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The 27thETRA Conference on Tyre Recycling

25 – 27 March 2020 Brussels, Belgium

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The 27th Annual ETRA Conference on Tyre Recycling will take place Wednesday through Friday, 25 - 27 March 2020 at the NH du Grand Sablon Collection Hotel in Brussels. The conference theme, *New Market Partnerships after 2020 : Overcoming the Obstacles*, will illustrate some of the extraordinary progress that has been made in the tyre recycling industries and highlight its exciting role in future as part of the Circular Economy.

The conference offers many formal and informal opportunities to come together and meet with professionals from a variety of sectors to discuss the newest challenges that face this small, increasingly important and diversified industry.

Tyre recycling has confronted many challenges in the drive towards taking its place in the circular economy and is ready to face new ones in future. This year the Conference will focus on exploring these new challenges with the aim of identifying solutions and opportunities for recyclers especially in terms of material options, potential end-users and expanded markets.

Plenary Sessions are scheduled for Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March which will include discussions on:

- Key issues and obstacles confronting tyre recycling today and after 2020 : data reliability, the impact of un-monitored exports, revisions to the Basel R-codes and potential impacts on recyclers , micro-plastics, etc.
- New Partnerships including the automotive-recycling sector with new materials, replacement parts, etc.; New Local Employment Opportunities with GPP ; New Countries and Regions to share experiences
- Innovative materials, products and markets using TPE, rubber compounds, ELTs, SiC and other carbon materials
- Devulcanisation bio-devulcanisation, moulded products for construction and transportation (roads, rails, etc)
- Pyrolysis after 2020 with unique inputs, processes and outputs to create innovative products and applications
- Expanding opportunities for tyre recycling as the global economy takes hold

Delegates will have many opportunities to interact directly with the speakers and panelists during plenary discussions, coffee-breaks, lunches, cocktails and other informal periods – including scheduled Matchmaking sessions. Space is also available for private and small-group meetings, which can be reserved with conference staff.

The Conference focus will be on evolving trends, new technologies, as well as markets with new partners and end-users. Discussions will focus on meeting demands for sustainable new materials, applications and products to meet specific needs - including devulcanisates, compoundable and activated powders, new pyrolytic outputs, among others. Metals and textiles in various formats will be presented for a variety of applications.

Other activities will include a workshop on EU Research and Development Investment Funding for SMEs and the 'Matchmaking Events' which are opportunities to bring companies together for future collaborations under the ETRA Partner Registry. The programme is being offered in cooperation with hub.brussels, a partner of Enterprise Europe, the largest European service network for SMEs. Please note that pre-registration for these Events is required. Further information will be forwarded upon receipt of your Conference registration.

We look forward to hearing from you. The Conference brochure is attached. Please contact us for further information.

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