



# Annual Meeting 2018

**Industry 4.0** and how it can transform the European  
plastics and composite industry

**30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Athlone (Ireland)

Hodson Bay Hotel

Co-organised by ECP4, The European Composites, Plastics and Polymer  
Processing Platform and Athlone Institute of Technology's Materials Research  
Institute

With the support of the Enterprise Ireland Funded 'Applied Polymer  
Technologies' Gateway Centre and the Science Foundation Ireland, 'Confirm  
Centre for Smart Manufacturing'



## Wednesday 30th May

**VENUE:** Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone Road, Barry More, Athlone, Co. Roscommon, N37 XR82, Ireland.

**SHUTTLE BUS:** Hodson Bay Hotel - Industrial visits – Sean Bar (Ireland's oldest bar est 900 AD) - Hodson Bay Hotel

08:30 – 09:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 – 09:20 Welcome and Opening

- Dr. Declan Devine, Director of Materials Research Institute
- Dr. Clement de Meersman, ECP4 President

09:20 – 09:45 Mark McAuley, Plastics Ireland

09:45 – 10:10 Prof Conor McCarthy, Director Confirm Centre for Smart Manufacturing

10:10 – 10:35 Niall Murray, Software research Institute, AIT

10:35 – 10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 – 11:20 Mike Wilson, ABB robotics (<http://new.abb.com/products/robotics>)

11:20 – 11:50 David Keily, TSM Controls (<http://www.tsm-controls.com/>)

11:50 – 12:30 Fanuc UK (<http://www.fanuc.eu/uk/en>) (tbc)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 18:00 Industry Visits and demonstrations of technology advances

- Trend Technologies (14:15-15:00) <https://www.trendtechnologies.ie/>
- Robotics and Drives (15:00- 16:00) <http://www.roboticsanddrives.ie/>

Mullingar to Sean's Bar Athlone 17:00 –18:00

18:00 – 18:30 Boat trip along Shannon to Hodson Bay.

20:00 Dinner (only for ECP4 members and speakers) followed by traditional Irish music



## Thursday 31st May

**VENUE:** *Athlone Institute of Technology, Dublin Road, Athlone, Co Westmeath, Ireland.*

**SHUTTLE BUS:** Hodson Bay Hotel - Athlone Institute of Technology - Hodson Bay Hotel

08:30 – 09:00 Shuttle bus from hotel to Athlone Institute of Technology

09:00 – 10:00 ECP4 Board meeting (Board members only)

10:00 – 11:00 ECP4 General Assembly

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Project Building Session

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 Tour of Materials Research Institute and Applied Polymer Technologies facilities

16:00 End of the meeting