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ACMA and EPTA Announce the Keynoter and Detailed Program for the North American Pultrusion Conference

After a sold-out success in 2017, ACMA and EPTA join forces again to host the acclaimed North American Pultrusion Conference, focused on broader application and expansion of pultrusion technology in the composites manufacturing industry.

January 2019 (Arlington, VA) – Nearly 200 composites manufacturing industry professionals will assemble in Rosemont, IL, on April 8 – 10, for the North American Pultrusion Conference, produced by the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) and the European Pultrusion Technology Association (EPTA). After a successful sold-out inaugural conference in 2017, the event will return after a two-year break.

“While pultrusion is providing a wide variety of solutions in different markets, ACMA recognizes that there are more markets to penetrate. This conference builds the business case for pultrusion, delivering the latest knowledge and technical resources to current pultruders as well as OEMs that want to learn more about how pultruded products can make their products better,” said ACMA President, Tom Dobbins.

Dr. Elmar Witten, Secretary of EPTA stated, “While some leading companies use pultrusion to stay competitive and deliver exceptional, innovative products and services to end-users, there are many OEMs, suppliers, manufacturers and engineers that are not using pultrusion. The North American Pultrusion Conference meets an important need to educate and inform the industry about pultrusion.”

The confirmed educational program for the conference is now available online at www.acmanet.org/2019pultrusion. The program will feature sessions on pultrusion technology in existing markets such as marine, automotive, aerospace, and infrastructure, as well as new applications and technology.

In addition to the education sessions, Keynote presenter Steve Gonzalez, Director of the Major Projects Unit - Americas at Finnish-based elevator manufacturer KONE, will share his predictions for the future of pultrusion and detail the development of UltraRope™, a pultruded carbon fiber cabling system for elevators. Gonzalez is a mechanical engineer and patent holder with more

than 20 years' experience in the design, construction, analysis and optimization of commercial and industrial building systems, with special focus on buildings' utilities and infrastructure.

Early Bird registration rates expire on March 18, 2019. Learn more about the conference and registration details at <http://www.acmanet.org/2019pultrusion>. For additional information, contact Martha Lowe at mloewe@acmanet.org.

About EPTA

The European Pultrusion Technology Association was created in 1989 by a group of leading European pultruders with the mission of supporting the growth of the pultrusion industry by maximising external communication efforts and encouraging knowledge sharing between members. Since 2006, the association has existed under the umbrella of the AVK – Federation of Reinforced Plastics in Frankfurt, Germany. Membership of EPTA is open to all companies and individuals worldwide wishing to further the application of pultruded profiles. For further information visit www.pultruders.org

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About ACMA

The American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) is the world's largest composites industry trade group. We are manufacturers, material and equipment suppliers, distributors, academia and end users, dedicated to growing the composites market. We serve our members and the industry by promoting the competitive advantage and versatility of composite materials. ACMA offers composites industry educational resources through our CAMX show, conferences and Certified Composites Technician (CCT®) program. We develop standards and specifications that drive preference for the use of composites in place of traditional materials. We lead advocacy efforts via legislative and regulatory channels to achieve a more viable composites industry. Together, we are shaping the future of composites. Learn more at www.acmanet.org.

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