

PEERS and IBBC Go Virtual

Superior content and technical learning presented in an easy-to-use interactive platform

With the impacts of COVID-19 still resounding around the world, TAPPI's popular Pulping, Engineering, Environmental, Recycling and Sustainability (PEERS) and International Bioenergy and Bioproducts Conferences (IBBC) are going virtual in November. This change creates an opportunity for many industry professionals to attend and take advantage of the high quality technical sessions, research and keynote addresses without leaving their mill or office.

According to the PEERS Technical Programming Committee the change to virtual was predicated on safety and innovation. "For mill professionals, it's not easy spending four days away from operations. Going virtual gives people the chance to access superior programming without leaving the mill. The entire program will be presented on a user-friendly platform with the option to view sessions at a later date."

IBBC Chairman Jean-Pierre Bousquet, process engineer at Valmet, agreed saying, "Each year we share ground-breaking research and information that is vital to professionals in the biomass space. Not only does going virtual broaden the scope of learning to a much greater audience, it also allows them to safely and conveniently access the programming from wherever they are."

As co-located conferences, PEERS and IBBC offer attendees a comprehensive technical program focused on critical operational issues in two distinct areas of expertise. Developed by industry professionals, the peer-reviewed sessions are expert-led and include high-level discussions on key topics including:

PEERS

- Environmental/Regulations
- Sustainability and Recycling
- Pulping and Bleaching
- Energy, Recovery, Lime Kiln and Recaust
- Plant Engineering
- Recovery, Energy and Power Boilers
- Nonwoods

IBBC

- Biomass Processing and Conversion Pathways
- Wood-based Foams and Packaging Films
- Biocomposites and Bioproducts
- Supporting the Sustainable Bioeconomy

Now, more than ever, knowledge sharing is an integral component in the industry's recovery from the unprecedented COVID-19 global crisis. Save money and time while still offering exceptional training opportunities for employees. Each technical program reinforces industry knowledge with foundational learning sessions and offers insight on how to improve bottom line.

Program details are being finalized and will be posted to both websites soon: TAPPIPEERS.org and TAPPI-IBBC.org. For information, contact TAPPI Division Manager Lisa Stephens at lstephens@tappi.org.