3rd International Congress
Advances in the Packaging Industry
"Sustainability: Products and Processes"

Napoli (Italy), October 29-30, 2020
Museo Donnaregina
ABOUT GIFLEX

GIFLEX is the Association that brings together manufacturers of flexible packaging printed in gravure and flexography, for packaging of food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and other industrial applications. The Group is integrated into the Confindustria system, through the Associazione Nazionale delle Industrie Grafiche, Cartotecniche e Trasformatici (National Association of Printing and Paper Processing Industries) and, in Europe, is a member of FPE (Flexible Packaging Europe). Ever since its establishment in 1985, the Group has provided a reference and support to its members, bringing a wide range of services, such as:

- Information on the technical, regulatory and marketing aspects related to flexible packaging
- The creation of technical, economic and statistical documents and studies
- The training of technical and sales staff
- Organizing events of a general nature, such as conferences and congresses, and workshops on specific topics.

Furthermore, through the activity of specialized working groups and coordinated by consultants, experts in the field, Giflex carries out a constant and continuous monitoring and updating of the legal aspects and the environmental issues affecting the production and the application fields of flexible packaging, providing insights and timely assistance to the entire membership base.

AIM OF THE CONGRESS

After the large outcome of the previous editions held in Naples in 2015 and in Milan in 2017, this 3rd International Congress on the “Advances in the Packaging Industry” will take place on 29 and 30 October 2020 in Napoli again. The Congress represents a multidisciplinary forum for all interested in the advances in the field of flexible packaging for food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and other industrial applications. Academic and industry experts will cover wide range of topics relevant to innovations and future challenges in packaging technology. The two days Congress will be run on two main sessions related to Product and Process.
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Researchers and experts from academia, industry and research institutions are invited to submit an extended abstracts (2 pages A4 size) at the congress website: www.apicongress.it by May 15, 2020. All submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and a notification will be sent to the authors by July 15, 2020. Authors can indicate a preference for one topic and for the type of presentation (oral or poster). However, the final decision will be made by the Scientific Committee upon final acceptance of the abstract. Accepted abstracts will be published in a proceedings volume which will be distributed to all participants.

Authors of “the best abstracts” (as judged from the reviews of the Scientific Committee) will be invited for paper submission to a Special Issue of the Journal of Applied Packaging Research. Publication at the journal will require a second round of review.

TOPICS

The topics will include, among others:

- ADVANCES IN PACKAGING MATERIALS
- ACTIVE AND PASSIVE BARRIER SOLUTIONS AND NEW FUNCTIONALITIES
- FOOD PACKAGING SAFETY: HEALTH AND REGULATORY ISSUES
- SUSTAINABILITY OF PACKAGING MATERIALS: CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- LAMINATION, PRINTING AND SURFACE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES
- SAFETY IN PROCESSES OF PACKAGING INDUSTRY
- INNOVATION IN PACKAGING DESIGN

The scientific program of the Congress will consist of invited lectures, communications on selected abstracts and poster sessions.

REGISTRATION FEES (VAT 22% included)

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* PhD Students, Trainees, Research Fellows, whoever has a not permanent position at a University. A certification should be sent together with the registration fee.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress will be English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.
VENUE
MONUMENTAL COMPLEX OF DONNAREGINA

A really unique location has been selected for the 2020 edition. The congress will take place at the Monumental Complex of Donnaregina - Diocesan Museum of Napoli, a masterpiece of Gothic and Baroque Art, located in the heart of the ancient Napoli. Participants will have the opportunity to visit Napoli from another perspective, different from the classic one offered by the view of the Vesuvius and Castel dell'Ovo. You will really enjoy a unique experience.

One more reason to attend the scientific sessions!!!
More detailed information will be provided in a second circular.
In addition, updates will be regularly posted on the conference web site:
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