

Press Release

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A PRESTIGIOUS LINE UP OF SPEAKERS ABOUT COMPOSITES INNOVATION IN MOBILITY AND EFFICIENT B2B MEETINGS WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JEC FORUM ON COMPOSITES IN TRANSPORTATION IN CHICAGO

Navy Pier, Chicago, IL, USA

JEC Group's mission to develop end-use markets for composites has reached a new milestone with the closing of its latest JEC Forum in Chicago, which met its goals in terms of conference quality, more than 600 professional visits and successful B2B meetings.

The JEC Forum in Chicago is a unique event combining knowledge sharing and business networking. Strongly focused on innovation, the forum introduced new and featured products in the field of ground transportation (from automotive to railway, trucks and buses) and highlighted 5 breakthroughs which received the prestigious JEC Innovation Awards.

AN IMPRESSIVE LINE UP OF SPEAKERS

The 4 sessions of conferences involved no less than 24 expert speakers from companies such as Ford Motor Company, Gazelle Tech, Mercedes Benz, Owens Corning, Porcher Industries, SikaAxson or Wabash National Corporation, to name a few. The speakers put the stakes of mobility into perspective while highlighting the countless contributions made by composites, both now and in the future.

On the first day of the event, Martin BIGRAS, Senior Expert Engineer - Composite Materials at Bombardier, gave a keynote speech on New Material Development for Rail Applications, addressing how composite materials are a great fit for the rail industry, the issues faced by composites in rail applications, and the envisioned solutions to further their integration into this industry.

Another keynote speech given by Greg BEISER, Director – Future Mobility/Smart Cities at Faurecia, focused on Composites in Clean Mobility. Paul SPADAFORA, Global Vice President of Product Development at Magna Exteriors, addressed the topic of Composites Innovations Enabling Future Mobility, focusing on connected and autonomous vehicles as an introduction to the JEC Innovation Awards.



From top to bottom: Martin BIGRAS, Senior Expert Engineer - Composite Materials at Bombardier; Greg BEISER, Director – Future Mobility/Smart Cities at Faurecia; Paul SPADAFORA, Global Vice President of Product Development at Magna Exteriors

QUALITY NETWORKING

JEC Group's newly redesigned B2B Meetings service was a great success considering the positive feedback and the number of meetings organized over the two days. With a 94% satisfaction rate, meetings were held on the show floor in a pleasant setting overlooking Lake Michigan. For example, Kavish BUJUN from Armacell appreciated the fact that the program gave him "direct access to key customers and suppliers". John LEATHAM, Sales & Marketing Director at Chomarat North America, said he had been "introduced to contacts he would not likely have made otherwise".

CELEBRATING 5 WINNERS OF THE JEC INNOVATION AWARDS

The JEC Innovation Awards ceremony, supported by Dixie Chemicals, rewarded companies who demonstrated excellence in categories ranging from passenger cars to heavy trucks, featuring namely: significant weight savings, innovative processes, unique designs, shortened process times and reduced costs. The winners are:



The 5 JEC Innovation Awards winners

PASSENGER CARS – Fraunhofer ILT

(Germany): *Hybrid Roof Bow*

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES – Faurecia

(France): *Lightweight Vehicle Underbody Protection*

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – TPI Composites (USA): *Design and Fabrication of an Integrated Monocoque Composite 40ft Plug-in Electric Transit Bus*

HEAVY TRUCKS – Saprex (USA): *Self-molding, High Heat Composite Insulation System*

SUSTAINABILITY – Bcomp (Switzerland): *Light-weight Automotive Interior Parts with Natural Fiber Reinforcement*

NEXT MOBILITY MEETINGS WITH JEC GROUP

Following the success of this JEC Forum on Composites in Transportation and increasing interest in the topic of composites in mobility, JEC will develop the debates and networking opportunities by organizing Composites pavilions at the Paris Motor Show (Oct 2-6, 2018), the Detroit Motor show (Jan 14-18, 2019), and of course at JEC Asia in Seoul (Nov 14-16, 2018) and JEC World (Mar 12-14, 2019) where Automotive & Mobility will be a major topic of discussion.

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JEC Group:

JEC Group is a global information and connection company in the composite sector, with a network of 250,000 professionals. Using its information services and its local and international networks, the Group represents, promotes and develops the markets for composite materials. Under the effect of steady growth over the past twenty years, JEC Group has forged an international reputation, opening offices in North America and Asia. The company is wholly owned by the Center for Promotion of Composites, a non-profit organization. The Group's policy is to systematically reinvest its profits into the creation of new services of benefit to the composite sector. After winning over the composite industry, JEC Group would now like to extend its scope of action to new segments of the value chain, in particular manufacturers and end users. JEC Group's experts bring specialized knowledge and an extensive network into play to propose a full range of products and services: JEC publications (strategic studies, technical works, and *JEC Composites Magazine*), the "World Market News" weekly international e-letter, and the French-language "JEC Info Composites" e-letter. JEC Group also organizes trade shows that include JEC World in Paris (the largest international trade show dedicated to composite materials – four times larger than any other similar specialized event), JEC Asia in South Korea, and The Future of Composites in Transportation in Chicago. Additional services include the website www.jecomposites.com, the JEC Composites Conferences, Forums and Workshops organized in Europe, Asia and North America, and the JEC Innovation Awards program (Europe, Asia, North America, India and China).

The composite sector employs 550,000 professionals worldwide. In 2017, it generated 83 billion euros in sales.

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