

Innovation Day

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Biographies

Session 1

**Ercan Polat, Key Account Manager, xtracan GmbH**

Ercan began working for xtracan in November 2020 as their Key Account Manager having worked in the industry prior to this as a chemistry skilled worker, product manager and sales engineer.

**Darren Hawkings, Sales Manager (Metal Packaging EMEA/APAC), Torus Group**

Darren is an experienced sales manager with 15 + year's history in the metal packaging industry. He possesses strong technical product knowledge with a passion for continuous development of close working relationships with Torus Group's customers.

**Dr Michael McCulloch, Scientist, Alloway UK Ltd**

Michael completed a Physics PhD in 2005 at the University of Strathclyde. Since then, he has worked on developing innovative solutions to customer problems. At Alloway he has seen a number of products through from initial concept to production. These products include the Alloway Leak detector for filled aerosol production lines as well as vision systems for product inspection.

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Session 2



Michal Kubik, Business Development Director, JagoPro

Michal has almost 30 years' experience within the aerosol industry and has had many different roles and responsibilities within JagoPro, the latest being the Business Development Director for the last four years.



Carl Clayton, Innovation Consultant, IDYL Consulting

A passionate creator and innovator with over 30 years of front-end R&D experience across a broad portfolio of industries including FMCG, health, hygiene, lubricants and chemistry with Morgan Crucible, Castrol and Reckitt. Carl has a consistent track record of success in creating strategies, leading teams and driving innovation in blue chip multinational organisations.

Carl's specialities include: technology scouting, market analysis, innovation, disruptive technology, expert identification, workshop facilitation, problem identification, problem solving, M&A target and technology identification.



Brad Barron, Chief Innovation Officer, Alternative Packaging Solutions (APS)

Brad brings 25 years of technical experience with Procter & Gamble across the US, Europe, and China. With expertise in all areas of packaging, he has championed breakthrough delivery systems, supply chains, device innovation and business-building consumer insights.

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Session 3



Kurt Wolschleger, VP Sales Consumer Cleaning & Food, Plastipak

Kurt has over 25 years in the packaging business in various sales and marketing roles with Plastipak Packaging. Commercial oversight of consumer cleaning, food, and industrial categories for North America; co-manufacturing operations in China; and plastic aerosols globally.

Dr Henry Brew, CEO and founder, Here2Grow Cosmetics & Homecare Labs

Dr Henry Brew, the CEO and founder of Here2Grow Cosmetics & Homecare Labs has established a state-of-the-art product development and testing lab facility in Selby, UK, after over 25 years in R&D, working in the UK, US, Ghana, Germany, France, and Belgium.



As an FMCG product development scientist and formulator, he is recognised as an award-winning beauty and FMCG product development scientist and formulator; he has developed innovative personal care technologies for organisations such as Unilever, Johnson & Johnson, Clorox and advance Genomatica. Further accomplishments include the creation of effective hair care products for leading trichologists in the UK. As a product development expert, he is often invited to work with international partners.

Currently, Henry serves as a business advisory board member, to the Kwame N'Krumah University of Science & Technology, Ghana, working alongside the sanitation minister.



Joerg Peter Staehle, CEO, Staehle Aerosols

Joerg Peter Staehle, CEO was born in 1958 and is married with three children. Joerg graduated in Business Administration from the University of Stuttgart and joined Staehle in 1988. He has held various international sales and sales leadership roles within Columbus cleaning machines and took over the Sales Director role for Staehle Metal Packaging in 1999. Joerg was appointed as CEO of Staehle Aerosols in 2004.



Torsten Erwied, Sales Director, Staehle Aerosols

Torsten Erwied, the Sales Director of Staehle Aerosols was born in 1974 and is married with one son. He graduated a dual study programme in Business Administration at University of Ludwigshafen and BASF and has held various sales and sales leadership positions in the packaging and printing industry both for consumables as well as capital equipment. Torsten joined Staehle in 2023.

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Session 4



Urszula Rosinska, Sales Director, Zigler

Urszula Rosinska is the daughter of the founder of Zigler Poland, a leading manufacturer of aerosol spray filling machines. With roots deep in industry, Urszula strives to cultivate the policies of innovation and quality that have been passed down to her from her family. With a passion for technology and entrepreneurship, Urszula joined Zigler Poland in 2013. Urszula is deeply committed to maintaining the company's reputation as a reliable partner, ensuring customer satisfaction and offering cutting-edge solutions.



Andreas Sahlström, Marketing and Finance Manager, Purple Holding

Andreas Sahlström has been a part of Purple Holding since its inception and has been involved in various capacities and tasks within the company. His primary focus has been industry research and company development. Andreas was also instrumental in the team's success in winning the German Packaging Award, and he has been a keynote speaker at The Aerosol and Dispensing Forum in Paris, presenting on an early version of the plug-in can. Andreas also handles marketing and financial responsibilities, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in Accounting.



Martti Lemendik, CEO & co-owner, Metaprint Group of companies

Martti Lemendik is the CEO and co-owner of AS Metaprint, one of the largest technical aerosol packaging companies in Europe. Martti has also established a factory operating under the name Metaprint in the Netherlands. He belongs to the board of MP Majad OÜ and is the Chairman of the Board of the companies Stark Logistics and Cityparks Latviija. In 2015, he was recognized with the title of Young Manager of the Year. Martti is the President of the Association of Estonian Printing and Packaging Industry. He is the President of the oldest club of company managers in Estonia named Tallinna Direktorite Klubi and he is a Member of the Council of the Estonian Employers' Confederation.



Lutz Thannhäuser, Thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH

Lutz Thannhäuser is Head of Technical Customer Support at the German tinplate manufacturer thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH. His role is to provide and coordinate a wide range of technical services for customers. He is the point of contact for technical and quality issues for customers in the UK, Italy, Poland and Australia. Lutz offers comprehensive on-site customer service, technical support in the development of customized solutions and training courses using the tinplate academy, which he developed to a large extent. An essential part of his daily customer contact is of course bluemint® Steel, the CO₂-reduced steel from thyssenkrupp. He is married and lives near the Andernach plant with his wife and two children.