

Annual & Packaging/Decorative **CONFERENCE**

2021 21-23 September · Thessaloniki, Greece



Invitation and programme

Welcome to Thessaloniki!



Manfred Janoschka,
ERA President

The ERA Annual Conference & Packaging and Decorative Gravure Conference 2021 will take place in the Macedonian capital Thessaloniki, second largest city of Greece and site of ERA member Hatzopoulos, leading packaging printer in Southeast Europe. The event will be held in conjunction with the ERA Management Meeting & General Assembly which will take place on Tuesday 21 September.

The conference on Wednesday 22 September will discuss current developments and trends in gravure technology and its markets. A special focus will be put on the increasing environmental requirements and the sustainability of the gravure process. Another focus will be the strategies of our industry to ensure gravure's future against the background of the ongoing authorization process for chromium trioxide, as well as the ChromExtend application by Kaspar Walter to ensure the use of chromium trioxide beyond 2024.



James Siever,
ERA Secretary General

On Thursday 23 September the programme foresees a visit to the headquarters and plant of Hatzopoulos where latest packaging gravure equipment and technology will be shown.

As usual, the event will provide opportunities to exchange views with colleagues from the industry during the conference and at the dinner on the evening of 22 September in the Mavri Thalassa restaurant. Since Covid19 has practically stopped personal meetings for more than a year, these informal personal exchange between the participants has become even more relevant, as humans are not digital but social beings.

We thank our Greek friends and colleagues particularly from Hatzopoulos for their support to organise the event and Hatzopoulos for their gracious hosting of the dinner on the evening of the conference day. We look forward to greeting many members and friends of ERA and gravure in Thessaloniki.

Dinner sponsored by



Dinner in the Mavri Thalassa

The dinner will be held in the restaurant Mavri Thalassa on **Wednesday 22 September at 20:00**. The history of the restaurant goes back to 1926 when it started as a family owned rustic taverna in Toumba. Today located in Kalamaria, it has made its way up to one of Thessaloniki's top restaurants with gourmet awards to its credit, which invites its guests into the flavors of the Greek sea.



Programme

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Tuesday, 21 September

- 17:00 Management Meeting (General Assembly) – by separate invitation only
- 18:30 Associate Members Meeting
- 20:00 Informal get-together in the conference hotel

Wednesday, 22 September

09:00 Conference

Moderation: **Mr James Siever**, ERA

- **Mr Thomas Reiner**, Berndt+Partner, Germany
"Sustainability tsunami is heading towards the packaging industry"
- **Mr Yannis Katis**, BEL Information Systems, Greece
"Overprint MIS – software automation for rotogravure"
- **Mr Stefan Glimm**, Global Alufoil, Germany
"Functionality first – a plea for recyclable flexible packaging material"
- **Dr Kai Baer**, Adphos Digital Printing, Germany
"Energy and CO2 reduction potential with electro-thermal drying technology – benchmark study with gas convection driers"

- **Dr Julian Rotter**, Kaspar Walter, Germany
"ChromeExtend – update on the chromium trioxide authorization"

Lunch break

- **Mr Flavio Losa**, Rossini, Italy
"Ecogravsystem revolutionizes gravure printing"
- **Mr Dominik Michalek**, Contitec, Germany
"The Dynasurf Project – The (R-)Evolution in the Rotogravure Industry"
- **Mr Christoph Gschossmann**, Kaspar Walter, Germany
"New surfaces for rotogravure: HelioChrome NEO and HelioPearl – development update"
- **Mr Jonathan Giubilato**, Bobst, Italy
"Combining sustainable printing and increased productivity for short and medium runs"
- **Mr Achim Kurreck**, Moog, Germany
"Sheetfed rotogravure – sustainable process to print carton packaging for special application"
- **Mr Gian Vito Schiavi**, Uteco, Italy
"Rotogravure machines: From additional units to water-based inks for sustainable printing"

- 19:15 Departure to dinner restaurant
- 20:00 Dinner at the restaurant "Mavri Thalassa"
- 22:30 Departure to hotel

Thursday, 23 September

- 09:30 Departure by bus for plant visit
- 10:00 Plant visit at Hatzopoulos
- 12:00 Lunch snack
- 13:00 Departure to hotel/airport



Thomas Reiner



Yannis Katis



Stefan Glimm



Kai Baer



Julian Rotter



Flavio Losa



Dominik Michalek



Christoph Gschossmann



Jonathan Giubilato



Achim Kurreck



Gravure Award
for Sustainable
Packaging

Presentation of the
Award winners!

Plant visit

A. Hatzopoulos S.A., founded 1931 in Thessaloniki and leading converter in Southeast Europe, offers **value-added flexible packaging solutions** for the food & beverages, home & personal care, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals industries and operates modern gravure press and prepress equipment. Through a well-organized international network, Hatzopoulos supplies leading brands across 30 countries and has by today developed into one of the fastest growing packaging converters in Europe.





Conference hotel

The conference and the get-together will be held in the city hotel

Porto Palace Hotel Thessaloniki

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Extra hotel benefits

- Free shuttle bus service from/to city center
- 250 Aegean airlines miles & bonus award miles per overnight

Directions

Porto Palace Hotel is easily accessible from Makedonia Airport (SKG). It is very close to the city center and just minutes away from the central station.

- Airport: 14 km / 20 min
- Central Station: 2 km / 5 min

Corona Protection

The hygiene and safety standards during this conference are based on the official safety precautions of the city of Thessaloniki and the hotel's internal rules.



Accommodation

A room contingency has been reserved in the conference hotel.

Room rates (incl. breakfast and tax):

Single: € 100 Double: € 110

Room reservations have to be made directly with the hotel.

The booking link is:

<https://portopalace.reserve-online.net/?bkcode=ERA&offer=ERA>

The room contingency is available until 13 September 2021.

Registration Fees

For ERA members: € 549 per person

For non-members: € 859 per person

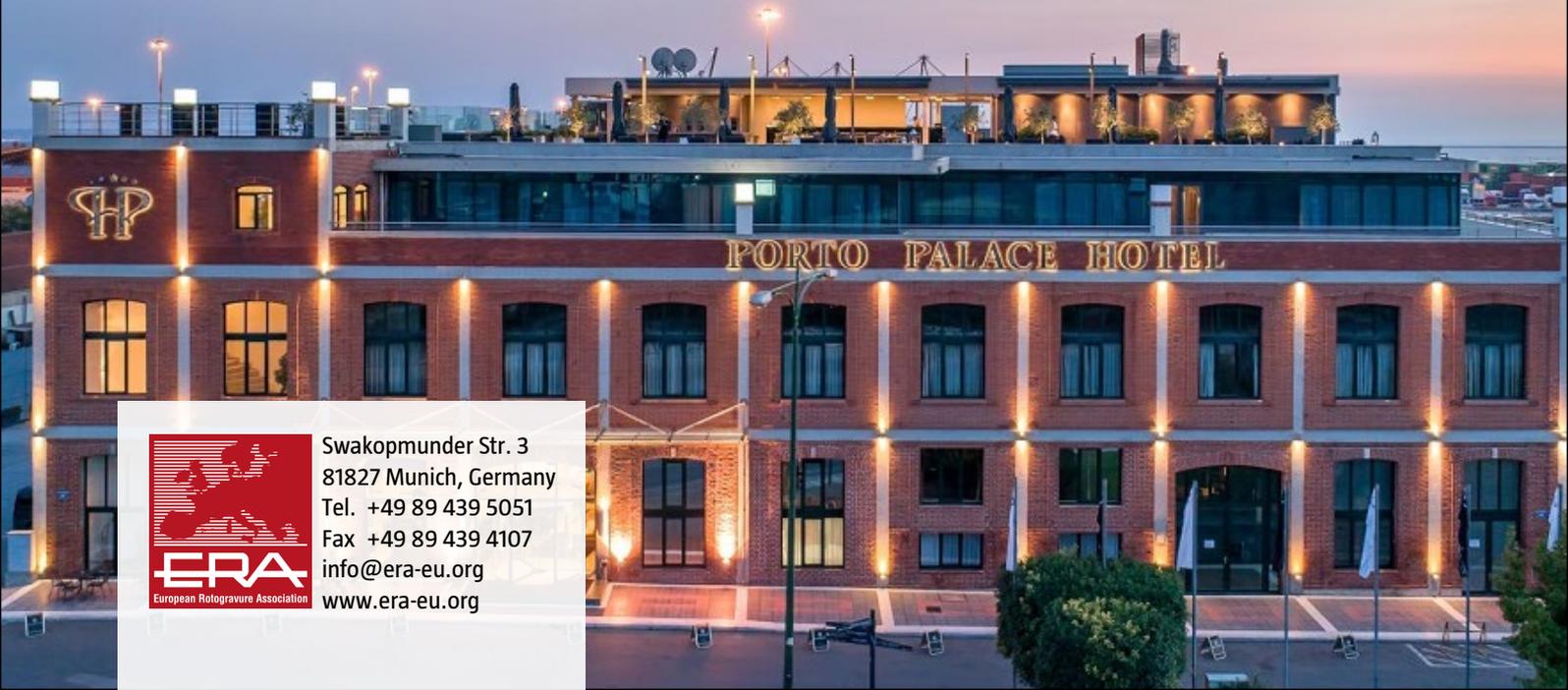
To be paid in advance to ERA to cover the whole conference, including coffee breaks, lunches, dinner, and bus transport to and from the dinner and plant visit.

The booking link is:

<http://era-eu.org/online-registration-annual-conference/>

Cancellation Policy

After **21 August 2021** the registration is not refundable, only transferable to another person. ERA reserves the right to cancel, defer or modify the event proceedings without prior notice.



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