

Conference Program and Registration Guide



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Innovation:

*Creating the Future Technology
of the Fibers Industry*



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March 7-8, 2012 • The Chattanooga Hotel & Conference Center • Chattanooga, Tennessee

About the Conference

This year's Fibertech conference will feature the latest technology and developments in the colorant and additive industry for the fiber market. The theme of this year's conference is *Innovation: Creating the Future Technology of the Fibers Industry*. The conference will address both business and technical issues facing fiber producers worldwide, with leading authorities reporting the latest trends in fiber applications, economics and performance, and productivity improvement in fiber operations.

Attendees will include representatives from the areas of polypropylene, polyester, and nylon fiber-consuming industries including BCF, staple, spunbond, meltblown, slit tape, and profile tape as well as equipment and technology suppliers.

The conference will include presentations on business and economics, fibers equipment and processing, and pigments and additives. Fibertech will also feature presentations from carpet producers, fiber extruders, equipment manufacturers, industry consultants, concentrate producers, and pigment and additive suppliers.

Key topics to be addressed

- Economic trends in the synthetic fibers industry and global markets
- Future of the floorcovering market
- New technical developments in pigments for fibers
- Specialty additives for fibers
- Technology strategies for solution-dyed fibers
- State-of-the-art accelerated weathering technologies

Conference details

Fibertech 2012
March 7-8, 2012

The Chattanooga Hotel & Conference Center
1201 South Broad Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2708

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Registration fee

The full conference package of \$1,495 includes the cocktail reception, dinner, and overnight hotel accommodations on Wednesday, March 7 as well as breakfast, lunch, and all conference sessions on Thursday, March 8.

Alternatively, registrants may choose to attend dinner only on Wednesday or the conference sessions only on Thursday. The conference-only package includes breakfast and lunch as well.

Cancellations

Full refunds will only be made on cancellations received prior to February 17. We regret that we cannot make refunds for cancellations made after this date or for no-shows at the conference.

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, March 7

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- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception**
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- 7:00 p.m. Dinner**
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- 8:00 p.m. Welcome: John Manuck, President & CEO, Techmer PM**

Thursday, March 8

6:30-8:30 a.m. Full Breakfast for Overnight Guests in the Broad Street Grille

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

Session 1: Business Trends and Direction

Moderator: David Turner, Managing Director, Fibers Division, Techmer PM

8:30 a.m. Conference Keynote
John R. Manuck, President & CEO, Techmer PM

9:00 a.m. Business Keynote
Vance Bell, CEO, Shaw Industries

9:45 a.m. The Synthetic Fibers Roller Coaster
Alasdair Carmichael, President, Carmichael International

10:15 a.m. Break

Session 2: The Future of Color

Moderator: Brian West, Vice President, Color Technologies, Techmer PM

10:45 a.m. Colorants for Fiber—What's in a Name?
Roger Reinicker, BASF

11:15 a.m. Coloration of Bio-Renewable Polymers
James Rediske, LANXESS Corp.

11:45 a.m. R&D for Driving Change
Dr. John Nimmo, Sun Chemical

12:30 p.m. Lunch in the Broad Street Grille

1:45 p.m. Specialty Carbon Blacks for Fiber Applications
Dan Callahan, Cabot Corporation

Session 3: Advances in Additives and Weathering Performance

Moderator: Ebrahim Mor, Vice President, Technology, Techmer PM

2:15 p.m. Weathering Forum

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Advances in PET Stabilization
Tad Finnegan, BASF

3:45 p.m. Comparison of Weathering Methods and Instruments for Fiber Applications
Dr. Bhushan Deshpande, Techmer PM

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

All timings are approximate. We reserve the right to alter the program without notice. For more information about Fibertech, please contact:

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Registration

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Address: _____

Last Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Company: _____

Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Special Meal Request: Vegetarian Vegan

Registration fees

- Full Conference Package @ \$1,495
- Dinner Only on Wednesday, March 7 @ \$150
- Conference Only on Thursday, March 8 @ \$1,300

Please make check or money order payable to Techmer PM.

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Organizer



Fibertech 2012 is organized by Techmer PM. The business focus of Techmer PM is described by the origin of the company name: Techmer from Technical/Polymer, and PM for Polymer Modifiers. The concept was to create a company that provided superior design and technical support for colorants and various additives that modify and enhance the end-use performance of polymer products. The North American-based company is recognized as a worldwide leader in quality and innovation. US manufacturing operations are located in California, Tennessee, Georgia, Kansas, Ohio, and Illinois.

The Fibertech conference has also been conducted in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Dubai, UAE. Global delivery of Techmer PM products and designs is available through a network of international partners.

Techmer PM is a knowledge-based company where teamwork and constant learning are musts. The principles and values held by each member define our collective character. We strive to build relationships of trust in a creative environment of open communication. Commitment toward a common mission targets a vision where everyone can be challenged, secure, rewarded, and proud of being a member of the team.