

Dear participant,

The theme of the 25th annual International Munich Paper Symposium is "Progress in Paper and Board Technology" and it deals with information that simplifies the process of paper, board and tissue manufacturing and with significant product quality improvements. The IMPS is tailored to be a very technical conference and offers a remarkably large number of presentations directly from paper mills and a high percentage of attendees from paper and board producers (Paper Mill Emin Laydier, Paper Mill Sappi Gratkorn, Propapier 1+2, Stora Enso Poland, UPM Nordland Papier, Paper Mill Adolf Jass, Cartiere del Garda, Model AG, Gebr. Grünewald, Mondi Ruzomberok.).

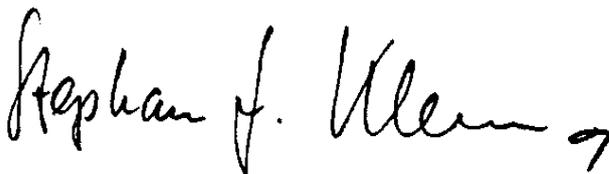
The first day starts with reports on the new foam forming technology, new possibilities for optimization with sensors, and the presentation on Sappi Gratkorn PM11 with new press section. Wednesday afternoon starts with several reports on a new dryer system experience with a new vacuum blower system, and on the potential of the paper industry to act as a part of the grid stabilization. The last two presentations on Wednesday afternoon deal with clean-design and paper machine cleanliness.

After the gala-dinner on Wednesday evening Thursday morning will start with a presentation of innovations in the wet-end chemistry management, of effective sticky treatment, and of a new ASA system for heavily sized papers. After the morning break the last two presentations before lunch will deal with mill reports on the impact of clothing with a shoe press and first experience with seal wear monitoring for suction rolls.

The first three papers after lunch will deal with topics related to energy saving and efficiency improvement. This will be shown with the example of diffusion-optimized convection dryers clothing, energy usage at low temperature levels, and improving the efficiency with curtain coating. The second day will close with presentations on optimizing refiner systems and on industrial experience with enzymatic fiber treatment.

Besides the presentations, attendees are invited to superb lunches on Wednesday and Thursday, an outstanding gala dinner on Wednesday, the chance to visit a piano concert on Thursday, and to join one of our four mill tours on Friday.

The aim of the International Munich Paper Symposium is since 25 years to facilitate the experience exchange between the attendees. We offer an excellent surrounding for open discussions with interesting technical presentations in a very familiar atmosphere. Our attendees will have to use this chance to meet other experts of our industry and also to meet our excellent trained international young engineers in paper technology. I hope this conference will help our attendees and our whole industry to become increasingly competitive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephan J. Kleemann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small flourish at the end.

Prof. Dr. Stephan Kleemann