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Did you know that over 200 people are already registered for the 2018 Annual Meeting? To find out who will be there, check out the attendance list.
NWPCA is excited to provide update information on its 2018 Annual Leadership Conference, entitled Manufacturing in a Time of Mayhem, to be held March 7-9, 2017 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The keynote speaker will be Michael Abrashoff, a retired Navy Commander and progressive leadership expert. At 36, he took command of a ship plagued by low morale, high turnover and low performance evaluations. A year later, it ranked #1 in performance, with the same crew. The lesson was clear - leadership matters and culture is everything. His talk will prompt leaders at all levels to re-imagine their leadership thinking and inspire new ways to elevate individual, team and organizational performance.

Other topics to be discussed at the ALC include workforce retention, driving growth and innovation, succession planning, blockchain and lumber sales.

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Researchers Make Case for Cascade Utilization of Recovered Wood

In a recent study, researchers from the Technical University of Munich (TUM) explored the importance of the cascading use of wood from a resource efficiency perspective. Cascading use refers to the reuse of wood multiple times during its life cycle. For example, raw wood may be first used as construction lumber, then as slats as a table, before being chipped and turned into chipboard, and ultimately burned for energy.

They noted that while the concept of recovered wood reuse has been described for years, a targeted examination of its resource efficiency had not yet been performed.

In order to assess the impact of cascading use, wood researchers applied the holistic life cycle approach and analyzed the "exergy" of all materials used, the internal recycling processes, and the consumption of other primary resources, such as the forest land areas required. Exergy refers to the percentage of energy that can be converted into work.

The research looked at two scenarios. The first one involved the cascading of wood from sawn wood through to subsequent uses. The other approach looked at the manufacturing of the same products from freshly sawn wood in each case. The study determined that the efficiency of wood utilization was 46% in the case of cascading use, versus 21% for the reference case of using virgin wood.

The researchers report, however, that cascading use is still in its infancy, in part due to subsidies in Europe which encourage wood-to-energy. They note that only about one-third of recovered wood is converted into chipboard. “Over the mid-term, we need to utilize wood more efficiently, i.e. multiple times as a material, before we burn or turn it into pellets,” noted one of the researchers. “Its material properties do not stand in the way of cascading use. However, the processing and use of wood needs to be adapted from a planning and conceptual standpoint so that multiple use becomes a reality.”
Sawlog Prices Likely to Continue Upward into 2018

Global sawlog prices were higher throughout the world in the 3Q/17 and are likely to continue upward into 2018 because of strong demand for lumber in key markets, reports the Wood Resource Quarterly.

Seattle, USA. The Global Sawlog Price Index (GSPI) was up 5.1% from the 2Q/17 to the 3Q/17, with the biggest price increases occurring in Europe and Oceania, according to the latest issue of the Wood Resource Quarterly. The Euro-based ESPI sawlog price index has gone up at a slower rate than the GSPI the past year.

Sawlog prices were up in most regions of the world in the 3Q/17. The price increases from the 2Q/17 were generally smaller in local currencies than in US dollar terms because of the weakening US dollar. In US dollar terms, quarter-to-quarter prices were up the most in Europe (+7.9%) and Oceania (+6.1%), while the upward price adjustments were more modest in North America (+2.8%) and Latin America (+2.2%).

The Global Sawlog Price Index (GSPI) has gone up for three consecutive quarters to reach $75.69/m³ in the 3Q/17. The increase of 5.1% from the 2Q/17 was the biggest quarter-to-quarter jump since 2010. In addition, the GSPI is at a three-year high because of the recent strengthening of sawlog prices throughout the world. With the outlook for continued strong demand for lumber in key markets and higher consumption

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Note: The GSPI and ESPI price indices are volume-weighted indices comprised of sawlog prices for log grades commonly used for manufacturing lumber into construction and better grade lumber in the largest log consuming countries in the world and Europe, respectively. The indices track prices from the 1Q/95 to the current quarter and are published each quarter in the WRQ.

Global lumber, sawlog, and pulpwood market reporting is included in the 52-page quarterly publication Wood Resource Quarterly (WRQ). To subscribe to the WRQ, please go to www.woodprices.com.

of sawlogs, it is likely that the price index will continue upward in the coming quarters.

The Euro-based European Sawlog Price Index (ESPI-€) also trended upward the past year, but at a slower pace than the GSPI. The biggest price increases in Euro terms over the past year have occurred in Eastern and Central Europe, particularly in Poland, Austria and Germany, while prices only saw modest rises in the Nordic countries.
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The Saturday Welcome Reception is always one of the Annual Meeting highlights. It offers members a chance to reconnect, and the opportunity to welcome new attendees. Be sure to take a moment to introduce yourself to first time Annual Meeting guests. Whether making plans for dinner or appointments to network later, the Welcome Reception is a great event to get you in "Meeting mode", sponsored by Mid-Continent Steel and Wire.

After the Sunday morning session, be sure to stick around for lunch! The Sunday Lunch, brought to you by Corali-USA, offers another opportune networking event, as well as the perfect time to check out the Associate Member exhibit tables.
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Three key issues facing the protective and transit packaging market

Protective transit packaging is integral to the safe and efficient transport of goods from the factory to the retail floor, the commercial worksite, or the e-commerce customer’s doorstep. Protective transit packaging products and systems are vital components in the global $32.2 trillion (2016) commerce in manufactured goods.

According to new research by Smithers Pira, the global value of protective transit packaging products and systems totaled $112.3 billion in 2016, and is forecast to grow to $139.4 billion in 2022.

Despite the positive future for this marketplace, the protective transit packaging marketplace faces some significant issues and challenges. Industry participants are responding aggressively to many of these challenges, while others present significant opportunities for developing new protective transit packaging products and systems.

The rise of e-commerce

The rapid growth of e-commerce sales and distribution channels during the early 2010s is revolutionizing the retail marketplace. Among the 28 EU countries, around 8% of consumer purchases in 2016 were via e-commerce channels. In the UK, over 15% of sales to consumers utilized e-commerce channels. This sales channel is rapidly transforming the landscape all levels of the supply chain.

While the continued rapid growth of e-commerce will be driven by the convenience it represents to buyers, concerns such as these will impact protective transit packaging markets in at least four important ways:
1. Increasing demand for secondary and transit packaging
The pick-and-pack e-commerce methodology employs an additional cycle of secondary packaging and load unitization, consuming an additional cycle of secondary and protective transit packaging materials. Suppliers of corrugated cartons, bubble wrap and small inflatable air pillows, and loose-fill packing peanuts will continue to benefit from increased sales resulting from this trend.

2. Additional distribution channel costs
In return for the convenience of online ordering and home delivery, consumers and their e-commerce suppliers incur substantial extra shipping, handling, and delivery costs. While many of these additional cost elements are intrinsic to the longer and more complex e-commerce distribution channels, minimizing these logistics-related costs is a major goal of e-commerce participants.

3. Distribution channel inefficiencies
Reducing the amount of operator time spent in consolidating and packing the unique set of items that constitute each order is a priority of e-commerce order fulfillment centers. Orders are commonly packed in larger-than-necessary cartons and stuffed with bubble wrap or loose-fill packing. This non-optimum secondary packaging leads to non-optimum unitized loads. As a result, shippers and consumers sustain extra costs in the transportation and logistics system.

The continuing growth of e-commerce presents moderate threats to incumbent packaging materials and systems, along with big opportunities to suppliers who can successfully address the materials consumption and disposal and systems inefficiency issue.

4. Recovery of packaging materials
An important consequence of this increasing demand for secondary and protective transit packaging materials is the large increase in the amount of packaging materials that must be disposed of at the end user’s location. This problem is abundantly clear to consumers who regularly purchase through e-commerce channels.

It appears that this packaging waste disposal problem has not yet generally risen above the level of annoyance to individual consumers. However, it represents both a threat and an opportunity, especially to suppliers of materials that are rarely used outside of e-commerce channels, particularly bubble wrap and packing peanuts.
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**Minimizing environmental impacts**

Environmental issues have been important drivers of the protective transit packaging materials selection, product design and business practices for some product design and business practices for some time.

Large retailers have led demands for more efficient, less wasteful packaging, aimed especially at secondary packaging waste generated at their retail sites. In the US, Walmart for example has actively collaborated in the development of packaging systems that require less secondary and transit packaging material. These and similar efforts across North America and Europe have led to the adoption of systems to recover and recycle discarded packing materials.

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Some of the environment related trends

The retailers’ motivation for adopting “greener” packaging materials and systems mirrors the environmental sensitivities of participants across the protective transit packaging marketplace.

- Innovative “greener” protective transit packaging products and systems that take advantage of environmentally friendly raw materials and encourage the recycling of waste transit packaging materials
- “Closed loop” logistics management systems to facilitate the efficient recovery and reuse of packaging components such as pallets and drums
- More extensive use of recovery and recycle systems of the sort that have been successful in corrugated carton markets
- Reducing the amount, weight, and volume of transit packaging material, therefore reducing transportation fuel consumption.
Automating the distribution channel

Traditionally, shipping, warehousing, and handling have been labor-intensive operations – heavy on personnel costs and on potential for accident, injury, and product damage. Most operations have traditionally been done by work crews or individual workers.

Currently, warehouse layout and design must accommodate human operators and human operated equipment, leading to less than optimum utilization of warehouse floor space and overhead volume. Robotic forklifts and stock picking robots require significantly narrower aisles than human operated machines and allow taller shelves, rack and pallet stacks than can be safely manipulated with human operated machines.

The most state-of-the-art systems combine robotics with remote sensing and position detection, telemetry, and integrated warehouse management software and computer systems. E-commerce fulfillment hubs, in particular, have been aggressive in developing and implementing warehouse and logistics automation systems.

Warehouse and logistics automation will present major issues and open significant opportunities to transit packaging materials suppliers:

- Standardized protective transit packaging products and systems
- Packaging for floor space and volume efficiency – robots and automated systems may allow significant reduction in the warehouse floor space
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Only 75% of trucking companies with fleets ranging between five and 100 trucks are compliant with the electronic logging device requirement, which came into effect on December 18. The survey was undertaken by CarrierLists.com, which provides carrier-related information to brokers and buyers.

Kevin Hill, president and founder of CarrierLists told one publication that part of the resistance comes from “older people who are set in their ways.” Also, he noted that a lot of drivers fudge the numbers on their paper logs. Real enforcement takes effect on April 1, 2018, when trucks operating without ELDs can be ordered out of service for a 12-hour period.

For its part, the American Trucking Associations welcomed the effective date of the long-awaited requirement for commercial truck drivers to record their hours of service electronically as a step forward for the industry.

“Electronic logging devices have been legislated, promulgated and litigated – with Congress voting three times in the past five years in favor of this requirement and a federal court rejecting a challenge to the rule. The time has finally come to retire decades-old, burdensome paper logs that consume countless hours and are susceptible to fraud and put the safety of all motorists.

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first. The benefits of this rule exceed the costs by more than $1 billion, making it a rule the ATA can firmly support and easily adopt,” said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. The rule proposing electronic logging device usage was first proposed in 2007, and subsequently finalized in 2010. It also required bipartisan congressional action in the 2012 highway bill: MAP-21.

“We firmly believe that America’s truck drivers – if they were operating legally within the hours-of-service rules before today – will see tremendous benefits in using an ELD. Whether in reduced crashes, less time spent on paperwork or in fewer errors in their logbooks,” Spear said. “The data, as well as our members’ experiences, with this technology tells us that ELDs reduce crashes, increase compliance with the hours rules and ultimately benefit our industry and the motoring public.”

“Having good data from the use of ELDs will make it easier for ATA to make the case for technical corrections to the hours-of-service rules in areas like detention time, split sleeper berth and more,” said ATA Executive Vice President for Advocacy Bill Sullivan. “Simply put, with this requirement in place we can now move forward to a safer, better future for our industry.”

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Critics of ELD express concern that smaller carriers may go out of business because they do not like ELDs, or cannot afford them, a situation that would negatively impact brokers and customers which rely on smaller carriers. The result of ELD could lead to increased capacity pressure and upward pricing for trucking in the months ahead.

ELD is one component of the growing driver shortage facing the U.S. economy. “Rates to hire long-distance trucks have soared as rising freight volumes and robust retail sales during the festive season drive up demand, just as a strong US jobs market makes drivers harder to come by,” reports Financial Times. “Capacity may shrink further after a law took effect earlier in December requiring electronic logging devices in cabs, tightening enforcement of rules on mandatory rest for drivers.”
HP Looks to Straw Pallets as Alternative to Burning

More than 600 million tons of straw are left in the fields annually after harvest in China. Much of the agricultural residual is burned in preparation for the next agricultural cycle.

Unfortunately, HP notes in a recent Responsible Business article, “systematic burning is a significant source of air pollution and creates a major public health hazard. That’s because the burning process releases a large amount of pollutants, including particles that can affect the heart and lungs, into the air. Burning is also one of the primary contributors to haze and smog formation during the harvest periods in China.”

Even though the government has banned the burning of straw, the practice endures. HP, however, is working with one of its suppliers to use straw-based pallets instead of wood pallets for the shipment of its products in the Asia Pacific region.

The pallets are made predominantly of straw, along with bamboo fiber and small amount of nonhazardous binders. According to HP, the pallets “are moisture resistant, easy to assemble and reassemble, biodegradable and reusable.” They are formaldehyde-free as well as free of other added chemicals. HP cited some environmental, health and societal benefits it sees accruing from the use of straw pallets. These include:

- The requirement for water and energy is reduced in manufacturing, and as well as the necessity of harvesting wood.
- The use of nonhazardous materials also reduces the health risks of employees working in the manufacturing plant.
- The program generates an additional source of income to farming communities from the manufacturing of straw pallets.

HP states that the straw pallet program is an innovative contribution to its commitment to lowering the environmental impact associated with its products, operations, and supply chain activities.

Packaging innovations for printing and personal systems products made by HP and its suppliers in 2016 enabled the companies “to reduce packaging materials by 3,400 tonnes, use 14,700 tonnes of recycled content plastics and wood packaging, avoid 8,600 tonnes of CO2e emissions, and save $12 million.” This straw pallet initiative is complementary to HP’s commitment to achieve zero deforestation through ensuring that all HP brand paper and paper-based packaging are sourced from certified or recycled sources by 2020.

HP is now using straw pallets to ship its HP Inkjet printers to locations across the Asia Pacific region. It intends to expand the use of straw pallets to other items in 2018.
Brambles appoints Laura Nador as President, CHEP North America

Brambles has announced the appointment of Laura Nador as President, CHEP North America, effective January 2018. Ms Nador, currently President, CHEP USA, also becomes a member of Brambles’ Executive Leadership Team, reporting to Chief Executive Officer, Graham Chipchase.

As President, CHEP North America, Ms Nador will be responsible for the CHEP pooled pallet operations in Canada and USA, CHEP Recycled North America and the North American Pallecon and Automotive businesses.

Since joining Brambles in 2003, Ms Nador has held a number of senior management, commercial and supply chain roles within Brambles’ pallets and RPC operations in Europe, Latin America and North America. Ms Nador joined the US pooled pallet business in July 2016 and has held her current position as President, CHEP USA, since March 2017.

Laura joined Brambles in 2003, as Director, Distributor Sales, CHEP Europe. She was promoted to Vice President, RPCs (Reusable Plastic Crates), Europe in 2006. She became Vice President and Country General Manager, CHEP Iberia in 2008. Despite the significant economic headwinds in Spain, Laura grew the CHEP Iberia business, improved customer relationships and strengthened the leadership team.

After a successful tenure as Vice President, Supply Chain in CHEP Latin America, Laura was appointed Senior Vice President / General Manager of the CHEP USA Pooled Pallets business in July 2016 and then President, CHEP USA in March 2017, when she assumed additional responsibilities for the CHEP Recycled pallets, Pallecon and Automotive businesses in the USA. With effect from 1 January 2018, she is appointed as President, CHEP North America and a
LPR Boosts Its Pallet Pooling Network in the UK

LPR has announced a significant restructuring of its UK pallet inspection and repair operations through a new partnership with James Jones & Sons (Pallets & Packaging) Ltd. The relationship will allow LPR to continue to deliver the highest quality service to its customers. The contract sees James Jones & Sons provide a full pallet inspection and repair service for LPR from its Golborne site, as well as taking on responsibility for the management of LPR operations at Castleford and Stretton. The relationship has hit the ground running at Golborne, with the facility sorting and repairing significant numbers of pallets each week. This changeover has not adversely affected output quality, with repairs being consistently turned around in the allotted time span and with no reports of consumer issues.

“Entering into a partnership with a timber pallet and manufacturing specialist as trusted and reliable as James Jones & Sons has really helped LPR further improve the service offering we provide to our customer base,” commented Adrian Fleming, Regional Director of LPR UK and Ireland. “The relationship has got off to a fantastic start with the successful changeovers at Golborne, Castleford and Stretton and we’re looking forward to building on this moving forwards.”

“We are delighted to have been awarded this long-term business by LPR with whom we have a long standing partnership as a supplier of timber, new pallets and pallet inspection and repair

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Exhibit Schedule
- Saturday, January 13th - 5:00 - 6:30 PM - Exhibit Showcase during WPA welcome reception
- Sunday, January 14th - 7:00 - 8:00 AM - Exhibit Showcase during WPA breakfast
- Sunday, January 14th - 12 Noon - 1:00 PM - Exhibit Showcase during lunch
- Monday January 15th - 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Exhibit Showcase during WPA breakfast

Set-up starts at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, January 13th, and should be ready by 5:00 PM, just in time for the welcome reception. Breakdown can start after 11:00 AM, Monday, January 15th, and be cleared by 2:00 PM.

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services,” stated Gil Covey, Executive Chairman of James Jones & Sons.

“We have in recent years developed our expertise in the area of high quality pallet inspections and repairs to the closed loop pallet pools. We supply all the pools who operate in the UK and who value our experience and knowledge in this specialized field. We recognize the critical importance of these operations to the pools whose core business is to provide clients with high quality pallets as efficiently as possible. We are already seeing major improvements since we assumed control of this business and this will be highly beneficial in terms of productivity and pallet quality. We have invested heavily in machinery and trained labor to develop this business which fits extremely well with our sawmilling and new pallet manufacture. We look forward to further developing our business relationship with LPR.”

As usual, these operational developments go hand in hand with a commitment to customers in terms of environmental and purchasing policy: PEFC certification, which LPR states that it was the first pallet pooling company to obtain in 2010, LPR stresses that all the wood used in its pallets comes from either certified or uncontroversial sources. The legality of wood products is an essential element of this chain of custody. It includes a risk assessment to ensure that the company’s products are not derived from illegal forestry activities, and it is a core subject for the pallet pooling specialist.

With this new partnership, LPR now covers all its needs, which means improved logistics systems as well as reduced CO2 emissions by being closer to its customers, thus providing them with substantial savings while at the same time fulfilling the commitments of its environmental policy, announced several years ago. LPR is increasing its storage capacity and confirms its wide geographical coverage.
CHEP Australia has published its Sustainability Report Card for the 2017 financial year (FY17), which highlights its investment in the community and reveals the sustainable outcomes it has achieved by partnering with its customers to reduce costs and deliver environmental benefits as they participate in CHEP’s circular share and reuse model for the handling and transporting of products within the supply chain.

The reported results reveal that CHEP has been able to work with its customers and the community to eliminate waste, increase efficiencies and lower costs in the supply chain through sharing and reusing platforms; including pallets and reusable plastic containers (RPCs).

For the third consecutive year, 100% of CHEP Australia’s timber came from certified sustainable sources and carried full chain of custody certification. These efforts contributed to Brambles’ being one of six global companies to achieve an ‘A’ ranking in the 2017 CDP Forests survey. CHEP also achieved zero product waste (wood and plastic) across all of its Australian Service Centers while helping remove over 850,000 tons of single use packaging waste in their customers’ supply chains, which would otherwise go to the landfill.

“As you can see from the report card released, it has been a fantastic year for CHEP Australia,” said Lachlan Huggans, Senior Manager, Sustainability at CHEP Australia and for the Brambles Group. “We have made significant contributions to the global sustainability efforts of the Brambles Group and also those of our customers. In 2017, Brambles was recognized by the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index as the leading company in its global Commercial Services and Supplies category.

“Our sustainable business model, our partnerships with the community and customers throughout the supply chain, and the passion and engagement of our people have been instrumental in the achievement of these results.”

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