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# **2020 Event Highlights**





**13 COUNTRIES** 

**65 INDUSTRY SPEAKERS** 





TOUR OF GE'S M&D CENTER



DIGITAL SHOWCASE — BUILDING BLOCKS OF A CONNECTED PLANT



96.3%

92.9%

96.2%

of respondents said the networking events met or exceeded their expectations.

of Connected Plant Conference attendees are end users - electricity providers or CPI owner/operators.

of post-event survey respondents

said the quality of the program met or exceeded their expectations.

of respondents said the speakers'

of respondents said the event was

a good investment of their time

knowledge of topics was very

good or excellent.

and money.



Host Utility Partner: Southern Company Host CPI Partner: Georgia Pacific

## **2020 Advisory Committee**

Thank you to the 2020 Advisory Board for their knowledge, expertise and time dedicated to the power generation and chemical process industries.

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Sydni Credle, Ph.D. Project Manager and General Engineer Enabling Technologies & Partnerships U.S. Dept. of Energy/National Energy Technology Lab

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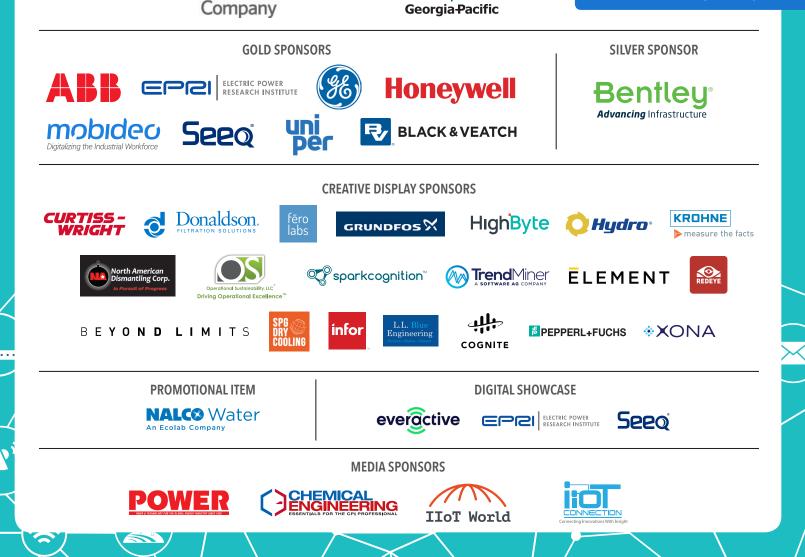
Anne-Marie Walters Industry Marketing Director, Process & Resources Bentley Systems Incorporated

Chris Welch Enterprise Improvement Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

**Andrew Wise** Senior Analyst Delek US Holdings, Inc.

"If they're looking to leverage digital transformation to affect their goals, initiatives, challenges, then they should absolutely be here and be aware of what's going on."

- Frank Naugle, Honeywell



# **CONFERENCE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

Attendees left with actionable information and strategies to maximize the use of data, analytics, and related technology to drive efficiency improvements, preventative and predictive maintenance programs, and staff safety. This year's conference delivered a unique experience where attendees learned from the brightest minds, tackling this complicated and highly technical world.

# **GENERAL SESSIONS**

#### Implementation Case Studies: How Digital Technologies Are Affecting Safety

Moderator: Craig Nicholson, Consultant, IEM Energy Consultants

Southeastern Utility Speeds Up Grid Modernization Efforts with Drone Data

Tyler Collins, VP of Energy, PrecisionHawk

What We Learned So Far From Implementing a Connected Worker Initiative on One of the Biggest Construction Projects in the World C. Shannon Posey, VP, Technical Services, SmartConnect powered by Certified Safety

#### Maintenance Digitalization: A Connected Workforce Optimizing Workforce Performance during Shutdown, Turnaround, and Outage Execution

**Paul Muir**, *President and Chief Revenue Officer*, Mobideo **Louis LaBella**, *Executive Vice President and President of Refining*, Delek, Delek US

#### Digital Showcase — Building Blocks of a Connected Plant

Moderated by: Lucian Fogoros, Co-Founder & Managing Director, IloT World

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- Plant Data Historian and Advanced Pattern
  Recognition Software Sponsored By:
- Optimization/Analytics Sponsored By: See

#### **Opening Remarks & Keynote Presentation** Welcome

Georgia PSC Tim G. Echols, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission

Editors' Welcome

Scott Jenkins, Senior Editor, Chemical Engineering magazine

Sonal Patel, Senior Associate Editor, POWER magazine

#### Welcome From Hosts

**Dr. Mark Berry,** Vice President of Environmental & Natural Resources and Research & Development for SCS, Southern Company

**Benjamin Blanchette,** Sr. Director - Digital Innovation & Transformation, Georgia-Pacific

#### Artificial Intelligence - From Hype to Potential

Chris Benson, Principal Artificial Intelligence Strategist, Lockheed Martin



#### Cyber and Physical Risk Mitigation Strategies for Operational Technology

**Moderator: Kenneth Ferguson**, Vice President, Nuclear Technology, Global Nuclear Associates

Panelists: James Goosby, I&C Support General Manager, Southern Company David Foose, Security Program Manager, Emerson Power & Water Solutions Shahrul A. Rashid, Custodian, Instrument and Control, Petronas

"The people that are attending are aspirational. They looking for that next thing. The reason they are here is to change."

- Chris Benson, Principal Artificial Intelligence Strategist, Lockheed Martin

#### **Operational Technology Network Strategies**

**Chair/Moderator: Lauhael S. Godinho**, *Director, Digital IT: Logistics, Controls, PCN & Operational Systems*, Phillips 66

Panelists: Juan Panama, Global Business Development Manager, Emerson

**Benjamin Blanchette,** *Sr. Director - Digital Innovation & Transformation,* Georgia-Pacific

**Bradley G. Houk,** *PE, Senior Engineering Advisor, ExxonMobil Open Process Automation Project Manager,* ExxonMobil Corporation

# **GENERAL SESSIONS**

#### Time is Money — Digitizing the Outage

**Chair: Jason Pring**, *Executive*, *Digital Industrial Solution Provider*, GE Power **Co-Chairs: Matthew Peters**, *Manufacturing Engineer*, 3M

James Del Rossi, Mobile Hardware Architect, Dow Water & Process Solutions

#### The Advantages of Wireless Condition Monitoring Over Route-Based Monitoring for Developing a Successful Predictive Maintenance Strategy

**Ares Panagoulias,** Sales & Engineering Manager- Wireless Condition Monitoring, Test Lab Manager, Hydro Inc.

#### Using Technology to Enhance Plant Electrical Safety and Maintenance Operations: A Reliability Topic

Bhanu Srilla, Director of Product Marketing, Grace Engineered Products Inc.

**Digitalizing Substation Upgrades – Saving Time and Money Anne-Anne-Marie Walters,** *Industry Marketing Director, process & Resources,* Bentley Systems Inc.



"We are all trying to solve some of the same problems. There's no better way to learn than from your peers."

- Ben Blanchette, Georgia-Pacific, LLCHoneywell

#### Improving Operation Conditions Through Technology

**Chair/Moderator: Jon Towslee**, *Advanced Services Leader, Americas Industrial Automation*, Energy Industries (IAEN), ABB

# Leveraging Digital Solutions to Increase Operator Effectiveness and Plant Performance

Tom Cross, Account Manager Power and Water Automation, ABB Brian Rupper, Manager El&C - Plant Services, Wheelabrator Technologies

#### Digital Worker and Remote Power Plant Operations for Safer and Cost Effective Plant O&M

Martha Saker, Product Manager Edge and Remote Operations, GE Digital

**Co-Authors: Wrangler Ferreira,** Sergipe Site Manager - Senior Customer Service Management Staff Manager, GE Power Digital

**Chetan Chauhan,** *General Manager Global Operations & Maintenance,* GE Gas Power Systems

#### Role of Process Controls and Automation in Plant Digitization

**Steven Seachman**, *Principal Technical Leader*, Electric Power Research Institute

# 3 Essential Elements to Realizing Value: The Business of Digitization with Competitive Power Ventures

**Joe Michienzi**, *Vice President, Asset Management,* Competitive Power Ventures, Inc. [CPV]

**Co-Authors: Rachel Farr,** *Principal Digital Product Manager,* GE Power Digital **Dave Magill,** *Senior Vice President,* Asset Management, Competitive Power Ventures, Inc. [CPV]



# **GENERAL SESSIONS**

#### Leveraging Equipment Hierarchy Across Platforms

Moderator: Mike Greene, Operational Technology Lead, Nova Scotia Power

#### Large Scale Deployment TVA Case Study

David Tiffany, Engineer, Tennessee Valley Authority

**Co-Authors: John Cox,** *Principal Analytics Engineer,* Seeq Corporation **Ben Bassford,** Senior Manager Performance Monitoring and Diagnostics, Tennessee Valley Authority

# End-to-end Digital Engagement/ From Value Estimation to Adoption to Value Realization

Jacqueline Grunwald, ClO, AdvanSix Inc.

Co-Authors: Stephen Keefe, Strategic Account Manager, GE Digital Jared Hartness, Sr. Product Marketing Manager, GE Digital

# Chemical Plant Instrumentation IOT and Industry 4.0 — the last 12 months and the future

Michael Magerstädt, Manager, Global Industry Division Chemical, KROHNE AG



#### Breaking Out of the Research Lab — Al Technology Has Arrived in Daily Operations

**Co-Chair: Dr. Yves Gorat Stommel**, *Head of Cognitive Solutions*, Evonik Corporation

Leveraging Explainable Machine Learning to Drive Plant Optimization Dr. Berk Birand, CEO, Fero Labs

# Why Breakthroughs in Scaled Asset-Centric Modeling Are Critical for the Connected Plant

Javier Martinez Sanchez, *O&M Supervision Director*, Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.) Co-Author: Slavek Zaremba, Chief Technology Officer of Predictive Maintenance, SparkCognition

The Importance of Good Data Science in Effective Asset Performance Monitoring

Ben Berwick, Strategic Marketing Specialist, Honeywell Connected Plant

"The content has been great. It really shows where the energy sector is heading."

- Carlos Sua, Senior Developer, NextEra Energy, 2020 Game Changer Award Winner

# Digital Horizon: Emerging Technologies That You Need to Track

**Chair/Moderator: Sydni Credle, Ph.D.,** *Project Manager and General Engineer Enabling Technologies & Partnerships,* U.S. Dept. of Energy/National Energy Technology Lab

**Co-Chair: Chris Welch,** *Enterprise Improvement,* Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

#### The Growth of Blockchain

Hannah Davis, Blockchain Project Lead, Electric Power Research Institute

Increase Efficiency in Power Generation with Artificial Intelligence That Encodes Human Knowledge, Expertise, and Experience Kim Gilbert Ph.D., Director of Technical Commercial Engineering, Beyond Limits

**Next Generation Operations using Smart Data Analytics Brian D. Wolf,** *Lead Performance & Optimization Consultant, Black & Veatch* 



# **POWER GENERATION TRACK**

#### **Digital Transformation Models**

Facilitators: Mike Greene, Operational Technology Lead, Nova Scotia Power Michael Reid PhD, General Manager of Technical Programs, Duke Energy

"The 2020 Connected Plant Conference delivered what we expected and more. We traded ideas with a host of attendees, from experts in artificial intelligence, leaders of Digital Transformation at both Power and Chemical companies, to founders of promising startups. Everyone was laser-focused on solving big problems that will provide the highest return on investment through digitalization."

-Karonn Blue, Managing Principal, L.L. Blue Engineering

#### **Digital Solutions in the Power Plant**

Chair/Moderator: Michael Hallgarth, EHS Manager, Flint Hills Resources Hybrid Analytics Solution to Improve Coal Power Plant Operations Scott Affelt, President, XMPLR Energy LLC

**IIoT Digital Twin: Self-Optimizing Combustion System Sandy Boulssa,** Advanced Services Specialist, ABB

Leveraging Digital Technologies to Achieve Global Fleetwide Performance Improvements

**Ramiro Rivera,** Asset Performance Sr. Manager, Global Operations Support, AES Puerto Rico

**Overview of Digital Demonstration Facility (DDF) at Plant Barry Chet Acharya**, *Research and Development (R&D): Birmingham*, Southern Company Services



"A lot of the right people are here, whether it be suppliers or customers." - Frank Naugle, Honeywell





# **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING TRACK**

#### Leveraging Data Analytics for Production Improvement

Facilitators: Dr. Yves Gorat Stommel, Head of Cognitive Solutions, Evonik Corporation

Matthew Peters, Manufacturing Engineer, 3M

"There's some really good technical conversations and there's some really good philosophical conversations - how people drove change, how they manage change, how they got other people to start changing direction of path and purpose."

- Ben Blanchette, Georgia-Pacific, LLC



"It is always valuable to see where industry peers are, and to gain insight on real-world applications of digital tools that are providing value to the end-user. I thought the focus on user stories was great. The networking is another value, because I am able to talk through specifics on how others are strategizing their digital transformation."

- Matt Peters, 3MGeorgia-Pacific, LLC

#### **Using Analytics to Advance Operation**

**Chair/Moderator: Gloriana Teh,** Sr. Manager for Manufacturing Process Optimization, Lonza AG/Ltd

Digitalization in Production—How Data Analytics Increases Operational Performance Sunny Dixit, Data Analytics Engineer, TrendMiner

Achieving Optimal Operating Conditions Through Digitization and Data Analysis

Liwei Huang, Sr. Optimization Engineer, ABB

Open Process Automation - Unlocking Value Generation to the Business

David DeBari, Process Control Engineer, ExxonMobil Corporation

**The Convergence of Predictive and Preventative Maintenance Daniel Parker**, *Sr. Manager, Product Marketing*, GE Power

"The opportunities to learn about the newer technologies and applications as well as make connections are VERY beneficial."

- Matt Buck, Senior Technical Leader, EPRI



# CONNECTEDPLANT >>>> Game Changers

The honored recipients of this award are individuals and teams, who through modern techniques associated with digitalization, have contributed to innovation, solved a problem, or made improvements. A Game Changer is a champion in the power generation and chemical process industries. Congratulations to the following well-deserved winners!

Please visit https://2020.connectedplantconference.com/connected-plant-game-changers-program/ for details on the winning projects.

MANUEL LOMBARDERO, AES

ALBERT ROOYAKKERS, BEDROCK AUTOMATION

**KIM GILBERT, BEYOND LIMITS** 

SEIGA TEAM (SEAMLESS EPCOM INTEGRATED GLOBAL ACCESS), EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

JUAN PANAMA, EMERSON .

JOHN CHOWDHURY, FRISCO GREEN ENERGY

MICHAEL PARRELLA AND MARTIN SHIMKO, GTHERM INC.

#### JARED WITTE, KURARAY AMERICA

TODD SYNOGROUND, ASHLEY WARD, AMY BASCHE AND JEFF FLORA, MISSION SUPPORT ALLIANCE

SAMER ARAFA, JUSTIN WOODARD AND TYLER KRUPA, NATIONAL GRID

CARLOS SUA AND ANNAMALAI LAKSHMANAN, NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC

JAY PANICKER AND PRABHAKAR NELLORE, OPENEGRID

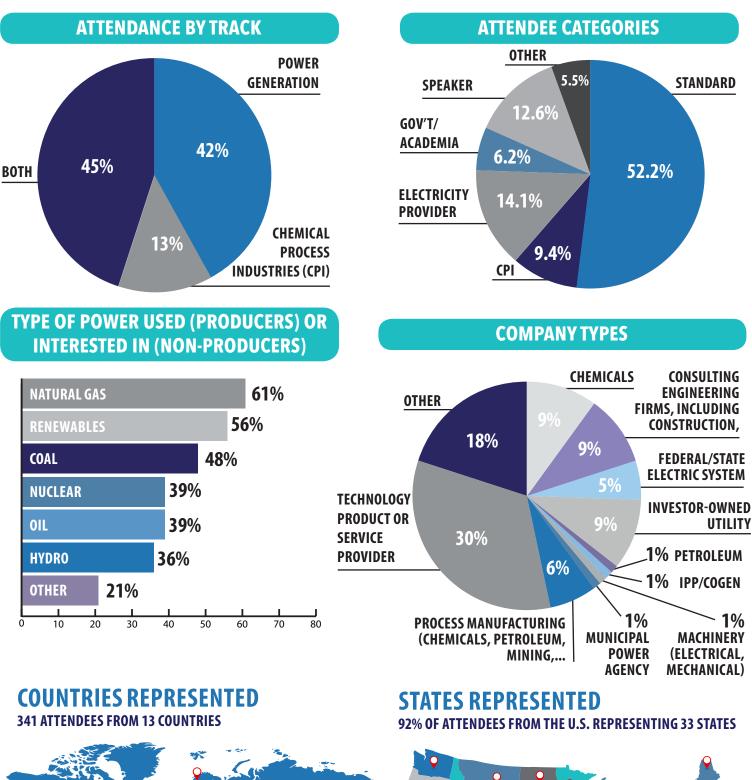
**SMART WIRES TEAM** 

ANDY TANG, WÄRTSILÄ

**BENJAMIN BLANCHETTE, GEORGIA-PACIFIC** 



# **ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS**





### ATTENDEES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES WERE REPRESENTED.



