

The logo for IMPS 2026 is displayed in large, bold, blue letters. The background of the entire page is a photograph of a large conference hall with many people seated at long tables, facing a stage area with a large screen and various equipment.

IMPS 2026

34th International Munich Paper Symposium

Progresss in Board and Paper Technology

17 – 19 March 2026

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

9:00 **Welcome to the IMPS and the exhibition**
S.Kleemann · Institute of Paper Technology · Munich / Germany

Gmund handmade paper factory – “A different approach to paper” from Lake Tegernsee
Holger Baumgartner · Büttenpapierfabrik Gmund GmbH & Co. KG · Gmund / Germany

First methanol-producing and CO2-free paper mill
Claes Fredriksson · Liquid Wind AB · Göteborg / Sweden
Engelbert Schrapp · Siemens Energy AB · Stockholm / Sweden

Discussion + Coffee Break

11:15 **Increasing fiber efficiency & plant performance in brownfield and recycling applications**
Stefan Wessel · Landbell AG · Mainz / Germany
Ulrich Neumüller · Repulping Technology GmbH & Co. KG · Schiltberg / Germany

AI system for recording and evaluating waste paper intake and optimizing corrugated base paper production
Franz-Joseph Nicolaus · Model AG · Niedergösgen / Switzerland
Hendrik Kolvenbach · UpCircle Technology AG · Zürich / Switzerland

Lunch at the Westin Grand Munich Conference Hotel

14:15 **Conversion of the Kehl paper machine 1 press section**
Arne Schaper · Koehler Kehl GmbH · Kehl / Germany
Tobias Kolhagen · J.M. Voith SE & Co. KG · Ravensburg / Germany

Optimisation of a double shoe press
Philippos Vrizas and Peter Resvanis · Progroup PM3 GmbH · Sandersdorf-Brehna / Germany

Discussion + Coffee Break

16:15 **Modern drum pulping technology for recycled fibers**
Oscar Streubel · Model Sachsen Papier GmbH · Eilenburg / Germany
Petteri Riivari · Valmet Technologies Oy · Inkeroinen / Finland

First experiences with a new screening technology at heinzelpaper Laakirchen
Oliver Hunstein · Laakirchen Papier AG · Laakirchen / Austria
Axel Dreyer · J.M. Voith SE & Co. KG · Ravensburg / Germany

20:00 *Invitation to the Gala-Dinner at the Conference Hotel*

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

9:00 **Operational Excellence in monitoring refiner processes**
Tjerk Boersma · SAPPI Maastricht B.V. · Maastricht / Netherlands

Combined analysis of process data and product property measurements to reduce product variability
Hannes Vomhoff · Holmen Paper AB · Iggesund / Sweden

Operational water risk management at WEPA: the Cassino plant as an example
Tim Carstens · WEPA SE · Arnsberg-Müschede / Germany

Discussion + Coffee Break

11:15 **New sack kraft paper machine for the Mondi Štětí mill**
Mariusz Grochowski · Mondi Štětí a. s. · Štětí / Czechia
Erich Kollmar · Bellmer GmbH · Niefern-Öschelbronn / Germany

Lightweight Containerboard – Evolving with Holmen Elevate and paper machine 52
Jan Andersson · Holmen AB · Norrköping / Sweden
Piotr Sokolinski · Andritz AG · Graz / Austria

Lunch at the Westin Grand Munich Conference Hotel

14:00 **Pilot project at Model Sachsen Papier with Paper Machine Drives Performance**
Dirk Schwarze · Model Sachsen Papier GmbH · Eilenburg / Germany
Niko Lahtinen · ABB AG · Mannheim / Germany

Improving cartonboard quality by installing a curtain-coater on board-machine 3 at WEIG in Mayen
René Kaptain · Weig Group · Mayen / Germany
Martin Taxacher · Valmet Technologies Oy · Järvenpää / Finland

Discussion + Coffee Break

16:00 **Experience with a closed recycling loop for felts**
Anne Klaschka · J.M. Voith SE & Co. KG · Heidenheim / Germany

Energy Transformation as a Key to Profitability at MM Gernsbach
Konstantin Weber · MM Gernsbach GmbH · Gernsbach / Germany
Markus Bohlayer · Path to Zero GmbH · Karlsruhe / Germany

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19:30 *Invitation to the world famous Circus Krone*

Thursday, 19 March 2026:

Excursion to the Paper Mill Büttenpapierfabrik Gmund at Gmund or BVG Bauer-Verfahrenstechnik-GmbH at Greifenberg or
Excursion to pilot paper machine + laboratories of **Munich University of Applied Sciences**