

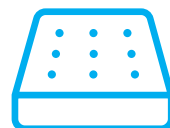
# Annual Conference 2023

## **BUDAPEST, 13-15 JUNE**

### Preliminary Programme



Hotel Novotel Budapest City  
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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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## TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023

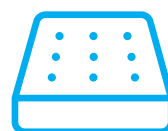
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- 13.30 - 15.30** EURO-MOULDERS Board Meeting and General Assembly (EM Members only)
- 16.00 - 18.00** EUROPUR Board Meeting (EP Board Members only)
- 19.00 - 22.30** *Joint Board Dinner of EUROPUR & EURO-MOULDERS (Board Members only)*
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## WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2023

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- 09.00 - 10.30** EUROPUR Formal General Assembly
- 10.30 - 11.00** *Coffee Break - Networking*
- 11.00 - 11.15** Welcome  
– Bart J. ten Brink, *President, EUROPUR*
- 11.15 - 12.40** Flexible PU Foam Markets - Drivers of Change and their Consequences  
– Moderated by Bart J. ten Brink, *EUROPUR*
- Clint Raine, *Co-owner, Belvedere & Partner*
  - Giulia Taveggia, *Partner, Senior Researcher, CSIL*
  - Tobias Spyra, *Director, EMEA Styrenics & PU Feedstocks, CMA*
  - Justin Cox, *Director, Global Production, LMC Automotive*
- 12.40 - 13.50** *Networking Lunch*
- 13.50 - 14.20** Speaker TBC
- 14.20 - 14.40** Speaker TBC
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**14.40 - 15.40** Panel Discussion: Sustainability of Polyurethanes in Automobiles  
– Moderated by Philippe Aumont, *Driving Vision News*

- Michel Baumgartner, *Secretary General, EURO-MOULDERS*
- Federico Magalini, *DSS+*
- PU Parts Producer (*Speaker TBC*)
- Athanossios Tubidis, *Design Consultant*

**15.40 - 16.10** *Coffee Break - Networking*

**16.10 - 17.10** The Power of Networking - And the Do's and Don'ts to Unleash it  
– Dimitri Verhoye

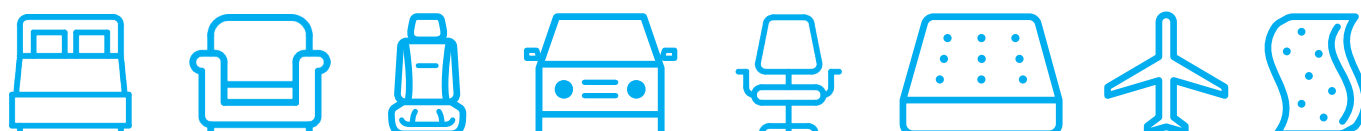
**17.10 - 17.40** How to Transform a Fuel Company to Sustainable Chemical Company  
– Péter Császár, *MOL Group, Senior Vice President of Group Downstream Chemicals and CEO of MOL Petrochemicals*

**19.00** *Transfer to Pesti Vigado*

**19.30 - 23.00** *Dinner at Pesti Vigado*

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**We thank the sponsor of  
our conference dinner:**



**SESSION I | 09.00 - 10.30**

TRACK 1

**SUSTAINABILITY I** - Moderated by Michel Baumgartner, *EUROPUR*

**Upcoming EU Sustainability Requirements for Mattresses, Furniture and Automobiles & PU Industry Priorities**

– Theodoros Mardas, *Sustainability Policy Officer, EUROPUR*

**The PURESMART Project: Deliverables and Lessons Learnt**

– Bart Haelterman, *R&D Director, Recticel Engineered Foams*

**REDWAVE: Foam Sorting for Better Recycling**

– Tobias Zirch, *Redwave*

**From 'Waste' to Valuable Resource; How Different Eol Scenarios Can Unlock Value and Drive the Circular Economy**

– Natalie Watson, *Sustainability Manager, The Vita Group*

TRACK 2

**HEALTH & SAFETY** - Moderated by Georg Pirkl, *Covestro*

**Regulatory Update on Diisocyanates**

– Jörg Palmersheim, *Secretary General, ISOPA*

**Safety Guidelines in Foam Factories & Training Options for the Safe Use of Diisocyanates**

– Patrick De Kort, *Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR*

**Psychological Risk Assessment in Foam Factories**

– Nuno Marques, *Manager, Empoderar*

TRACK 3

**AUTOMOTIVE** - Moderated by Stephan Wendel, *EURO-MOULDERS*

**Molecular Contributors to PU Foam Odor - Final Report of the PhD Project with the Leibniz Institute for Food Systems Biology (LSB)**

– Charlotte Minig, *PhD Student, LSB* and Stephan Wendel, *Technical Committee Chair, EURO-MOULDERS*

**Innovative Polyurethane Solutions for Automotive Sustainability Challenges**

– Shpresa Kotaji, *Global Material & Industry Sustainability Sr. Expert, Huntsman*

**Comparison Study on the Use of Sustainable Polyols in Automotive Seating**

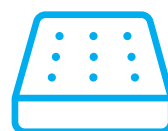
– Eva Emmrich-Smolczyk, *Senior Technical Manager Automotive EMEA, Evonik Operations*

**Innovation and Solution Introduction of Polyether Polyols**

– Kuanliang Bao, *TS Manager, Borsodchem*

**10.30 - 11.00**    *Coffee Break - Networking*

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SESSION II | 11.00 - 13.30

TRACK 1

**SUSTAINABILITY II** - Moderated by Michel Baumgartner, *EUROPUR*

**Sustainable Automotive Polyurethane Decorative Surfaces and Structural Parts by Ascorium Industries - A Holistic Approach**

– Geert Trossaert, *VP R&D and Quality/HSE, Ascorium Industries*

**Powering Progress for the PU Industry - Shell's Approach to the Energy and Material Transition**

– *Speaker TBD, Shell*

**The Roadmap to a Low Carbon and Circular Industry in Repsol**

– Raquel Sanchez, *Technical Service and Development Manager, Repsol*

**Plastic/Paper: Sustainability Considerations for Some Consumables**

– Ola Forsberg, *Industry Group Manager, Mondi Group*

**Putting Circular Economy in Practice**

– Tivadar Runtág, *MOL Group, Plastic Waste and ELT Value Stream Director*

*Further Presentation by IPF*

TRACK 2

**MACHINERY AND DIGITALISATION** - Moderated by Damir Andrasek, *EUROPUR*

**FOAMLEDGE: Manage Your Foam Life Cycle and Process Data, From the Simulation of the Production of the Blocks to the Delivery of the Foam Parts, and Further**

– Angel Vinas, *CEO, IPF*

**Digital Twin for FOAM: Multiscale-Simulation Software for Foam Components**

– Dr. Konrad Steiner, *Head of Department "Flow and Material Simulation", Fraunhofer ITWM*

**TEGO® RISE - Digitalization in Flexible Slabstock Foam Production Processes**

– Dr. Michael Krebs, *Technology Manager Flexible Slabstock & Automotive Applications, Evonik Operations GmbH*

**25 years of RETICULATUS, the Story Around a Unique Process**

– Joern Struckman, *CEO, Reticulatus*



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TRACK 2

**MACHINERY AND DIGITALISATION** - Moderated by Damir Andrasek, *EUROPUR*

**Smart TransFoaming - A Data-Driven Challenge?**

– Stephen Hohenadl, *Director Sales and Service, Albrecht Bäumer*

**How to Cut Logistic Cost and Reduce Environmental Impact Thanks to PU FOAM Packaging Machines for Volume Reduction**

– Eric Zaninelli, *Technical Sales, Dolphin Pack*

*Further Presentation by Hennecke*

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TRACK 3

**PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP & ADDITIVES** - Moderated by Adri Aerts, *The Vita Group*

**Chemicals Policy Update & FR Policy Developments**

– Patrick de Kort, *Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR*

**GrafGuard® Expandable Graphite - The Core of the Non-Halogenated Solution for Polyurethane Foams**

– David Stuart, *Research Scientist, NeoGraf Solutions*

**Processing Expandable Graphite as Flame Retardant in High-Pressure: Cannon Solutions**

– Stefano Andreolli, *Automotive PU Sales Manager, Cannon Afros*

**Aldehyde Scavenger for the Application in PU Flexible Foams**

– Paolo Banfi, *Technical Manager, REPI*

**Regulatory Update from North America**

– Russ Batson, *Executive Director, Polyurethane Foam Association*

*Further Presentations by Momentive*

**13.30 - 14.30**    *Networking Lunch & Farewell*

