

Speakers



Dr. Bernhard Fritz, Product Manager Sheetfed Systems at Sun Chemical Group GmbH

Dr. Bernhard Fritz studied Chemistry in Karlsruhe and Göttingen and made his doctoral degree in physical chemistry. He began his industrial career in 1985 as a development chemist for offset inks at HARTMANN Druckfarben (later Sun Chemical). After two years as a trainee in the field of packaging inks for flexographic and gravure printing, he took over the development of offset printing inks in 1992. Since 2002 Dr. Fritz Product Manager Sheetfed Systems and oversees the product lines of sheet-fed offset inks, dampening solutions and water-based coatings for Sun Chemical. The focus of his work was and is the development and support of printing inks and coatings for food packaging. Dr. Fritz is represented in national and international industry committees.



Mark Hoff, Partner at ERM

Mr. Mark Hoff is a graduated environmental engineer (Van Hall Institute, Groningen / Rice University, Houston, TX) and holds an MBA (Frankfurt School, Germany). Since 2001 he is working as an engineer, advisor and business developer, based in Germany, the Netherlands, and the UK. As a Partner at ERM with Frankfurt, Germany as his home base, his work has a strong technical focus on Environmental, Social & Governance, Sustainability, Risk and Supply Chain-related topics. He advises chemical, pharmaceutical and manufacturing companies on sustainability management, leadership and responsible sourcing across EMEA.



Dr. Sabine Lindner, Speaker "Human and Environment" at PlasticsEurope Deutschland e.V.

Dr. Sabine Lindner studied Biology at the University of Bonn. She obtained her PhD in the field of biosonde development for pesticide detection in surface waters and rainwaters. After that, she did an advanced training as environmental expert Europe at EPS Bonn. From 1994-2007, Sabine worked in the Business Unit Science & Technology at the Arbeitsgemeinschaft PVC and Umwelt e.V. in Bonn. At PlasticsEurope, Sabine is responsible for Consumer related topics such as food and drinking water contact materials, toys, nanomaterials, biodegradable and bio-based plastics, PVC and construction products.



Dr. Jane Muncke, Managing Director and Chief Scientific Officer at Food Packaging Forum

Dr. Jane Muncke holds a doctorate degree in environmental toxicology and an MSc in environmental science from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ). During her graduate and postgraduate work she was trained in analytical chemistry and ecotoxicology at Eawag, the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology. Jane worked in the project management team of Novaquatis, an interdisciplinary research project on urban water management aiming at reducing chemical pollutants in the aquatic environment. After post doctoral work at Eawag in the area of endocrine disruption screening in zebrafish, Jane joined Emhart Glass, a supplier company to the container glass industry. In this position she analysed scientific information on food contact materials, migration, and impacts on human and environmental health.



Dr. Manfred Oßberger, Laboratory/Project Manager at FABES Forschungs-GmbH

Dr. Manfred Oßberger made his doctorate in „organometallic chemistry” at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. Since 2006, he is working for FABES Forschungs GmbH and is currently Project Manager in the following areas: worldwide approval of additives and monomers by authorities, inspection of packaging in terms of their conformity; Implementation of research projects on the subject of "mass transfer" (in part in cooperation with industry associations and ministries). Besides that, he made various publications e.g. contributions to "The Wiley Encyclopedia of Packaging Technology" 3rd edition, 2010 and "Global Food Contact Legislation", Woodhead, 2015.



Dr. Jürgen Towara, Partner and Senior Food Contact Expert at ERM

Dr. Jürgen Towara has 19 years of experience in the regulatory field of food contact and related areas. Until 2009, Jürgen Towara was manager for regulatory affairs at TICONA/CELANESE, a leading producer of technical polymers. In this role he also represented TICONA in the corresponding plastics associations. He was working as regulatory consultant for INFRASERV HOECHST (2000-2002) and INTERTEK (2010-2018) assisting companies throughout the whole supply chain of food contact applications. Jürgen Towara studied food chemistry in Würzburg, graduated as Doctor at the University of Bayreuth in the environmental area, where he was investigating sources and transport of polychlorinated Dioxins and related compounds in the environment.



Dr. Heinz Traussnig, Director Product Safety and Compliance Mayr-Melnhof Karton

Dr. Heinz Traussnig studied Biochemistry and Food Chemistry at the Technical University in Graz. After working in the field of biotechnology, he joined 1988 Mayr-Melnhof Karton as Head R&D and Environmental Officer (until June 2006). He is Chairman CEPI Food Contact Group & CITPA and member of ECMA working groups on food contact paper & board and also in corresponding working groups in Austria and Germany. Since 2004, he is responsible for product safety of the whole Mayr-Melnhof group.



Markus Weber, Partner at ERM CVS

Markus Weber is responsible for ERM's certification and verification services in central Europe. His professional background covers 25 years of experience in the field of quality, energy, environmental and health & safety consultancy and certification. Markus conducted numerous quality, energy, environmental and health & safety certification audits in Europe, Asia and North America. Furthermore he provided trainings concerning EnEHS management systems. Prior to becoming an auditor Markus worked as a consultant supporting clients in setting up management systems, conducting due diligence assessments and working in the field of soil and groundwater investigations.