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## UK & Ireland Board

Welcome to all and I hope you all have had a wonderful summer. The Society of Plastic Engineers is pleased to announce that we have a new CEO Patrick Farrey who has over 15 years of managing society and associations in the non-profit sector and who we will be meeting in September when he visits the UK.

We are really excited about upcoming events in September. We have our first Webinar in recycling giving by Ed Kosior from Nextek, we are showcasing SPE at the Knowledge Pavilion at Interplas and our Student Chapter from Imperial College will continue their activities. Please stop by and visit us at Interplas.

## United Kingdom and Ireland Section Board of Directors 2017/2018

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Members also giving specialist support as required – Austin Coffey, Keith Barnes and Andy McGarry.

More volunteers are urgently sought by the Board to widen the pool of expertise and help with events.

## Upcoming events

**Webinar- “Circular Economy Design for Plastic Products for Optimum Recyclability and Eliminating Waste” by Ed Kosior from Nextek LTD**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2pm

Cost Euro 85

To register- <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/274391>

### Biography:



Edward Kosior received a *Bachelor of Applied Chemistry* and *Diploma of Education* from Melbourne University and *Masters of Engineering Science* in Polymer Engineering from Monash University Australia. Edward is an *Honorary Professor* at Brunel University London, at the Wolfson Materials Processing Centre; also *Fellow of The Society of Plastics Engineers*; *Fellow of Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce*.

Edward Kosior has been active as an innovator in polymer technology for the past 40 years both within universities, recycling enterprises and as Founder and Managing Director of Nextek Ltd, which has offices in UK, Australia and India.



He holds several patents for the recycling plastics and been instrumental in the introduction of recycled plastics into food packaging in Europe and Australia (PET, HDPE and PP).

His goals are to help preserve and improve the natural environment through novel technologies that reduce waste generation and increase the closed loop economy that promotes high efficiencies in the use of limited resources and truly sustainable materials.

He is also working on mitigating plastics in oceans and encouraging adoption of science and best practices in avoiding the environmental problems facing developing countries.



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Knowledge Pavilion brings brightest British plastics brains to Interplas 2017

**Chester, July 14, 2017.** Interplas 2017 will emphasize the importance of cooperation, experience and innovation this September at the Knowledge Pavilion, a new feature for the show.

The Knowledge Pavilion embodies the show's theme 'Innovation Happens Here' and will be presented as a dedicated space for engaging in the plastics innovation dialogue with some of the most influential trade bodies, membership associations, consultants and service providers in the industry.

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE); the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN); the Plastics Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association (PMMDA); the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3); the Plastics Consultancy Network (PCN); and The Worshipful Company of Horners will all be represented in the Knowledge Pavilion, offering visitors the opportunity to engage with them.

This new and exciting addition to the Interplas 2017 program gives attendees from every section of plastics processing the chance to develop their industry knowledge and to forge relationships with some of the brightest brains in the industry, who will be on-hand and prepared to give advice on product research and development, materials selection and behavior, skills and education and regulation.



Taking place from 26th-28th September 2017, organizer, Interplas Events Ltd, part of the Rapid News Communications Group, is already anticipating the Knowledge Hub to be a popular feature of the show, which is expected to welcome 400 exhibitors to its expanded show floor at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), Birmingham.

Interplas Conference Manager Leanne Taylor said: "The Knowledge Pavilion will be staffed throughout Interplas by experts from the plastic industry's leading associations who, together, have an unrivalled knowledge and wealth of experience of a number of areas.

"Visitors are encouraged to take advantage of this unique chance to find solutions to challenges, ask specific questions, gain important and useful contacts and of course benefit from networking and discussions held on the Pavilion itself."

Kevin Horne, Chairman, PMMDA, said: "We are very much looking forward to some interesting and insightful conversations with visitors as part of the Knowledge Pavilion at Interplas. With the PMMDA's presence as part of this, combined with our 25 members currently signed up to exhibit come September, we believe that the show this year is set to be terrific.

"The Pavilion will give visitors an ideal opportunity to ask questions about their specific manufacturing and business needs and receive information and insight on updates that can help businesses remain competitive in a period of uncertainty as Brexit negotiations take place."

Dr Bernie Rickinson, Chief Executive, IOM3, said: "We look forward to welcoming visitors to Interplas and to the Knowledge Pavilion. IOM3 is a professional body, which can help people working in the polymer and related industries with their career progression and to gain registered qualifications. Staff will be on-hand on our stand to advise on the process of registration and give details of our member benefits to help individuals in their careers.

"IOM3 also runs a confidential and objective Materials Information Service. Our experts have a wealth of experience and this long running service does everything from finding relevant literature to arranging for testing and consultancy services."

**Interplas 2017 will take place in Hall 4 of the NEC, Birmingham, UK, 26th-28th September. Visitors can register for free at <http://www.interplasuk.com/>**



# United Kingdom & Ireland Section Newsletter



**Student Chapter Update-**The students at Imperial College have had a great start to their new student chapter. They kicked things off with a presentation from former CEO Willem Devos of SPE on The Future of Plastics. There were over 50 students in attendance for this engaging talk.



This September the student chapter will start up again with plant tours and a lecture series



**Plastics Caps and Closures Europe Conference,**

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Hotel Novotel Amsterdam**

<http://www.plasticcapsandclosures.com/caps2017>



Plastics: What's new-Technical, Processing, Regulatory and  
Business Improvement

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Lancashire County Cricket Club

Emirates Old Trafford

Manchester

<http://www.iom3.org/manchester-polymer-group/event/plastics-seminar-plastics-whats-new>



## Featured topics for future UK & Ireland Newsletters

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