



# THERMOSET TOPCON

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*Presented by SPE Thermoset Division*

AT THE MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER

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## **SPE® THERMOSET DIV. ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS, SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS FOR THERMOSET TOPCON APRIL 30 – MAY 1, 2024 IN MADISON, WISCONSIN**

### **“THERMOSETS: REINFORCING INDUSTRY”**

### **ABSTRACTS DUE January 15, 2024 & FINAL PRESENTATIONS DUE April 1, 2024**

The SPE Thermoset Div. is announcing its call for papers, exhibitors, and sponsors for their annual event to be held on April 30 – May 1, 2024 at the Monona Terrace and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

**“THERMOSETS: REINFORCING INDUSTRY”** is the theme for the 2024 event. “This year’s theme highlights how thermoset technology and the TopCon event both are ‘Reinforcing Industry’ by improving products, the marketplace, and a sustainable future,” said Sean Campbell, sales and marketing manager, Engineered Composites at LyondellBasell and SPE Thermoset Div. Chair. “Thermoset plastics are the strongest and most versatile materials for automotive; air and ground transportation; civil engineering; building and construction; off-highway equipment; medical; appliance; oil and gas; and a wide variety of other applications where structural integrity, lightweighting, and heat and corrosion resistance are important,” continued Campbell. “The 2023 SPE Thermoset TopCon is returning to Madison, Wisconsin where it started in 1954 with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was held in 2023 and also in 2022, to continue our partnership and increase industry and academia collaborations,” added Campbell.

The SPE Thermoset TopCon 2023 event was a success and enabled the division to award a \$7,500 donation to the SPE Foundation to support the Girl Scouts of America ‘Sustainable Packaging Patch’ program. “In addition to our SPE Thermoset TopCon being the ‘World’s Leading Thermoset Technology Conference & Expo,’ we’re also leading the way in our industry supporting initiatives designed to engineer future technologies that are more sustainable and future engineers to grow our industry,” said Len Nunnery, vice president, Marketing, Sales & Technical Service at PLENCO and SPE Thermoset Div. Councilor.

The SPE Thermoset TopCon 2024 will feature keynotes, technical presentations and exhibits highlighting advances in materials, processes, and equipment for thermoset technologies in multiple applications. The 2-day conference also includes networking breakfasts, lunches, and a cocktail reception. Optional social events, including a tour of the Polymer Engineering Center at UW – Madison, golf outing at University Ridge Golf Course and a cruise of the Madison shoreline are offered on April 29, the day before the conference begins.

**Paper abstracts are due January 15, 2024 and final presentations are due April 1, 2024.** Limited time slots are available. **A variety of exhibit and non-exhibit sponsorship packages** including passes to the event and opportunities for company exposure are available. Companies interested in presenting papers and/or showcasing their products and/or services via sponsorship or exhibiting, and individuals interested in registering to attend the event should go to <https://spethermosets.org/topcon/> for more information or contact Teri Chouinard at [intuitgroup@gmail.com](mailto:intuitgroup@gmail.com).

**Conference Venue:** Inspired by Wisconsin native Frank Lloyd Wright's design, at the peak of his creative powers in 1938, the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center is one of the country's premier conference and convention facilities. On the shores of Lake Monona, it is an architecturally striking structure that connects the state capital, the cityscape, and the community. The conference exhibits, meals and cocktail reception will be in the Community Terrace with pristine views of Lake Monona offering a relaxing and enjoyable experience. The presentations will be in the Lecture Hall offering comfortable theatre style seating, staging and professional audio-visual support. Special rates are provided for conference attendees at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace which is connected via skywalk to the conference venue. See <https://www.mononaterrace.com> and <https://www3.hilton.com/> for more info.

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