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Chemspec Europe 2018 opens its doors tomorrow in Cologne and presents the full range of fine and speciality chemicals

Chemspec Europe, the 33rd International Exhibition for Fine and Speciality Chemicals, will take place from 20–21 June 2018, at Koelnmesse in Cologne, Germany. On a net exhibition space of over 6,000 square metres, a total of 358 exhibitors from 27 countries will present a product portfolio that covers the full spectrum of fine and speciality chemicals for various applications. Furthermore, visitors can expect new intelligent networking opportunities with the Chemspec Europe Partnering Programme as well as a comprehensive conference programme.

Chemspec Europe is Europe's leading fine and speciality chemicals exhibition. For purchasers and agents looking for specific ingredients or bespoke solutions, the event is a renowned marketplace to source products, exchange expertise and build international contacts.

On a net floor space of over 6,000 square metres, 358 exhibitors will showcase their products and services covering a maximum range of fine and speciality chemicals, including pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, bio-based chemicals, polymers, additives, advanced intermediates, food and feed, oil and gas mining, pigments, dyes, electronics, fragrances, household chemicals and many more. The broad exhibition portfolio is completed by a range of analytical, production and processing equipment as well as regulatory services and products.

Major European exhibitor countries are Germany, the UK, France, Belgium and Switzerland. Non-European exhibitors mainly come from China, India and the USA.

“Chemspec Europe is the only specialised platform for the fine and speciality chemicals industry in Europe. The event is focussing upon prevailing trends and developments in the industry sector, with a particular focus upon current challenges and emerging opportunities. Currently, there is an increasing trend for bio-based chemicals for the development of fine and speciality chemicals. Furthermore, intensified competition and the constant search for innovation are some of the key drivers that make flexible production and strategic collaborations more and more important. Only well-informed companies with an excellent network can be successful in this highly complex market in the long run”, says Liljana Goszdziewski, Exhibition Director of Chemspec Europe, on behalf of the organisers, Mack Brooks Exhibitions.

Intelligent networking with the new Chemspec Europe Partnering Programme

Networking has always been an essential part of Chemspec Europe. This year, visitors have the opportunity to use the new Chemspec Europe Partnering Programme which allows them to connect and do business with people of complementary interests.

A matchmaking service allows visitors, who are looking for specific business solutions, products or services, to select contacts by keywords and arrange meetings with attendees who provide such solutions. For the arranged meetings, visitors can use the new on-site meeting spaces which are exclusively available to participants of the Partnering Programme.

Interested visitors can first register as a visitor via the Chemspec Europe website www.chemspeceurope.com and then subscribe to the Partnering Programme (subject to a charge).

Conferences and workshops: Industry experts discuss current developments and future prospects

The accompanying conference programme complements the topical variety of the exhibition. In four lecture theatres, a total of 56 conference sessions and workshops provide insights into current developments and prospects and encourage discussions and networking with international industry colleagues.

In the Agrochemical Lecture Theatre, which is sponsored by AGROW, the “Agrochemical Outlook Conference” offers lectures on „Challenges and Opportunities in 2018“.

On Wednesday, 20 June 2018, 14:00–17:00, seven young startups will present their innovations on “New Paths to Fine and Specialty Chemicals”. The “Innovative Startups” conference takes place in association with BCNP Consultants and includes short presentations as well as a panel discussion.

In the Pharma Lecture Theatre, several speakers will give lectures on trends and challenges in the pharmaceutical industry. On Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 9:30, Dr. Magid Abou-Gharbia, Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research, will give a presentation on the topic “Drug discovery, then and now: The road to personalized medicine”. On both exhibition days, there will also be the “Pharma Outsourcing Best Practices Panel” whose panellists include particularly high-calibre guests.

The two-day RSC Symposium of the Royal Society of Chemistry includes lectures about “Enhanced Performance using Additives – Choosing the Best Additive”. In the Regulatory Services Lecture Theatre everything will revolve around “Getting ready for REACH 2018 – Regulatory Challenges”.

The day before the official start of the exhibition, on Tuesday, 19 June 2018, from 14:00–17:30, EFCG (The European Fine Chemicals Group) will return with “Crop Protection & Fine Chemicals Forum”. For this conference, a registration is required in advance via the Chemspec Europe website.

The detailed conference programme can be found on the exhibition website www.chemspeceurope.com.

Information for visitors

Chemspec Europe 2018 will take place in hall 8 of the Koelnmesse in Cologne, Germany, which can be accessed via the North Entrance (“Eingang Nord”). Opening hours on both exhibition days are from 9:00–17:00.

In the recently published Chemspec Europe Show Preview more than two hundred exhibiting companies provide a detailed overview of the product and services which will be presented at this year’s exhibition. The online version of the bilingual brochure is available on the Chemspec Europe website.

Ticket registration is available on the exhibition website www.chemspeceurope.com. Online tickets for Chemspec Europe 2018 are free. On-site, a ticket will cost €50. Tickets are valid for both exhibition days and include entry to the conferences.

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