Call for Papers

The SPE South Texas Section, the SPE Polymer Modifiers and Additives Division, the Thermoplastic Materials and Foams Division, the Engineering Properties and Structures Division, and the Flexible Packaging Division are organizing sessions for the **2021 Virtual SPE International Polyolefins Conference** in the following areas:

- Current Trends in Markets, Technology, and Investments (Plenary talks)
- Innovation in Polyolefin Catalysts and Process
- Advances in Polyolefin Stabilization
- Modifiers for Polyolefins
- Advances in Polymer Testing and Characterization
- Flexible Packaging
- Thermoplastic Elastomers
- Advances in Compounding
- Polyolefin Pipe Applications
- Sustainability & Recycling
- Medical Applications
- Automotive Applications
- New Products
- Enhancement of functional polyolefin properties for applications

The 2021 SPE International Polyolefins Conference will be an **ALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE** using the [Award Winning Whova Software Platform](#). The Conference will consist of 10 streamed Plenary talks (with live questions and answer sessions) and 2 live streamed panel discussions on Feb 23-24, 2021. There will also be 14+ tracks and 84+ technical papers (includes Tutorial, student posters, and new products) which can be viewed On-Demand, like Netflix. Technical papers will be available for viewing two weeks before the conference, during the conference, and 6 months after the conference. There will be live questions and answers sessions with the speakers each afternoon of the conference. Speakers will be posting their slide decks and video recordings of their talks on the conference website.   In addition there will be Virtual Exhibitor Booths, live conversation with company representatives in the Virtual Exhibitor Booths, a passport contest for the Exhibitor Booths, virtual networking (texting, meetups, and opportunity for video conferencing), and a photo contests.

Abstracts:	November 15, 2020
Papers, Presentation, Videos, and Presentations:	January 18, 2021
Student Presentations:	January 18, 2021

To register as a speaker and submit an abstract click here or contact Vassilios Galiatsatos (vgaliatsatos@msn.com)
For information on Sponsorships or to become a Exhibitor go to
https://spe-stx.org/international-polyolefins-conference-2/

Speakers

You can register as a speaker at https://whova.com/portal/registration/sopei_202102/ or your session chair can register you. By registering as a speaker you will receive free access to the virtual conference.

You will receive an e-mail within a couple of days with a link to your proflie (title, company, bio, picture, etc), where you can also submit your abstract. Enter your abstract in the box labeled as "Session Description". Also entering your abstract as a document is a good idea.   You will not be able to upload your video recording of your talk until your abstract is accepted and your talk has be scheduled in the agenda. **Save the link to your profile portal** so you can go back and edit the profile from your desktop computer or add more information in the future. If necessary your session chair or Janell Helton can send you your portal link if you forget it.

We would recommend that you download the "mobile app on your phone" and "web app" on your laptop or desktop. Use the e-mail address that you registered with and set a password using the option, setup a new account. The first time you do this (either on the mobile app or on the web app), you will sign up for a new account so you can set up a password. After that simply "sign in" with your e-mail and password in either the "mobile app" or "web app". This will get you into the Polyolefin virtual conference website.

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The download center also allows you to download a "web app" for your desktop/laptop. The "mobile app" will be an app for your cell phone or tablet.   The **"web app"** is really a link to the Polyolefin Conference on the Whova website (https://whova.com/portal/webapp/sopei_202102/   ). It does not have all the features of the mobile app yet (for instance, you cannot edit your own profile from the "web app" directly). However, you can edit your profile on your desktop using the special link to your profile portal as described earlier. Hopefully, that will be improved by the time of our conference.

The only talks that will be **streamed** during the conference will be the Plenary talks and a couple of panel discussions. All other paper/video recordings of talks will be accessed by attendees as on-demand content. Attendees will be able to type in questions about your paper anytime during the conference and even after the conference (being able to ask questions is accessed by clicking on the paper in the agenda). We ask that you

monitor and answer the questions during the conference and to **be available live from 2-4PM Central US time on the afternoon that your talk is listed in the agenda** to answer questions live. Attendees will be able to ask questions before the conference and also well after the conference, so you check on your paper from time to time.

We will be sending you more information on how to record your 20 minute talk. Recording your talk on a free version of Zoom is one of the easier ways. You can also do a voice over on a Powerpoint presentation and save that as a mp4 video file in the newer versions of Powerpoint. **Whova ONLY supports .mp4 and .mov video files**. In addition to the video recording of your talk, you will need to submit a pdf copy of your slide deck for the talk. You can also submit a pdf copy of a full paper (optional). **Whova will only accept .pdf files** and **NOT** .doc or .ppt documents.

Speakers are also entitled to obtain one free registration for their boss. After the speaker is registered in the Whova system, they can contact Janell Helton (jdhelton@comcast.net) with the boss's name and e-mail to have them registered for free. Janell is the key contact if you have any registration problems or questions.

Sequence of Events for Speakers:

1) Register at https://whova.com/portal/registration/sopei_202102/ to become a speaker
2) You will receive confirmation that you Registered as a speaker
3) You will later receive a e-mail with a link to your **speaker profile portal** where you can fill out your profile information and submit a title and abstract