



Press Release

KMO 2009 – Plastics Convention and Host Country at KMO for the First Time

Partnership with the organiser of Plastiale Vienna (www.plastialevienna.com) and an exhibition space to promote Austria as a host country will give new impetus to KMO 2009, to be held from 1 - 4 April 2009.

Bad Salzuflen, 5th of November 2008 - KMO, at the heart of a big plastics processing region, is joining forces with SEBOCOM GmbH, Munich to organise for the first time a two-day convention entitled "Plastiale Vienna" to accompany the 2009 event.

On the subject of "Plastic and Climate", the convention will concentrate on the topic of bioplastics and injection moulding techniques from the point of view of sustainable added value and energy efficiency. The Bioplastics event will be chaired by Dr. Michael Thielen, publisher of the journal *bioplastics*, and Susanne Zinckgraf, editor in chief of *Plastverarbeiter*, who will be dealing with the subject of injection moulding on the second day of the convention. Speakers from the fields of research, development and application will discuss different aspects of the topic. The event will be held under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Research and Development, Vienna, and is intended to symbolise cross-border cooperation in the plastics processing industry.

Speakers will include Ass. Prof. Dr. Jona Fritz, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Dr. Roland Klein, German Plastics Institute, Darmstadt Technical University along with the Wittmann-Battenfeld Group and Gabriel Chemie, Gumpoldskirchen with Leopold Katzmayer (Consulting). Austria's Kunststoff Cluster will also use this event to present itself. Energy-efficient injection moulding techniques will be demonstrated by processors Sumitomo-Demag and Krauss-Maffei.

Messe Ostwestfalen looks forward very much to welcoming the exhibitors and visitors to this "first" at a KMO.

Companies will also feature their products and services on a common floor space provided specially to showcase Austria as a host country. Cross-border institutions, companies and associations that work together will thus present themselves together in this area.

Interested companies should register early. For further information about registration, visit the website (www.plastialevienna.com).

KMO has always portrayed ideas and solutions in practical terms, and 2009 will be no exception, with the usual busy working atmosphere under the motto of 'In Touch with Plastics'.

Caption: Impressions of KMO 2008

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