

### **STLE Brings 75th Annual Meeting & Exhibition Online**

Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) to Host Virtual Event for Lubrication and Reliability Professionals

**Park Ridge, Illinois (March 23, 2021)** – The [STLE Virtual Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#) – the lubricant industry’s most respected event for technical information, professional development and international networking opportunities – will be held May 17-20, 2021.

The four-day event will be hosted entirely online, leveraging a user-friendly, virtual platform that will safely provide attendees with a full conference experience – including daily keynote and plenary talks, live Q&A opportunities with academic and industry leaders, nearly 300 technical presentations, posters, virtual exhibits and a plethora of networking time with lubricant industry professionals.

“STLE’s Virtual Meeting & Exhibition offers participants a valuable and cost-effective online experience that fits today’s economic and health concerns,” said Edward P. Salek, CAE, STLE executive director. “The event will also allow us to resume celebratory activities surrounding STLE’s 75th anniversary, which were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

During the meeting and exhibition, world-class visionaries will address key areas at the forefront of tribological science. All sessions and presentations will be recorded and archived on-demand, so registered attendees can watch them up to 90 days post-event. This year’s program features eight keynote and plenary presentations on timely topics and trends:

#### **Monday, May 17 – Keynote Session**

- “How Tribology Benefits Technology and Society” — presented by Said Jahanmir, Ph.D., assistant director for Federal Partnerships, The National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) Office of Advanced Manufacturing
- “Inflection Point: A New Paradigm for Tribology Education” — presented by Mike Lovell, Ph.D., president, Marquette University
- “Advancing Tribology – How Will We Tackle the Next 75 Years?” — presented by Kathy Wahl, Ph.D., head of the Molecular Interfaces and Tribology Section, Naval Research Laboratory

#### **Tuesday, May 18 – Keynote Session**

- “Recent Additive Manufacturing Advancements at Boeing” — presented by Melissa Orme, Ph.D., vice president, Boeing Additive Manufacturing

#### **Wednesday, May 19**

- “Implant Materials in Arthroplasty” — presented by Amit Parikh, Ph.D., research manager, Smith & Nephew, Inc. (*morning keynote session*)
- “Hit the Right Notes with your Technical Presentation” — presented by Jack Zakarian, Ph.D., consultant, JAZTech Consulting LLC (*afternoon plenary session*)

**Thursday, May 20**

- “Tribology, Surface Science and Additive Manufacturing: Opportunities for a Symbiotic Relationship” — presented by Christopher B. Williams, Ph.D., professor of Mechanical Engineering, Virginia Tech (*morning keynote session*)
- “Engine Icing Certification: Past, Present and Future” — presented by Jim MacLeod, Ph.D., group Leader, National Research Council Canada (*afternoon plenary session*)

Tribological advancements can improve productivity, profitability, sustainability and safety across a number of industries, including manufacturing, metalworking, transportation and power energy. To learn more about the STLE Virtual Annual Meeting & Exhibition, visit <https://www.stle.org/annualmeeting>. For a complete listing of technical sessions, click [here](#).

**About the Society of Tribologists & Lubrication Engineers (STLE)**

The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) is the premier technical society serving the needs of over 13,000 individuals and 250 companies and organizations that comprise the tribology and lubrication engineering business sector. STLE members are employed by the world’s leading corporations, academic institutions and by governmental agencies dealing with science and technology. STLE supports these distinguished technical experts with a variety of professional education and certification programs. STLE is a professional technical society providing a selection of robust resources in technical research, education, and professional development delivered through programming, courses, events and periodicals on topics most important to you: safety, energy usage, maintenance, natural resources, wear and productivity.

Membership is available to those interested in staying current in the latest technologies, advancing their careers and making new professional connections from around the world. STLE membership is a low-cost investment with high professional rewards. For more information or to join today, visit [www.stle.org](http://www.stle.org).

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