

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Call for Papers: 2024 American Coatings Conference**

The American Coatings Association (ACA), in partnership with Vincentz Network (VN), is seeking abstract submissions for research to be presented at the 2024 American Coatings Conference (ACC). This major coatings industry technology forum will take place from April 30 to May 2, 2024 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Ind., and is held concurrently with the American Coatings Show (ACS).

We invite you to submit a thoughtful abstract about your *previously unpublished* technical research and pioneering innovations for consideration, either as a session presentation (which requires a paper to be submitted beforehand), or as a poster (which does not require a paper). Papers will not be accepted if they have been previously presented or published elsewhere.

The broad areas of interest include the following:

- Adhesives and sealants
- Architectural coatings (interior and exterior)
- Automotive coatings (OEM and refinish)
- Bio-based coatings
- Coatings production technology
- Coatings on plastics
- Digitalization
- Epoxy coatings
- Functional coatings
- Grinding & dispersing
- Industrial coatings
- Measurement and testing
- Printing inks
- Polyurethane coatings
- Protective coatings (marine and corrosion protection)
- Radiation-cured coatings
- Water-based coatings
- Wood coatings

It is critical that submitted abstracts, posters, papers and slides for the conference proceedings be non-commercial and focused exclusively on technical/scientific content. The use of trade names must be avoided wherever possible.

Please submit your abstract online until **October 2, 2023** at <a href="https://conference-service.com/American-Coatings-Conference-2024/">https://conference-service.com/American-Coatings-Conference-2024/</a>.

The American Coatings Show & Conference is organized by the American Coatings Association and Vincentz Network. The biennial trade show and technical conference is dedicated to serving as a global business platform and educational forum for the paint and coatings industry, offering a complete spectrum of current and future trends and technologies.

### **Important Notes**

The conference organizers select presentations for the 2024 American Coatings Conference based on three key criteria:

- scientific significance;
- novelty; and
- potential technical value to the industry.

The oral presentations will be approximately 25 minutes followed by 5 minutes for discussion. All submitted papers will be considered by the conference organizers for possible publication. ACA retains the first right of first refusal on all presentations accepted for the 2024 American Coatings Conference.

## **American Coatings Award**

The outstanding paper will be honored with the American Coatings Award. Sponsored by ACA and VN, the recipient of this prestigious award will receive \$2,500 and an attractive sculpture.

#### **Conference Attendance**

For all accepted abstracts, the author must register for and attend the ACC or the presentation/poster will be withdrawn. Presenters will be offered free and/or discounted conference registration. Coauthors attending the conference must pay the full conference fee.

Student research is encouraged, and students whose work is accepted will be eligible for travel support from ACA industry sponsors.

#### **Notable Deadlines**

Submission of title and abstract: October 2, 2023

Notification of acceptance: November 7, 2023

Submission of full technical papers for the conference proceedings: February 20, 2024

For more information about the American Coatings Show & Conference, visit <a href="https://american-coatings-show.com/conference/">https://american-coatings-show.com/conference/</a>.