international nanotechnology calendar.



Now in its seventh year,

Nanocomposites 2007 will feature
a wealth of industry expertise,
both from established players
and a number of new entrants.
The conference will showcase
development in nanocomposites,
looking at both clay and metal oxide
fillers, as well as innovations such
as nanocomposites in bioplastics.
Speakers will also address the
key issues of commercialisation,
processing and the forthcoming
REACH regulation.

As well as detailing some of the most exciting applications for nanotubes, such as aerospace and flame retardancy, **Nanotubes 2007** will feature an extended health and safety session, detailing possible threats to the industry.

Why you should attend

- This is one of the longest-established nanotechnology events. If you want to learn or hear about the latest developments, this is the place to do it.
- Our speaker panel includes some of the key companies in the nanotechnology industry

 where else will you have one focused opportunity to hear from them all?
- Not only are the programmes packed with informative presentations, they also feature valuable networking opportunities to help you get the most out of your time.
- This is an exciting time for the nanotechnology industry – attending this conference will help you find out and predict how the industry will develop and what opportunities will become available



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Day One - Wednesday 14 March 2007

08.00 Registration and refreshments

09.30 Chairman's opening remarks
Chris Smith
Editor and Conference Manager
European Plastics News

INNOVATION

09.45 Polymer Innovation Meets Nanotechnology

- Nanomaterials as a laser welding optimiser
- Improving mechanical performance
- Functional Films
 Dr. Manfred Spindler
 Management Board Member
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MATERIALS

10.15 Developments in nanofillers

- Improved stiffness without loss of impact strength
- · Improved barrier characteristics
- Improved flame retardancy by formation of three-dimensional inorganic networks
 Dr. Joachim Grossmann
 Vice President Marketing and Sales
 Plastic Additives, Süd-Chemie
- 10.45 Question and answer session11.00 Networking break

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

- 11.30 Presenting new layered double hydroxides for enhanced flame retardancy & Progress with PVC nanocomposites
 - A new nanocomposite class of flame retardants
 - A comparison of layered double hydroxides with classical flame retardant additives such as ATH and also with organoclays based on modified montmorillonites
 - Processing benefits of layered double hydroxides
 - PVC nanocomposites
 Dr. Günter Beyer
 Manager of Chem.-Phys. Laboratories
 Kabelwerk Eupen

METAL OXIDE MATERIALS

12.00 TiO₂-/BaSO₄- nanoparticle reinforced composites

- Production and properties of nanocomposites
- Influence of ultrafine TiO2 and BaSO4 on the mechanical and tribological properties

Dr. Petra Fritzen

Business Centre Plastics Sachtleben

- 12.30 Question and answer session
- 12.45 Lunch

NEW PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY

- 14.00 Advances in the use of nano-fillers with different surface charge densities for nanocomposite formation, and exploring their application in solid-state processing
 - Revealing an innovative compounding process for nanocomposites with exfoliated layered fillers
 - An overview of solid-state processing
 - Outlining the character of the various nano-fillers available, and their interlayer structures
 - Examining the effect of surface charge density on intercalation
 - An overview of Poly(p-phenylenesulphide)based nano-composite formation
 - Potential applications

Professor Dr. Masami Okamoto Advanced Polymeric Nanostructured Materials Engineering

Toyota Technological Institute

TECHNOLOGICAL UPDATE

- 14.30 Electrically and thermally conductive nanocomposites: heating and sensing applications
 - Outlining conductive polymer nanocomposites and their applications
 - Sharing techniques to enhance the dispersion and aggregation levels
 - Strategies to confine nanocomposites to specific areas
 - Presenting two applications for conductive polymer nanocomposites – self-regulated heating and vapour sensing

Prof. Jean-François Feller

Laboratory of Polymers, Properties at Interfaces & Composites

University of South Brittany

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ENHANCED PROCESSING

- 15.00 Sharing the results of a comparative study on processing of nanoparticulate fillers in thermoplastics and their influence on tribology
 - Comparison of melt blending in Buss-Kneader, twin-screw and PGSS
 - Enhancing the processing of nanoparticles by supercritical CO₂ in melt processing?
 - Considering the influence of nanparticulate fillers on tribological and surface properties
 Jürgen Bertling, Business Unit Manager – Advanced Materials
 Fraunhofer Insitute UMSICHT
- 15.30 Question and answer session15.45 Afternoon refreshments

PROCESSING CLAYS

- 16.15 The Elementis approach to better exfoliated organoclay nanocomposites
 - Advantages for Hectorite organoclay in nanocomposite applications
 - Discussing organoclays with enhanced thermal stability
 - Sharing specific examples and test results

Dr. Wouter Ijdo, R&D Manager, Elementis Specialities

MATERIALS

- 16.45 Impact resistance in nanoclays with polyolefins
 - Comparing the properties of impactresistance modified polymers and providing a cost-benefit analysis
 - Sharing details of nanocomposites in injection moulded components for domestic appliances
 Dr. Susana Liberman, Researcher
- 17.15 Question and answer session

Braskem

- 17.30 Chairman's closing remarks and end of day one, followed by drinks reception
- 19.00 Conference dinner for all Nanocomposites 2007 delegates and speakers

DAY TWO - THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2007

08.30 Morning refreshments

09.25 Chairman's opening remarks

APPLICATIONS

- 09.30 Using nanocomposites to achieve high barrier solutions for the packaging industry
 - Sharing details of how the nanocomposites industry is meeting the needs of the packaging industry
 - Using nanocomposites for flexible and rigid plastic packaging, and outlining the potential for:
 - -extending shelf-life
 - -reducing costs
 - -reduced environmental impact
 - Current performance and future potential
 Dr. Harris Goldberg, President & CEO

APPLICATIONS

InMat

- 10.00 Nanocomposites for textiles with enhanced properties
 - How to obtain sufficient dispersion of the nanoparticles using standard textile processing techniques?
 - Discussing how the material properties of textiles are enhanced by nanocomposites
 - Is this another pie in the sky? When will nanocomposites in textiles come to fruition?

Dr. Mark Schaerlaekens, Centexbel

LIVE REMOTE PRESENTATION

- 10.30 Nanocomposites in bioplastic applications
 - Using nanocomposites to raise the barrier performance of bioplastic materials such as PLA and PHB for packaging applications
 - Outlining the loading levels required and the cost of such a solution
 - Exploring commercial applications
 Dr. Amar K. Mohanty
 School of Packaging
 Michigan State University
- 11.00 Question and answer session11.15 Morning refreshments
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11.45 Nanocomposites in thermoplastics

- Discussing new compounding technologies
- Exploring current test results
- Sharing applications, such as UV protection Dr. Thomas Sawitowski, Head of Nanotechnology Department, BYK-Chemie GmbH

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EXTENDED REGULATORY SESSION

How should the nanocomposites industry prepare for the implementation of REACH?

- Clarifying the final shape and form of REACH, and the responsibilities of the entire supply chain
- Considering how REACH will impact the producers and compounders and how it may affect the trade of nanocomposites Dr. Anna Gergely

Principal Scientific and Regulatory Advisor

Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP

13.15 Lunch

MATERIALS

14.30 Processing and properties of polymers modified by nanoclays

- Exploring the relationship between and matching nanoclays to the polymer to generate optimum performance
- Examining nanoclay functionalities and synergistic capabilities
- Developing formulations to generate desired properties with appropriate cost/ performance characteristics
 Karl Kamena, Commercial Manager
 Southern Clay

APPLICATIONS

15.00 Nano additives for halogen-free flame retardant extrusion articles

- Discussing the incorporation of nanoparticles in the extrusion process
- Effective improvement of the flame retardancy in combination with APP
- Comparison of the properties of PP/APP nano-compounds with flame retardant PC/ABS (halogen-free)
- Outlining the cost efficiency of PP/APP nano-compounds

Dr. Stefan Reinemann, Head of the Plastics Department, Thüringisches Institut für Textil- und Kunststoff-Forschung e.V.and

Dr. Udo Steffl, Head of Chemistry Construction Department, Rehau AG & Co

STATE OF THE MARKET

- 15.30 Considering when nanocomposites will reach their full potential, and how this can be facilitated
 - Are high-end, niche applications the way forward for nanocomposites?
 - Is this the best business model for the commercialisation of nanocomposites?
 Futurology – what does the future
 - hold? What will we be talking about Nanocomposites 2008? Del Stark, Business Development Manager, European Nanotechnology Trade Alliance
- 16.00 Question and answer session
- 16.15 Chairman's closing remarks and close of Nanocomposites 2007

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FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2007

- 08.00 Registration and refreshments
- 09.00 Chairman's opening remarks
 Chris Smith, Editor and Conference
 Manager, European Plastics News

EXTENDED JOINT SESSION

09.15 Carbon nanotubes: Market overview, current and future commercial applications

- · A brief market overview
- Who is really producing today?

- Current status and perspectives of commercial applications for Nanocyl carbon nanotubes
- Key issues which must be solved before greater penetration
- Comparing the current price/ performances of carbon nanotubes vs. other additives/technology
- Sharing details of case studies with Nanocyl product line
 Olivier Decroly, Global Business Development Manager, Nanocyl session continued overleaf

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Focus on particular new applications

- · Reinforcement of elastomers
- Fiber reinforced composites
- · New conductive systems
- Exploring other applications
 Andy Rich, Nanocyl North America
- 10.00 Aerostructure nanocomposites from single wall carbon nanotubes

 Dr. Leslie D. Kramer, Director Chief Technologist Research and Technology,
 Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire
 Control
- 10.30 Question and answer session
- 10.45 Morning refreshments

APPLICATIONS

- 11.15 Nanotube coatings for aerospace applications
 - Exploring advances in:
 - -strength enhancement
 - -conductivity
 - -thermal conductivity
 - Looking at novel case study examples of nanotubes in use

David Vivancos, CEO, Science and Technology Chief Architect, **NanoEspacio**

PRODUCTION

- 11.45 Liberating the nanotube from lab to large scale production
 - · Overview of Thomas Swan & Co Ltd
 - Carbon nanotube development
 - Challenges
 - · Quality and Safety
 - Applications and Markets

Dr. Russell Clarke, Business Manager

- Carbon Nanomaterials

Thomas Swan & Co Ltd

COMPETITION IN CONDUCTIVE MATERIALS

- 12.15 An update on competitive developments in carbon blacks for conductive applications
 - Sharing details of the latest innovations in other conductive materials for applications such as ESD, or electronics packaging
 - Overcoming the supply capacity hurdle does Carbon Black have the advantage?
 Dr. Thomas M. Gruenberger

Head of Development

Timcal Graphite & Carbon

12.45 Question and answer session

13.00 Lunch

EXTENDED HEALTH AND SAFETY SESSION

- 14.15 Are nanotubes the next asbestos?
 Considering the health and safety issues
 - Sharing information on the known health effects of nanotubes, both as raw materials and in compounds: what is actually known about nanotubes and any possible threats they pose?
 - Considering the responsibilities of nanotube producers: what does the industry need to do?

Professor Ken Donaldson

Respiratory Technology, Editor in Chief of "Particle and Fibre Toxicology"

University of Edinburgh Centre for Inflammation Research

UNVEILING NEW MATERIALS

- 15.00 White alternatives to carbon nanotubes: Halloysites and sharing progress with Multi Wall Carbon Nanotubes as flame retardants
 - Material performances of Halloysites
 - Outlining the potential for Halloysites as a nanodispersed flame retardant
 - Progress with MWCNTs as flame retardants
 Dr. Günter Beyer
 Manager of Chem.-Phys. Laboratories
 Kabelwerk Eupen AG

APPLICATIONS

- 15.30 Nanotubes in advanced epoxy resins for sporting goods applications
 - Using hybtonite epoxies to enhance material properties and prevent fatigue
 - Outlining the performance advantages
 - Sharing details of recent product case studies

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- 16.00 Question and answer session
- 16.15 Chairman's closing remarks and close of Nanotubes 2007

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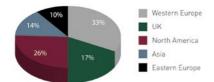
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