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API CONGRESS BECOMES VIRTUAL

After the success of the previous editions held in Naples in 2015 and in Milan in 2017 and after the stop due to the covid 19 pandemic which did not make the organization of the 3rd API Congress possible in 2020 as scheduled, we decided to organize it in 2021 in **VIRTUAL MODE.** After 4 years from the last edition, we believe that a debate among the experts in the field can no longer be postponed as it is necessary to share the latest updates and cutting-edge ideas related to the flexible packaging sector. Academic and industry experts will cover wide range of topics relevant to innovations and future challenges.

We are therefore pleased to announce that the congress will take place in a virtual but very interactive way on 11 and 12 November 2021.

The two days Congress will be run on two main sessions related to Product and Process and oral and poster presentations sessions.

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ABOUT GIFLEX

GIFLEX is the Association that brings together manufacturers of flexible packaging printed in gravure and flexography, for packaging of food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and other industrial applications. The Group is integrated into the Confindustria system, through the Associazione Nazionale delle Industrie Grafiche, Cartotecniche e Trasformatrici (National Association of Printing and Paper Processing Industries) and, in Europe, is a member of FPE (Flexible Packaging Europe). Ever since its establishment in 1985, the Group has provided a reference and support to its members, bringing a wide range of services, such as:

- Information on the technical, regulatory and marketing aspects related to flexible packaging
- The creation of technical, economic and statistical documents and studies
- The training of technical and sales staff
- Organizing events of a general nature, such as conferences and congresses, and workshops on specific topics.

Furthermore, through the activity of specialized working groups and coordinated by consultants, experts in the field, Giflex carries out a constant and continuous monitoring and updating of the legal aspects and the environmental issues affecting the production and the application fields of flexible packaging, providing insights and timely assistance to the entire membership base.

The 3rd API Congress shares the values and commitments of the Ethical Packaging Charter Foundation.



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CALL FOR PAPERS

Researchers and experts from academia, industry and research institutions, are invited to submit an extended paper (2pages A4 size) at the congress website: **www.apicongress.it** by July 20, 2021

All submitted papers will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and a notification will be sent to Authors by **September 15, 2021.**

Authors can indicate a preference for one topic and for the type of presentation (oral or poster). However, the final decision will be made by the Scientific Committee upon final acceptance of the paper.

All extended papers will be collected in a proceedings volume which will be made available to all attendees.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to include the paper in the scientific program and in the proceedings volume, at least one Author should be regularly registered in the Congress by September 30, 2021

TOPICS

The topics will include, among others:

- O ADVANCES IN PACKAGING MATERIALS AND DESIGN
- ACTIVE AND PASSIVE BARRIER SOLUTIONS AND NEW FUNCTIONALITIES
- FOOD PACKAGING SAFETY: EMERGING RISKS AND REGULATORY ISSUES
- O ECO DESIGN, CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- LAMINATION, PRINTING AND CONVERTING PROCESSES
- HAZARD AND SAFETY ISSUES IN PACKAGING PRODUCTION INDUSTRY
- FUNCTIONAL COATING AND SURFACE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES
- NANOTECHNOLOGIES IN PACKAGING
- PACKAGING AT THE TIME OF COVID
- INNOVATION IN PACKAGING SUPPORTING EU GREEN DEAL

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress will be English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

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SPONSORS OPPORTUNITIES

The 3rd API Virtual Congress 2021 will provide new opportunities to engage with an expanded digital audience to discuss the recent updates in the field.

The online platform will be very interactive and participating Companies will be able to establish new connections and improve their Company's outreach by being part of the 3rd API Congress 2021

Please visit the Congress website to find out more: www.apicongress.it

REGISTRATION FEES (VAT 22% included)

Registration deadline for Attendees: **November 9, 2021**Registration deadline for oral and poster presenters: **September 30, 2021**

Giflex Members/ CNR Members/ University Professors	€ 100,00
Non Members Giflex	€ 150,00
Students *	€ 50,00

^{*}PhD Students, Trainees, Research fellows, whoever has a not permanent position at a University/Institution. A certification stating one of the above mentioned status should be sent together with the registration form.

API 2021 Registration fee includes:

- Virtual badge
- Access to all scientific sessions, debates and interactive poster sessions
- Access to the exhibition area and to all virtual booths
- Chat and video meeting with all attendees
- Attendance certificate

In addition, each Poster Presenter will have the opportunity to present and discuss live his/her poster within dedicated poster sessions and personal virtual room, scheduled within the scientific program.

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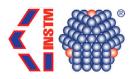












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