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World's leading trade fair for metal packaging:

METPACK welcomes the global metal packaging industry from May 2nd to May 6th, 2023 at Messe Essen

Big industry reunion after a six-year break

"We are looking forward to 313 exhibitors from 26 nations and a top-class trade audience from all over the world. METPACK 2023 will give the global metal packaging industry valuable impetus to shape the future sustainably," says project manager Christina Kleinpaß, looking ahead to the trend-setting industry event, which was last held in 2017 due to the rotation and pandemic. From Tuesday, May 2nd, to Saturday, May 6th, trade visitors will experience new technologies and advanced processes for the production, coating, lacquering, printing and recycling of cans, tubes, closures and technical packaging made of metal. The METPACK Conference and the presentation of the METPACK Innovation Award on the second day of the trade show are among the highlights of the world's leading trade fair for metal packaging.

Sustainability plays an overriding role at METPACK 2023: decarbonization, energy and resource efficiency, a circular economy, digitalization or the Internet-of-Things are just a few of the topics currently being addressed by the metal packaging industry. METPACK presents numerous solutions for the current challenges and provides a comprehensive market overview. In Halls 1, 2 and 3 of Messe Essen, international exhibitors will present their innovative products and services. Manufacturers will show their machines in action or invite visitors to the stand to get to know them personally and to network.

Trends, innovations and developments

The METPACK Conference on the second day of the trade show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Congress Center West offers further opportunities for professional exchange. A total of twelve experts will provide information on the latest developments in canmaking in nine presentations. In the keynote address, Dr. Daniel Abramowicz, CTO Crown Holdings, will trace the technical developments of the last 25 years. The rest of the technical conference will focus on innovative processes in steel production, surface treatment and lacquering, as well as a new bodymaker



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design and a smart factory for easy-open ends. Participating companies are Koenig & Bauer MetalPrint GmbH, Henkel, Stolle Machinery Company, Enpack Europe, Chrotex, Nippon Steel Corporation, Suzhou SLAC Precision Equipment Co, OKL Engineering, Plasmatrete, Actega Brasil and Brasilata Labs.

The best technical developments and innovations at METPACK are then honored with the METPACK Innovation Award. In the run-up to the trade fair, 19 exhibitors with a total of 31 innovations had applied for the popular industry award in the bronze, silver and gold categories. At 2 p.m. in the Congress Center West, the three companies that impressed the seven-member jury most with their innovativeness and inventiveness will be announced.

Exhibitors present "old treasures" in Hall 1

In addition to their current products and trade fair innovations, some exhibitors will take METPACK visitors on a journey into the past. In the trade press lounge in Hall 1, Container Machinery Heilbronn, Lanico-Maschinenbau Otto Niemsch, Mundolatas, Remy International and the Wallram Group will be presenting historical exhibits from their history. These include, for example, steel beverage cans with old Church Key openings as well as several capping machines and a hand polishing block from the first half of the last century. Visitors can also see a can that was riveted instead of welded.

Shuttle services to interpack and Düsseldorf Airport

METPACK will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from May 2nd to 5th; from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 6th. From May 4th to 6th, the running times of METPACK and interpack in Düsseldorf will overlap. A free shuttle bus will connect the two trade shows, allowing visitors to take advantage of valuable synergies.

In addition, the Airport Express bus will give trade fair visitors the opportunity to reach Messe Essen from Düsseldorf Airport in 20 minutes. The shuttle runs every 30 minutes (7.45 a.m. to 6.45 p.m.) on every day of the fair between the arrivals level, exit A/B, stop 2, and the fair piazza. From there, both the South Entrance and the West Entrance are just a few meters away.

Tickets, program and stand promotions at: www.metpack.de