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SPE® THERMOSET DIV. ANNOUNCES SECOND KEYNOTE FOR TOPCON 2025: “Why I Chose Thermoset Over Thermoplastic for My Underground Water Storage System”

The SPE Thermoset Div. is proud to announce its second keynote speaker for their annual TopCon event to be held on May 13 – May 14, 2025 at the Monona Terrace and Convention Center in Madison, WI. “**Why I Chose Thermoset Over Thermoplastic for My Underground Water Storage System**” will be presented by Joe Miskovich, founder of Triton Stormwater Solutions. His keynote will explore the decision to use thermoset materials over thermoplastics, emphasizing the key advantages that make thermosets the superior choice for application with his business. Miskovich will explore how thermosets offer exceptional chemical resistance, superior mechanical strength, and high-temperature stability, making them ideal for underground environments where exposure to soil chemicals, moisture, and fluctuating temperatures is inevitable. Unlike thermoplastics, which may soften, deform, or degrade over time under mechanical stress and environmental exposure, thermosets maintain their structural integrity, preventing leaks, cracks, and system failures. Additionally, their excellent resistance to UV degradation and microbial attack enhances the longevity and reliability of the storage system.

By analyzing mechanical properties, environmental resilience, and long-term cost-effectiveness, this presentation will demonstrate how thermoset composite materials provide a robust and reliable solution for underground water storage, ensuring sustainability and operational efficiency.

“Throughout my career I have found that Thermosets offer a range of advantages that other materials have difficulty in competing. Thermoset materials are ideal for applications requiring long-term durability, consolidation of multiple parts, chemical resistance, high-temperature stability, and structural integrity under extreme conditions. Thermosets provide a more robust and reliable solution in industries such as aerospace, automotive, underground water storage, fuel containment systems, electrical insulation, and heavy-duty manufacturing.”

The SPE Thermoset TopCon 2025 will also feature technical presentations and exhibits highlighting advances in materials, processes, and equipment for thermoset technologies in

multiple applications. The 2-day conference 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 sunset dinner cruise on Lake Monona (weather permitting) are offered on May 12, the day before the conference begins.

A variety of exhibit and non-exhibit sponsorship packages including passes to the event and opportunities for company exposure are also available. Companies interested in 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 info or contact Teri Chouinard at intuitgroup@gmail.com.



Keynote Speaker Bio: Joe Miskovich

Joe Miskovich was the founder of Triton Stormwater Solutions, a company specializing in advanced stormwater management systems. He played a pivotal role in developing innovative underground stormwater retention and detention systems that prioritize sustainability, efficiency, and eco-friendly solutions using thermoset materials. Under his leadership, the company became known for its focus on environmentally friendly materials and flexible, high-performance “green” stormwater solutions.

Key Contributions:

Innovative Leadership: Miskovich led the development of stormwater systems designed to meet stringent environmental and regulatory requirements while enhancing water quality and promoting sustainable practices.

Focus on Green Technology: Triton's products, including its thermoset chambers, align with modern sustainability goals by supporting stormwater infiltration and water conservation.

Acquisition and Integration: In 2023, Triton Stormwater Solutions was acquired by Shawcor Ltd. (Shawcor has been renamed to Mattr) and integrated into Mattr's Xerxes business unit. This acquisition marked the expansion of Triton's innovative stormwater solutions under a larger organizational framework, and its products are now part of the HydroChain™ Stormwater Management line. Joe Miskovich's work with Triton Stormwater Solutions has left a lasting impact on the stormwater management industry, contributing to the development of sustainable, safe, and efficient water management practices.

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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