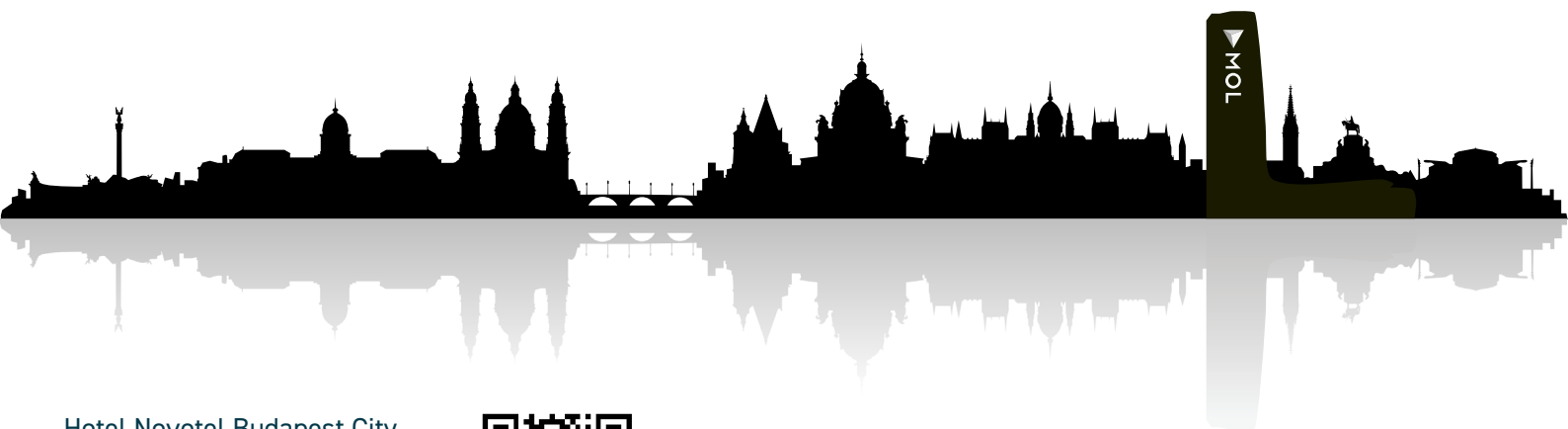


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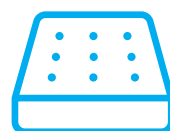
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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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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)

BARTOK ROOM

**16.00 - 18.00** EUROPUR Board Meeting (EP Board Members only)

BARTOK ROOM

**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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**08.30 - 10.00** **EUROPUR Formal General Assembly**

**10.00 - 10.30** *Coffee Break - Networking*

**10.30 - 10.45** **Welcome**

– Bart J. ten Brink, *President, EUROPUR*

**10.45 - 13.00** **Flexible PU Foam Markets - Drivers of Change and their Consequences**

– Moderated by Bart J. ten Brink, *EUROPUR*

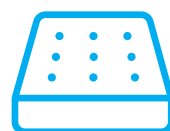
- Clint Raine, *Co-owner, Belvedere & Partner*
- Tobias Spyra, *Director, EMEA Styrenics & PU Feedstocks, CMA*
- Philipp Propst, *Project Manager, IAL Consultants*
- Giulia Taveggia, *Partner, Senior Researcher, CSIL*
- Justin Cox, *Director, Global Production, LMC Automotive*

**13.00 - 14.00** *Networking Lunch*

**14.00 - 14.30** **How to Transform a Fuel Company to Sustainable Chemical Company**

– Péter Császár, *Group Downstream Chemicals Senior Vice Presidents & CEO MOL Petrochemicals, The MOL Group*

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- 14.30 - 16.10**    **Sustainability of Polyurethanes in Automobiles**  
– Moderated by Philippe Aumont, *Driving Vision News*
- Atha Tubidis, *Design Consultant*
  - Michel Baumgartner, *Secretary General, EURO-MOULDERS*
  - Esther Quintanilla, *Global Mobility Science Market Leader, Dow*
  - Geert Trossaert, *VP R&D and Quality/HSE, Ascorium Industries*
- 16.10 - 16.40**    *Coffee Break - Networking*
- 16.40 - 18.00**    **The Power of Networking - And the Do's and Don'ts to Unleash it**  
– Dimitri Verhoye
- 18.30**            *Cocktail Reception at Hotel Novotel Budapest City (Aula Area)*
- 19.30**            *Bus Transfer to Pesti Vigado*
- 20.00 - 23.00**    *Conference Dinner at Pesti Vigado*

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## SESSION I | 09.00 - 10.30

TRACK 1 - PATRIA

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

- 09.00 ~ **Upcoming EU Sustainability Requirements for Mattresses, Furniture and Automobiles & PU Industry Priorities**  
09.20 – Theodoros Mardas, *Sustainability Policy Officer, EUROPUR*
- 09.20 ~ **The PURESMART Project: Deliverables and Lessons Learnt**  
09.40 – Bart Haelterman, *R&D Director, Recticel Engineered Foams*
- 09.40 ~ **REDWAVE: Foam Sorting for Better Recycling**  
10.20 – Tobias Zirsch, *Sales Manager Sorting & Digitalisation, Redwave*
- 10.00 ~ **From 'Waste' to Valuable Resource; How Different Eol Scenarios Can Unlock Value and Drive the Circular Economy**  
10.20 – Natalie Watson, *Group Head of Sustainability, The Vita Group*

TRACK 2 - BARTOK

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

- 09.00 ~ **Molecular Contributors to PU Foam Odor - Final Report of the PhD Project with the Leibniz Institute for Food Systems Biology (LSB)**  
09.20 – Charlotte Minig, *PhD Student, LSB and Stephan Wendel, Technical Committee Chair, EURO-MOULDERS*
- 09.20 ~ **Innovative Polyurethane Solutions for Automotive Sustainability Challenges**  
09.40 – Shpresa Kotaji, *Global Material & Industry Sustainability Sr. Expert, Huntsman*
- 09.40 ~ **Comparison Study on the Use of Sustainable Polyols in Automotive Seating**  
10.20 – Eva Emmrich-Smolczyk, *Senior Technical Manager Automotive EMEA, Evonik Operations*
- 10.00 ~ **Innovative and Sustainable Solutions for the PU Industry**  
10.20 – Kuanliang Bao, *TS Manager, Borsodchem*

TRACK 3 - LEHAR

### HEALTH & SAFETY - Moderated by Paul Alfred Howard, *Adient*

- 09.00 ~ **Regulatory Update on Diisocyanates**  
09.30 – Jörg Palmersheim, *Secretary General, ISOPA*
- 09.30 ~ **Safety Guidelines in Foam Factories & Training Options for the Safe Use of Diisocyanates**  
10.00 – Patrick De Kort, *Regulatory Affairs Manager, EUROPUR*
- 10.00 ~ **Psychological Risk Assessment in Foam Factories**  
10.30 – Nuno Marques, *Manager, Empoderar*

**10.30 - 11.00** Coffee Break - Networking



## SESSION II | 11.00 - 13.30

TRACK 1 - PATRIA

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

11.00 ~ **Powering Progress for the PU Industry – Shell’s Approach to the Energy and Material Transition**

11.20 – Robert Springer, *Commercial General Manager - Propylene/PO/Polyols, Shell*

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

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

11.40 ~ **Putting Circular Economy in Practice**

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

12.00 ~ **Sustainable Solutions for PU Flexible Foams with Lower Carbon Footprint**

12.20 – Roland Krämer, *VP Group R&D Innovation Excellence, NEVEON & Berfu Yoneyman, Sustainability Manager TDI, Polyols, PO, PG EMEA, BASF*

12.20 ~ **Plastic to Paper: Sustainability Considerations for Wrapping and Packing**

12.40 – Falk Paulsen, *Sales & Business Development Director, Mondi Group*

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

– Eric Zaninelli, *Technical Sales, Dolphin Pack*

13.00 ~ **TRK: Solution for the Foam Digital Passport to Track Your Products Made of Foam Inside and Outside Your Factory**

13.20 – Angel Vinas, *CEO, IPF*

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TRACK 2 - BARTOK

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

11.00 ~ **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**

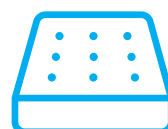
– Angel Vinas, *CEO, IPF*

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

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

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

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



## SESSION II | 11.00 - 13.30

TRACK 2 - BARTOK

### MACHINERY AND DIGITALISATION - *Continued*

12.00 ~ **25 years of RETICULATUS, the Story Around a Unique Process**

12.20 – Joern Struckman, *CEO, Reticulatus*

12.20 ~ **Smart TransFoaming – A Data-Driven Challenge?**

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

12.40 ~ **Technical Innovations in Slabstock Machinery to Improve Quality and Efficiency**

13.00 – Markus Häsler & Thomas Walterscheid, *Sales Manager Service Sales, Hennecke*

13.00 ~ **Efficient Production Process in the Circular PU-Foam Conversion**

13.20 – Francis Pinckers, *Vice-President, Fecken-Kirfel*

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TRACK 3 - LEHAR

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

11.00 ~ **Chemicals Policy Update & FR Policy Developments**

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

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

11.40 – David Stuart, *Research Scientist, NeoGraf Solutions*

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

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

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

12.20 – Paolo Banfi, *Technical Manager, REPI*

12.20 ~ **Next Generation GeoCell™ Additives and Foam Solutions for the Mattress in a Box Industry**

12.40 – Marcel Hartmann, *Technical Account Manager Europe, Momentive Performance Materials*

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

