

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S



THERMOSET TOPCON

Madison, Wisconsin • May 13-14, 2025

Presented by SPE Thermoset Division

WORLD'S LEADING THERMOSET TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE & EXPO



AT THE MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER

For Immediate Release: 14 NOVEMBER 2024

Media Contact: Teri Chouinard, SPE Thermoset TopCon Event Manager, 248.701.8003, intuitgroup@gmail.com

SPE® THERMOSET DIV. ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS, SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS FOR THERMOSET TOPCON MAY 13-14, 2025, IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

“THERMOSETS: SETTING NEW STANDARDS”

ABSTRACTS DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2025 & FINAL PRESENTATIONS DUE APRIL 15, 2025

The SPE Thermoset Div. is announcing its call for papers, exhibitors, and sponsors for their annual event to be held on May 13 – May 14, 2025, at the Monona Terrace and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

“THERMOSETS: SETTING NEW STANDARDS” is the theme for the 2025 event. “This year’s theme highlights how thermoset material and manufacturing technologies are ‘Setting New Standards’ as the best solution for innovating new products, and improving performance, mechanical properties, and costs in a number of applications and markets,” said Sean Campbell, sales and marketing manager, Engineered Composites at LyondellBasell and SPE Thermoset Div. Chair. “Thermoset plastics are known as the standard for high-heat applications such as electronics and appliances and where high strength-to-weight ratio, chemical inertness, dimensional stability and structure are important including aerospace, construction, transportation and more,” added Campbell. “Today, thermosets are expanding increasingly into electrical vehicles, urban air mobility, mass transit, oil and gas, medical devices, civil engineering infrastructure and more,” continued Campbell.

The SPE Thermoset TopCon 2024 event was a huge success with 170 attendees (largest attendance in recent years), 27 sponsors, two keynote presentations, 21 technical talks and great networking during two breakfasts, two lunches and a fun cocktail reception with a band overlooking the beautiful Lake Monona. Students presented their research and development in thermoset technology via student posters and were awarded cash prizes. A \$7,500 donation was made to the SPE Foundation to support STEM student programs.

The SPE Thermoset TopCon 2025 will follow the 2024 format featuring 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 May 12, the day before the conference begins.

Paper abstracts are due February 15, 2025, and final presentations are due April 15, 2025. 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.

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.

SPE Thermoset TopCon 2024 Sponsors included: Plenco (Plastics Engineering Company); Mar-Bal, Inc.; IDI Composites International; LYB LyondellBasell; American Colors Inc.; Century Tooling; Core Molding Technologies; Cimbar Performance Minerals; Composites One; Glenwood Tool & Mold, Inc; G & W Electric; ICT Molding Solutions; INEOS Composites; McClarin Composites; Molding Products; sensXPERT Technology by NETZSCH; Neptune Nano Technologies; OMYA; Owens Corning; Penn Compression Moulding, Inc.; Premix Hadlock; Zehrco-Giancola Composites; Schmidt & Heinzmann; Vibrantz Technologies; CompositesWorld; Plastics News; and Urethanes Technology International.

The mission of SPE is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics and composites worldwide and to educate industry, academia, and the public about the technological advances. SPE’s Thermoset Division is active in educating, promoting, recognizing, and communicating technical accomplishments in thermoset technology in multiple industries. Topic areas include applications, materials, processing, equipment, tooling, design, and development.

For more information see <https://spethermosets.org/topcon/>. For more information on the **Society of Plastics Engineers**, see <https://www.4spe.org/>.