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The Hot-Seat

A message from our Chairperson, Gary Bowerbank.

" Bienvenue sur le blog de ce mois-ci" (thanks Google)

I am getting in the mood, and may need to dust off my GCSE French, for our Annual Conference in Paris, which is rapidly creeping up on us. I am really looking forward to seeing the community come together, and I know the Technical Committee have pulled together a high quality program. I am also really glad we are able to bring back the Young Professionals Training Day, one of the flagship offerings from GPA Europe – helping to educate and connect with the process engineers (other disciplines welcome) of the future. All the info you need, including the sponsorship packages and exhibition places, can be found at gpaeurope.com/event/gpa-europe-annual-conference-agm

Away from the conference, I am interested to hear from the community some hints and tips to manage the ever growing demands of our jobs today. I have come across suggestions to use Agile, focus on 1 task at a time and to prioritise the back-log. These all sound like excellent ideas, and I can see how they work in the product development world. But in an industry focused on delivery, of products, solutions, packages, etc., and where we all have multiple stakeholders (each one thinking they are #1 priority) – how do we prioritise? I've be told, we just need to say "no", but not so easy. Any thoughts from the masses?"



GPA Europe Renewable Gas Webinar Thank you!

Thank you from all of us at GPA Europe to Andy Cornell of ABSL, Paul Hudson of Transform Materials and Marine Juge of ENGIE Lab CRIGEN for presenting at our webinar last month. A webinar discussing two types of waste and one type of product being created. Waste to fuel is in an interesting development phase.

Meet Our Speakers



Andy Cornell
CEO
Advanced Biofuel Solutions (ABSL)



Paul Hudson
Senior Business Development Manager
Transform Materials



Marine Juge
Deputy Lab Manager
ENGIE

Did you miss the sessions? All our sessions from the Webinar Series are available for GPA Europe members to watch for free on our website [here](#).

As always, we want to hear from you, our GPA Europe members. If you have topics of interest or would like to be involved in future virtual events, please do get in touch with us at admin@gpaeurope.com.

GPA Europe Annual Conference 2022 Technip Energies, Paris 14 - 16 November 2022

Technip Energies will host the GPA Europe Annual Conference from 14 to 16 November 2022, providing the perfect platform for three days of high-level networking, discussion and debate.

Our Annual Conference will once again combine with our Young Professional Training Day and AGM.

We are planning some exciting activities, alongside high-quality technical presentations. We are delighted to present our draft 3-day outline to you:

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Registration	Registration	Registration
Young Professional Training Day	Keynote Address	Panel Discussion
	Morning Session	Morning Session
Lunch	Lunch & Networking	Lunch & Networking
Young Professional Training Day Workshop	Afternoon Session	Afternoon Session
Welcome Drinks Reception	Exhibitor Reception Networking Drinks Reception	Annual General Meeting Conference Close

Training Session

This is a three-hour session organised by BASF SE, Worley and Axens.



Young Professional Training Day

Our Young Professional Day is designed for people, who have recently joined or are thinking of joining the energy industries. Delegates are anticipated to have a strong technical backgrounds or interest. The day is intended to help in understanding how your technical expertise can be applied within our industry. Our focus is on technical aspects seen in few other industries.

The day has been designed by the GPA Europe Young Professional Committee.

Keynote Address

Make sure you mark your calendar for the Opening Keynote – Nicolas AIMARD, Vice President Process Technical Line in the new TotalEnergies One Tech branch which is a new organisation supporting all industrial and R&D activities of TotalEnergies from oil and gas upstream to downstream, renewables and new energies will take the main stage.



Panel Discussion

Two-hours bringing participants fascinating debate and big picture outlooks from some of the big names in the gas processing industry. Organisations face unprecedented challenges to adapt and grow in uncertain times. Successful businesses will be those that can adapt to new priorities and shifting geopolitical landscapes and pave the way for the future of gas processing. Our panel share their Vision of Gas in Europe.

Annual General Meeting

On behalf of Gary Bowerbank, Chairperson of GPA Europe Ltd, we are pleased to invite our GPA Europe Members to the Annual General Meeting of GPA Europe Ltd to be held at 4pm CET/3pm GMT on Wednesday 16 November 2022, At TechnipEnergies Offices in Paris, or virtually via TEAMS.

Your Annual Conference registration will include registration to our AGM. However, if you would like to register for the AGM only, please click [here](#).

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Have you thought about sponsoring or exhibiting? Our conference provides a direct marketing channel to commercial and technical leaders from the whole gas processing value chain.

Both our Sponsorship and Exhibition packages include discounted conference passes, prices can be found within our [Sponsorship Brochure](#).

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We have space for our member companies to exhibit. Your stand will be located in a central area for two days, where all delegates converge. Tuesday evening is our Exhibition Event with snacks and drinks for delegates and TechnipEnergies employees.



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Our May 2022 Issue of In Brief is out on the streets - [Check it out!](#)

This issue reports on the GPA Europe Virtual Technical Conference held in November 2021 as well as our New Energy Webinars.

We have our regular 'View from the Top' by our Chairperson Gary Bowerbank, discussing 'A welcome return for major in-person events'.

The lead article has been contributed by Gas Treatment Solutions BASF. The article is titled 'OASE digilab: Efficiency gain in gas treatment'.

Please contact the GPA E Team for more information - admin@gpaeurope.com

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Paper of the Month

This month we are looking back to a presentation from Jan Kiebert from Sulphur Experts, who presented during our Spring Conference in May 2019.

["Why Sulphur Plants Plug"](#)

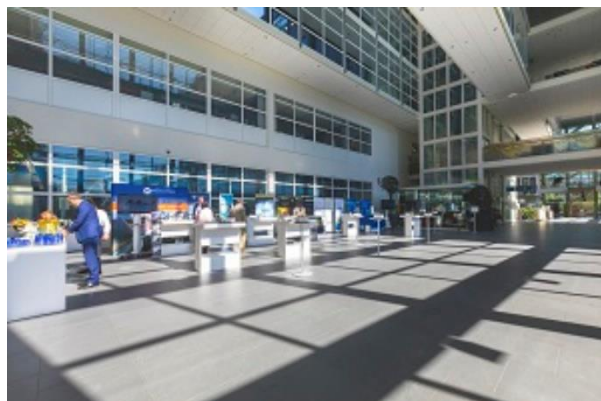
"Plugging of piping and vessels within modified-Claus sulphur recovery units is extremely common, and the causes are often poorly understood and the proper solutions often improperly implemented. In some cases, the plugging causes additional pressure drop through the sulphur plant, resulting in reduced sulphur plant capacity and possibly limiting the gas plant or refinery throughput as well. In other cases, it results in complete blockage of parts of the sulphur plant, often meaning an unplanned shutdown, high SO₂ emissions, expensive turnaround costs, and lost gas plant or refinery production. The first step in dealing with sulphur plant plugging is to have the proper monitoring methods to detect plugging, the right tools to locate where the plugging has occurred, and the right methods to analyze the plugging material in order to determine the root cause(s) of the plugging. The most common root causes of plugging include: soot formation from poor stoichiometry during fuel gas startups and shutdowns; ammonia salt formation from poor reaction furnace destruction and / or over oxidizing process environments; alumina dust from refractory or catalyst pieces and fines; iron based corrosion products from a variety of corrosion mechanisms; and frozen or high viscosity sulphur from incorrect process temperatures or incorrect vessel insulation / heating. The key to avoiding plugging is to understand and avoid these plugging mechanisms in the first place, and processing, design, and procedure options for each of these areas are discussed in this paper. In addition, some of these plugging mechanisms can be reversed on line, and recommended reversal procedures are also covered in the paper. The paper will include actual case studies from a wide variety of gas plant and refinery sulphur plants from around the world."

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