

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 address: GCC Polymer Industry- What lies ahead?
Mohammad Husain, President and CEO, EQUATE

09:30 - 09:50 Keynote address: GCC Plastics Converter Industry- Perspectives for the Future
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

10:30 - 10:50 International Trends in Plastic Packaging and Processing
Dr. Ulrich Reiners, Managing Director, Executive Packaging

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** **3D Printing Materials Overview**
Klaus Gargitter, *Director*, Gargitter Advanced Polymers
- 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** **Elastomers – Construction and Tire Opportunities in GCC**
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** **Testing and properties of TPE/TPO**
Abdullah Mohammed Ramadan, *Elastomer and Tire Technology Engineer*, High Institute for Elastomer Industries
- 15:00 - 15:20** **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

- 08:00 – 09:00** **Registration**
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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 within the GCC plastics industry

09:20 - 09:40 **Plastics Image survey**
Craig Halgreen, *VP - Corporate Sustainability, Borouge*

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 Bkayat, *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)**
Mirza Kadic, *Business Development Director, Chemorbis (HQ)*

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**
Hisham Alfouzan, *Lead Engineer, 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