



## Speaker Profiles

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**Abt, Klaus;** *Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH*  
**Ink-Jet Printing of Gold**

Klaus studied economics with a focus on International Sales and Marketing. He joined Heraeus in 1986 and has more than 25 years of experience in the field of glass and ceramic decoration. Klaus is responsible for sales of Heraeus Precious Metals in the region of Western Europe and America.

**Presentation Overview:**

Klaus will discuss new technology which allows for ink-jet printing of gold.

**Barson, Todd;** *Ferro Corporation*  
**Conference Chair**

Todd has been with Ferro for 38 years and is currently Product Manager: Dinnerware systems, Industrial Specialties, and Laser Marking Products. He manages sales and technical service responsibilities for ceramic frits, glazes, colors, laser marking, and ceramic decorating products. He has served on several industry related boards and is currently an SGCDpro director. Todd is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor's in Ceramic Engineering, and the University of Akron where he earned a Master's degree in Management Quality.

**Bricker, Katie;** *Homer Laughlin China Company*  
**Market Trends in Dinnerware**

Katie is Foodservice and General Marketing Manager for The Homer Laughlin China Company. A 5th generation member of the Wells family, she has been working for Homer Laughlin since graduating from Wittenberg University in 2010. Katie previously worked in customer service, moving to internet sales, and for the retail division before assuming her current position in 2016. Katie holds an MBA with a focus in Marketing from Duquesne University and resides in East Liverpool, Ohio.

**Presentation Overview:**

Katie will discuss current trends in dinnerware and how to meet changing consumer and business needs.

**Brophy, Carol;** *Special Counsel, Environmental & Toxic*  
*Torts, Health & Safety and Chemical Regulation*  
*Sedgwick, LLP, San Francisco, CA*  
**Proposition 65 Update**

Carol handles complex litigation including multi-party and class actions in state and federal court. She specializes in environmental litigation and compliance counseling. Her major areas of practice are: Chemical Regulation, California Proposition 65, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, Federal Hazardous Substance Act, Tosca and California Environmental, Health and Safety Laws. She is admitted to practice in California where she is Registered

Environmental Assessor #0889 and is a member of the Environmental Law Section and the Litigation Section of the San Francisco Bar Association, the State Bar of California Association and the American Bar Association.

**Presentation Overview:**

Carol will review recent changes to Proposition 65 labeling rules which are slated to take effect in August of 2018.

**Ichhaporia, Dr. Pratik;** *Intertek*  
**Understanding Proper Test Protocol**

Dr. Ichhaporia is a frequent speaker and author on quality, safety and environmental issues affecting the textiles, toys, and hardlines industries. In his capacity as the Director of Technical Services, he provides counsel to Intertek customers about compliance with, and changes to, regulations related to consumer product safety, chemical management, and harmful substances--including California Proposition 65, California Green Chemistry Initiative, State Green Chemistry requirements and, Restricted Substances Lists (RSL).

Dr. Ichhaporia holds a Ph.D. in Fiber and Polymer Science from North Carolina State University and a Master's of Science degree in Fiber and Polymer Science from Clemson University.

**Presentation Overview:**

Dr. Ichhaporia will discuss the use of proper test protocol to assure compliance with state and federal mandates.

**Ilkhanipour, Paige;** *Pittsburgh Glass Center*  
**Incorporating Glass into the Regional Ecosystem**

Paige is the marketing director at Pittsburgh Glass Center. Although she has overseen the marketing, PR and advertising efforts of the organization since 2004, she admits that she still can't make a cup that's not wonky which is ironic because her family operated a glass factory in West Virginia.

Her 25 years in marketing and PR includes employment with two PR and marketing firms in Pittsburgh where she worked with a variety of clients from Microsoft to Development Dimensions International. She was also the publicity manager for an international invention and new product exposition.

Paige has volunteered with many nonprofit organizations including Gateway to the Arts, Friends of the Riverfront, Pittsburgh New Works Festival and Three Rivers Rowing Association among others.

She received her bachelor of arts from Bethany College and a master's degree from West Virginia University.

**Presentation Overview:**

Paige will talk about how Pittsburgh Glass Center is fueling a thriving glass art ecosystem of people, facilities and innovative programming that are shaping the region's creative economy.

**Kingsley, Cary;** *Marck & Associates*

**Product Innovation**

Cary Kingsley was born and raised in the Cleveland, Ohio area. He joined the U.S. Navy, serving as a nuclear power trained electrician aboard the submarine USS Shark. After his tour in the Navy, Cary studied electrical engineering at the University of Toledo. As a member of Triangle Engineering Fraternity, Cary met Gary Marck and eventually joined the team at Marck & Associates in March of 2006. Cary serves as Marck's National Sales Manager and Product Development Director. During his 21 years in the industry, he has made 20 trips to China and has visited over 160 different glass and ceramic decorators across the US and Canada.

**Presentation Overview:**

Cary will discuss product developments and market trends for glass and ceramics.

**Nersesian, Bob;** *Sun Chemical*

**Advances in Organic Decorating**

A graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Bob currently serves as a Product Manager for Sun Chemical where he is responsible for the development and marketing of the company's organic inks and coatings for glass and plastic containers.

**Presentation Overview:**

Bob will review advances in organic coatings and inks for glass packaging.

**Olson, Alan;** *Westlake Technology*

**Legislative and Regulatory Update**

Alan is President of Westlake Science and Technology, an Ohio-based firm offering scientific and engineering consulting and advocacy on chemicals, products and processes. He previously served as Corporate Director of Product Stewardship for Ferro Corporation, where his responsibilities included global and legal compliance, customer support, and advocacy for Ferro's products in the marketplace.

Alan has served on several trade association and technical boards, and as Chairman of the State of Ohio Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. In 2010 the National Society of Professional Engineers elected him as an NSPE Fellow, and in 2016 he was elected to the National Academy of Forensic Engineers.

Mr. Olson's educational background includes chemical engineering, environmental chemistry, polymer science, R&D management and business administration.

**Presentation Overview:**

Alan will review regulatory changes with a special focus on CONEG packaging law and the new Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA).

**Ose, Michael;** *Sign-Tronic AG*

**Advances in Imaging Technology**

Michael joined Sign-Tronic in 2012 as Technical Sales Manager for Asia/Pacific and North America. Michael has a background in electronic engineering and has held several positions in the digital printing and UV-curing industries. He has worked with major container press manufacturers and industry suppliers worldwide.

**Presentation Overview:**

Michael will discuss the use of computer-to-screen imaging technology for hollow-ware decorating.

**Pankiewicz, Cindy;** *Ferro Corporation*

**Successful Curing Techniques for Organic Inks and Coatings**

Cindy joined Ferro ten years ago and is currently a Scientist III in Organic Research and Development. In addition to research and development of organic inks and coatings for glass, Cindy provides technical service and direct involvement in scale-up and manufacture of new products.

**Presentation Overview:**

Cindy will discuss successful curing techniques for organic inks and coatings. Achieving correct temperature control is essential to a successful curing profile. Cindy will discuss techniques and tools to simplify the job.

**Scott, Charles R.;** *The Family Adventure Guy*

**Keynote Speaker**

Charles R. Scott is a National Geographic featured adventurer, author, and 14-year veteran of Intel Corporation where he worked in the company's venture investing group developing the company's clean technology software investment strategy. He holds a Bachelor's in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University and a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

**Presentation Overview:**

Mr. Scott's address will focus on developing an adventurous mindset to business success and personal growth.

**Slusser, William;** *American Glass Research (AGR)*

**Glass Bottle Performance, Strength, and Decorating Considerations**

An 18-year veteran of AGR, Bill currently serves as Director of Research. In addition to his strategic and management responsibilities, Bill offers technical expertise in fracture diagnosis, performance testing, and bottle design analysis through customer service and consulting projects. An accomplished seminar instructor, Bill has taught more than 200 classes in over 20 countries. He has authored multiple white papers on subjects ranging from finite element analysis of container design to the establishment of impact specifications for glass bottles. Prior to joining AGR, Bill spent eight years as a research engineer at Harbison-Walker refractory company. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University and is a U.S. Patent holder.

**Presentation Overview:**

Bill will review the performance requirements placed on glass bottles and discuss how these requirements dictate design parameters. Surface strength will be explained, as will the effect of decoration on material strength. Fully considering the requirements, the material benefits and limitations of glass allows for its successful utilization in container packaging.

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