The University of Maine



Cellulose Nanomaterials Researchers Forum

August 23-25, 2023

Wells Conference Center, The University of Maine, Orono, Maine

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

| Tuesday, August 22 Wells Conference Ce | |
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| 4:30 – 6:30 PM | Welcome Reception & Poster Preview |

| Wednesday, Augu Wells Conference Co | |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 AM | Continental Breakfast & Coffee |
| 8:30 – 8:32 AM | Welcome to Nanocellulose Valley, Forum Overview |
| 8:32 – 9:05 AM | Opening Keynote: "From Trees to Tires: Development and Scale-up of the Nanocellulose Dispersion Composite™" Kim Nelson, Ph.D., Ph.D., CTO, GranBio Technologies |
| 9:05 – 9:20 AM | "Sustainable, High-Performance, Cellulose-Based Thermal Insulation" Mark Fokema, VP R&D Aspen Products Group |
| 9:20 – 9:35 AM | "CNF for Fire-fighting Applications" James Anderson, Ph.D., Sr. R&D Program Manager II, Advanced Structures and Composites Center, University of Maine |
| 9:35 – 10:00 AM | "Path forward – Valmet's MFC technology development" Heli Kangas, Valmet |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM | "Production of microfibrillated cellulose using stirred media mills and selected applications" David Skuse, FiberLean Technologies Limited, UK |
| 11:00 – 11:30 PM | "Cellulose Nanomaterial Production at the Forest Products Laboratory" Richard Reiner, USDA Forest Products Laboratory |
| 11:30 – 12:00 PM | "Introduction to Technical Collaborations within the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and University of Maine's Hub and Spoke Program" Greg Simms, University of Maine |

| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch |
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| 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Student Rapid Fire Poster Presentations Student poster presenters will give short summaries of their posters |
| 2:00 – 2:30 PM | "PrinTimber" Soledad Peresin, Auburn University |
| 2:30 – 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:00 –3:30 PM | "Waterborne modifications to cellulose nanofibrils for biomaterials, coatings, and composites" Will Gramlich, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Maine |
| 3:30 – 4:00 PM | "P3Nano: Removing Barriers to Cellulose Nanomaterials Utilization" Robert Moon, Ph.D., Forest Products Laboratory, USDA Forest Service |
| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | Pilot-Scale Preparation of a Surface Modified Cellulose Nanofibrils (CNF) Composite Feedstock Meghan Lamm, Ph.D., R&D Associate Staff Member, Sustainable Manufacturing Technologies Group – Manufacturing Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory |
| 4:30 – 6:30 PM | Students Poster Competition Wells Conference Center |

| Thursday, August 2 | |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 AM | Continental Breakfast, Coffee |
| 8:30 – 9:15 AM | Opening Keynote: "Safety and Regulatory Aspects of Cellulose Nanomaterials: Challenges and Needs" Jo Anne Shatkin, Ph.D., President, Vireo Advisors |
| 9:15 – 9:45 AM | "Plants sustain plants: Multiple applications of nanocellulose in agriculture" YongJiang Zhang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Plant Physiology, School of Biology and Ecology, University of Maine |
| 9:45 – 10: 15 AM | "What is happening at UMaine's Laboratory of Renewable Nanomaterials" Mehdi Tajvidi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Renewable Nanomaterials, School of Forest Resources, University of Maine |
| 10:15 – 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM | "TBA" Jeff Youngblood, Ph.D., Professor, School of Materials Engineering, Purdue University |
| 11:00 – 11:30 AM | "Cellulose Nanocrystals (CNCs) as additives in polymeric membranes for water vapor and air separation" Ling Li, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sustainable Bioenergy Systems, School of Forest Resources, University of Maine |

| 11:30 – 12:00 PM | "Hybrid Natural Fiber/CNF Thermoplastic Composites" Katie Copenhaver, Ph.D., R&D Associate Staff, Manufacturing Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory |
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| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Tour of PDC |
| 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Tour of ASCC |