

PLASTICON 2017 PROGRAM

Day 1 - Sunday, 09 April 2017

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration opens**
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Session 1: Keynotes

09:00 - 09:10 **Opening remarks**
Dr. Mohammad Al Mulla, *MD and CEO, QAPCO and Chairman Plastics Committee, GPCA*

09:10 - 09:30 **Keynote session: GCC Polymer Industry- What lies ahead?**
Mohammad Husain, *CEO, EQUATE*

09:30 - 09:50 **Keynote session: GCC Plastics Converter Industry- Future Perspectives**
Dr. Raed Al Zubi, *Incoming President- SPE Global, Middle East section President*

09:50 - 10:10 **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

Session 2: International trends in plastics processing

10:10 - 10:30 **Foam – Walled packaging**
Mark Lindenfelzer, *President, MuCell Extrusion LLC*

10:30 - 10:50 **Commodity conversion – sustainable profitability GCC**

10:50 - 11:10 **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

11:10 - 11:40 **Networking break**
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Session 3: Thermoplastic 3-D printing

11:40 – 12:00 **3D printing medium - Scale production**
Roberto Ribeiro, *President, Townsend Solutions*

12:00 - 12:20 **Industry trends in large scale 3D printing**

12:20 - 12:40 Panel discussion and Q&A session

12:40 - 14:00 Networking lunch

Session 4: Thermoplastic elastomers in the GCC

14:00 - 14:20 Thermoplastic elastomers applications (construction and tyres)
Abdulnizar Kakkuzhi, *Technical Marketing Manager-Elastomers, Polymers SBU, SABIC*

14:20 - 14:40 Thermoplastic elastomers applications (transportation)
Ramzi Qannati, *Regional Commercial Manager - EMEA Dow Elastomers, Electrical and Telecommunications, Dow Chemical IMEA GmbH*

14:40 - 15:00 Panel discussion and Q&A session

15:00 - 15:30 Networking break
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15:30 - 15:50 Oil and gas field applications

15:50 – 16:10 Testing and properties of TPE/TPO
Abdullah Mohammed Ramadan, *Elastomer and Tire Technology Engineer, High Institute for Elastomer Industries*

16:10 - 16:30 Panel discussion and Q&A session

19:00 - 21:00 GPCA Plastic Excellence Awards ceremony and gala dinner
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Day 2 - Monday 10 APRIL 2017

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09:00 - 09:20 Opening address: Impact of a changing global landscape
David Lines, *Principal – Energy and Chemicals Advisory, Europe, Africa and Middle East, Nexant*

Session 5: Sustainability with the GCC plastics industry

- 09:20 - 09:40** **Plastics Image survey**
- 09:40 - 10:00** **Recycling value chain**
Daker El Rabaya, MD – Waste Recovery and Processing, Bee'ah
- 10:00 – 10:20** **Rethinking the future of plastics in the GCC**
Theo Jan Simons, Partner, McKinsey & Company
- 10:20 - 10:40** **Overview of the solar power market in the GCC**
Dr. Raed Bkayrat, VP Business Development – Middle East, First Solar
- 10:40 – 11:00** **Panel discussion and Q&A session**
- 11:00 - 11:30** **Networking break**
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Session 6: Export opportunities for the GCC plastics processing industries

- 11:30 – 11:50** **Opportunities in India**
Tilman Ehret, CEO, Astra Polymers
- 11:50 - 12:10** **Opportunities in Africa (including Egypt)**
- 12:10 – 12:30** **Panel discussion and Q&A session**
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Networking lunch**
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Session 7: Plastics in the GCC construction industry

- 14:00 - 14:20** **Home of innovation**
Ali Al-Maashi, Director- Future Business Unit T&I, SABIC
- 14:20 – 14:40** **Hot/cold water pipes**
Dr. Ahmad Wassim Al Gendy, Supply Chain Director, Corys Building Materials LLC
Dinesh Itty, Production Manager, Corys Building Materials LLC
- 14:40 - 15:00** **Artificial wood**

Enrico Balugani, *Technical Manager*, QPPC

15:00 - 15:20 **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

15:20 - 15:35 **Closing address**
Dr. Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun, *Secretary General*, GPCA