

INDEX 26 SEMINARS - SCHEDULE

The seminars are a series of discussions and presentations, during which speakers tackle current challenges affecting the nonwovens value chain, and propose innovative solutions.

While advance registration is not required, we recommend that you arrive early in order to secure a place, as space is limited.

X TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026

14:00 - 15:00

MARKET TRENDS IN NONWOVENS – INSIGHTS SHAPING THE FUTURE

Exclusive presentation unveiling the latest market dynamics, innovations, and growth drivers transforming our industry. As consumer expectations evolve and sustainability is a business imperative, understanding where the market is heading has never been more essential.

Drawing on EDANA's comprehensive data and industry intelligence, this presentation will provide a clear, data-driven overview of market trends, covering key applications from hygiene and wipes to filtration, construction, and mobility. Whether you're seeking to benchmark your strategy or identify new opportunities, this is your chance to gain actionable insights into the forces shaping demand and innovation across the nonwovens value chain.

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GLOBAL GATEWAYS: HOW TO TAP INTO PUBLIC FUNDING ACROSS REGIONS

As global competition intensifies, strategic access to public funding can make the difference between innovation and stagnation. This presentation brings together experts from key regions (including the EU, the US, and an Asian country) to explore how nonwovens companies can benefit from current funding schemes and incentive programs. Attendees will gain insights into how these mechanisms can support R&D, sustainability transitions, and market growth, and how to align business strategy to make the most of them.

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SUSTAINABILITY IN NONWOVENS: KEY DEVELOPMENTS & PERSPECTIVES

As sustainability becomes a critical driver for innovation, the industry faces mounting pressure to address environmental concerns, including resource efficiency, carbon footprint reduction, and end-of-life solutions. Meanwhile, regional differences in policy, consumer behaviour, and market demands present both hurdles and opportunities.

This presentation will explore the global challenges and regional trends shaping sustainability in the nonwovens industry providing insights into how the nonwovens sector can navigate these challenges while meeting the diverse expectations of global and local markets.

15:00 – 16:00

DRIVING QUALITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN NONWOVEN SUPPLY CHAINS: WHAT'S NEW IN THE QUALITY & AUDIT PROGRAM

Discover how QAP, the Quality and Audit Program for the AHP industry, has evolved to better support the nonwovens sector and strengthen supplier-buyer collaboration. We will unveil the newly enhanced QAP audit report, setting a new benchmark for clarity, consistency, and comparability.

Learn how the program continues to streamline assessments, reduce audit duplication, and drive continuous improvement across the AHP supply chain.

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11.00 – 12.00

RE-ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE: HOW GEOSYNTHETICS ARE REVITALISING MODERN CONSTRUCTION

Geosynthetics have transformed infrastructure over the past 40 years – especially in China, where they've supported the rapid expansion of roads, railways, airports and harbours. In both Europe and the US, the traditional reliance on mineral materials when building infrastructure presents a unique opportunity: we can now showcase how geosynthetics enhance durability, reduce costs, and improve sustainability. In this presentation we will focus on the current state of play and present innovative applications that support society and revitalize the Geosynthetics industry across our regions.

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LIGHTWEIGHT, QUIET, SUSTAINABLE: NONWOVENS AT THE HEART OF NEXT-GENERATION MOBILITY

Sustainability and autonomous driving are reshaping the mobility sector, and nonwovens are playing a key role in this transformation. In this seminar, we will explore the many ways nonwoven materials are enabling innovation— lightweight designs, enhancing noise reduction, improving air filtration, and creating more comfortable interiors. We will look at how these versatile materials contribute to the development of autonomous vehicles and meet the growing demand for sustainable transportation solutions.

All presentations and moderated sessions will be held in English.

This programme may be subject to last-minute changes and cancellations. All timings are approximate and may be subject to change due to unforeseen delays or adjustments.

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X NONWOVENS AT WORK: INNOVATION IN FILTRATION



Martin Klein - SVP Engineering Filtration Materials - MANN+HUMMEL

- Nonwoven media are at the heart of modern filtration, enabling cleaner air, fluids, and environments across automotive, industrial, and life science applications
- Explore how advanced fiber engineering, digital media designs and innovations in nonwoven structures are pushing the limits of efficiency, capacity and sustainability
- Connecting material science to application needs, outlining pathways for next-generation filtration solutions and competitive differentiation

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NONWOVEN GEOTEXTILES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE



Samuel Allen, President - TRI Environmental, Inc.

- Who is the International Geosynthetics Society? This exciting organization has taken on increased relevance and attention due to the increased need for sustainable and resilient infrastructure
- What are the economic and carbon footprint implications of using nonwoven geotextiles? These materials are used in a variety of civil and geoenvironmental applications.
- What barriers are there to increased use of nonwoven geotextiles?
- What is needed to adopt more widespread awareness and use of nonwoven geotextiles?

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