



Dear ASMAC Members,

I hope that you have saved the date of Thursday, February 23 to participate in ASMAC's annual general meeting. This association is still going strong after more than 50 years!

This is your chance to catch up with your peers and network with new contacts in the industry. In addition to some great talks on current matters that concern us as manufacturers in the Canadian chemical industry, we will again be offering tabletop exhibitions to showcase the latest developments available to our membership.

My first bit of news to share is that we have a new manager; Mauricio Martinez. Mauricio is currently retired from a career in polymer technology primary related to the rubber industry and has accepted the position that Martin Menard vacated at the end of 2016. I wish to thank Martin for his support over the past year and wish him well in running his charming B&B in Mont Tremblant.

I am very pleased to tell you that this year our keynote speaker will be Wendy Baker who is a Senior Conservator at the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa. She will share with us the approaches that she and other conservators take for adhesive choices for restoring paintings, furniture, documents and other artifacts. A bit of a twist to the problems we are asked to solve in our own current applications.

Rosslynn Miller-Lee of Health Canada has been invited to speak to us on the Global Harmonization System that will be implemented shortly in Canada. Learn what your company needs to do to comply with the impending program.

We will also have Dan Murad, president of ChemQuest who will share his perspective on what the future holds for the Adhesive and Sealant industry. With the new administration in Washington promising many changes, it should be interesting to hear this expert's perspective on how to adapt.

This year we will also hear from Jeremy Lutchman and John Chisolm who are application specialists from Nordson Corp. They will be sharing information on their latest Nordson dispensing equipment line up as well as their innovative Adhesive Tracking System (ATS).

Now, here's some really good news. Like last year, the ASMAC executive has decided to make the attendee fee this year to be only \$50 for members! We want strong support of the membership through attendance of this event. There will be something for you whether you are in development, regulatory, sales & marketing, production or management of adhesives so spread the word in your companies.

Remember that besides the informative talks and peer networking opportunity at the expo you are invited to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at a great Toronto venue, The Old Mill Inn.



I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Sean Gogarty

President, ASMAC

