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**ICST Symposium sets dates, calls for papers**

*Academia and industry meet in California to share advances in coating technology.*

FORT MILL, SC – A call for papers for oral and poster sessions at the International Coating Science and Technology (ICST) Symposium has been posted. Organized by the International Society of Coating Science & Technology (ISCST) and facilitated by the Association of International Metallizers, Coaters and Laminators (AIMCAL) the 19th ICST Symposium will be held Sept. 16-19, 2018, at the Hilton Long Beach, Long Beach CA. Submission forms may be found on the ISCST ([www.iscst.com](http://www.iscst.com)) and AIMCAL ([www.aimcal.org](http://www.aimcal.org)) websites.

“ISCST and AIMCAL enjoy a strong and growing partnership,” says Dr. Brian G. Higgins, president of ISCST and professor emeritus, Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of California, Davis in Davis, CA. “We are looking forward to joining forces with AIMCAL once again to present a successful Symposium,” he adds.

The biennial meeting serves as the world’s premier forum for presenting advances in the mechanisms and process technologies for applying wet coated layers. Speakers are drawn from both industry and academia. The meeting is chaired by Juan M. de Santos, technical director, Fundamentals & Applications, Engineering Technology at Avery Dennison, Covina, CA. Dr. Ilyess Hadj Romdhane, lead research specialist at 3M’s Corporate Research Process Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, serves as co-chair.

In addition to discussions of traditional coating and drying processes, the agenda presents emerging applications such as photovoltaics, fuel and battery cells, biomedical applications, and electronic displays. Higgins reports, “The Symposium is a great place to learn about discoveries and new approaches that participants can take home to improve their coating operations, generate business, and foster research and commercialization of new technology.”

The Symposium schedule also includes a daily tabletop exhibition, networking receptions, and presentation of the John A. Tallmadge Award for outstanding contributions to coating technology and the L.E. Scriven Young Investigator Award. Award nominations may be made on the ISCST website ([www.iscst.com](http://www.iscst.com)) by July 2, 2018. Room reservations at the Long Beach Hilton may be made now via the ISCST or AIMCAL websites. The Conference room rate is $172 per night. The final agenda for the Symposium and registration materials will be posted in mid-2018 on the ISCST and AIMCAL websites.

Potential exhibitors of coating equipment, coating services, or coating and drying modeling software and instrumentation should contact Danielle Fletcher, event manager at AIMCAL (+1 803-948-9470, danielle@aimcal.org).

**About ISCST**

The ISCST is a technical society formed by an international group of academic and industrial scientists and engineers to foster fundamental understanding of liquid-applied coating processes. ISCST serves as an interface between scholarly research and industrial practice: Both are welcome but it is the interplay between the two that makes ISCST unique. Approximately two-thirds of current ISCST members are from industry, with the remainder coming from other places such as academia and national laboratories. More information is available online at [www.iscst.com](http://www.iscst.com).

**About AIMCAL**

AIMCAL, the Association of International Metallizers, Coaters and Laminators, represents converters of metallized, coated, and laminated flexible substrates and their suppliers. Founded in 1970, membership stands at nearly 300. A global group, AIMCAL promotes the growth and prosperity of the converting industry and member companies via an array of technical and marketing services. Membership information is available online at [www.aimcal.org](http://www.aimcal.org).