



# Annual General Meeting 2026 PROGRAMME



**ROME**  
**ITALY**

**11 - 14 APRIL 2026**

# INTRODUCTION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Veni, Vidi, Vici*

"Challenging the Status Quo in Grease Technology"

### 36th Annual General Meeting

The ELGI AGM will take place from **11 - 14 April 2026** at the **Marriott Park Hotel** in **Rome, Italy**.

For our upcoming AGM, we are expecting more than 400 participants to join us for an inspiring and dynamic three-day event. We have curated an exceptional programme featuring leading voices in the industry, along with a stunning venue that sets the perfect stage for learning, networking, and collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming you to the ELGI AGM and sharing an unforgettable experience together.



Venue: Rome, Marriott Park Hotel

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## SATURDAY, 11 APRIL

### Pre-Activities

12:00	12:00 - 17:00	Registration desk open	Michelangelo
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## SUNDAY, 12 APRIL

### Meetings

08:30	08:30 - 10:00	Food Grade Lubricants WG Meeting Sofia Öberg / Perry Peters	Botticelli
	10:00 - 10:15	Break	
	10:15 - 12:00	Bio-Based Greases WG Meeting Roland Ardai / New Vice Chair	
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (for WG Attendees Only)	
	13:00 - 13:15	New Working Groups	
	13:15 - 13:30	Communication WG Introduction	
	13:30 - 15:00	Test Methods & Rheology WG Meeting Wibke Husstedt	
	15:00 - 15:15	Break	
	15:15	Test Methods & Rheology WG Meetings Wibke Husstedt	

18:00	18:00 - 19:30	Welcome Reception	TBC 🌞 / 🌧️
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MONDAY, 13 APRIL

## Conference, day 1

08:30

08:45

*Partner Tour*

*Hotel Lobby*

08:30

*Opening Session & Business Meeting*

*Michelangelo*

Terry Dicken

*Accounts and Auditor Report*

Andreas Dodos

*Presentation of Awards*

Leandro Muntada

*Appointment of Directors*

*NLGI Presentation*

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*NLGI - India Chapter Presentation*

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*CLGI Presentation*

TBA

*WG Food Grade Lubricants Report*

Sofia Öberg / Perry Peters

*WG Test Methods Report*

Wibke Husstedt

*WG Bio-Based Grease Report*

Roland Ardal / New Vice Chair

10:30

*Coffee*

11:00

*Fast-Fashion Fibers: A Second-Hand Solution for Circular Grease?*

Erik Willett - Functional Products Inc.

11:30

*All roads lead to...Circularity*

George S. Dodos - Eldon's

12:00

*Reassessing Silicone Lubricants Including Greases: Modern Role in Industry and Extreme Operating Conditions*

Eugenia Elzer - Setral Chemie GmbH

12:30

*Lunch*

14:00

*Hydrated Lubricating Greases and Customised Application Testing*

Gareth Fish - The Lubrizol Corporation

14:30

*Improving Grease Development and Condition Monitoring by Impedance- Based Sensor Technology*

Christoph Wincierz - HCP Sense GmbH

15:00

*Coffee*

15:20

*Beyond the Thickener: Redefining Grease Performance through Engineered Solid Lubricants and Smart Dispersion Technology*

George Diloyan - Powderful Solutions Inc

15:50

*Effect of Doping with Conductive Particles - Rheology, Tribology, and Electrical Properties of Greases*

Kartik Pondicherry - Anton Paar GmbH

16:20

*ELGISTC Sustainability Panel Update and Discussion*

Carbon Minds: Oskar Vögler

GKN: TBA

Schaeffler: Manuel Zuercher

Yuni Green: Christian Hartmann

*Moderated by Gemma Stephenson*

19:00

*Gala Dinner & Entertainment*

TBC

*Dresscode:*

*Ancient Rome: Gold, Red & White (or Tunics and Toga's)*

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TUESDAY, 14 APRIL

Conference, day 2

09:00

09:00	<b>REACH Update</b> Rhiannon Smith – WCA Consulting	Michelangelo
09:30	<b>Lithium Update</b> Roland Chavesse - ILiA	
09:30	<b>Simple Manufacturing Process for a Complex Lubricating Grease with Reduced Lithium Content</b> Ulf Gardenier - Kajo	
10:30	<b>Intermolecular Attractions in Grease Thickener Molecules and Their Influence on Synthesis Pathways</b> Sachin Kumbhar - Stribeck Addichem	
11:00	<b>Coffee</b>	
11:20	<b>Lubricating Greases: Where Rheology and Tribology Meet Together</b> Boris Zhmud - Tribonex AB	
11:50	<b>Low-Temperature Flow Behaviour in Ester-Based Grease Matrix</b> Abd Rahim - Oleon Port Klang Sdn. Bhd	
12:20	<b>Practical experiences with the service life of greases at high temperatures</b> Ing. Jiri Valdauf - Lubricant s.r.o.	
12:50	<b>Cradle to Gate and Cradle to Grave Results for a Third-Party Audited Life Cycle Assessment of Estolides and Castor Derivatives Utilised in Grease Production</b> Matthew Kriech – TH Group (Biosynthetic)	
13:20	<b>Grab &amp; Go Lunch: End of Conference</b>	

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Site Visit

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## ELGISTC Meetings

**Tuesday 14 April**

15:00

15:00 End User TF

**Botticelli**  
Chair Andreas Dodos

16:00 Comfort Break

16:30 End of Life TF

17:45 End of Meetings

**Wednesday 15 April**

08:30

08:30 Carbon Footprint TF

**Botticelli**  
Chair Andreas Dodos

09:30 LCA TF

10:15 Comfort Break

10:30 Communication TF

11:15 Assembly Meeting

12:45 End of Meetings

# LECTURERS



**Terry Dicken**  
Chairman ELGI



**Erik Willett**  
Functional Products Inc.



**George S. Dodos**  
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**Jiri Valdauf**  
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**Matthew Kriech**  
Biosynthetic Technologies

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# VENUE



**The ELGI is happy to welcome you in Rome, Italy!**  
See below for some practical information on the venue

## AGM Venue

Marriott Park Hotel - Italy, Rome

Via Colonnello Tommaso Masala 54  
00148 Roma RM  
Italy

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## Tariff & Booking Details

If you need a visa to travel to Italy, please arrange this on time.

Local Currency: Euro's €

Single Room: €160,00 per night includes breakfast, VAT, Wi-Fi

Double Room: €180,00 per night includes breakfast, VAT, Wi-Fi

## Reservation Terms & Conditions

Make your hotel room reservation via the button below.

[Book your hotel room](#)

The hotel rooms are reserved from 15.00 hours upon arrival until 12.00 hours on the day of departure.

- Guaranteed check in time is from 15:00 and check out time is at 12:00.
- Late check-out (after 12:00) can be arranged directly with the hotel.

The Marriot Park Hotel offers this special room rate including breakfast and VAT for ELGI delegates provided that your reservation is made via the above link prior to the cut-off date to **23rd February 2026**. After this date, any additional new bookings will be subject to availability.

Rooms are guaranteed with a valid credit card. Delegates must settle their own hotel bills and expenses on departure.

Guaranteed extras: The Hotel will request a credit card upon arrival as a guarantee for extra expenses & incidentals during your stay.

Hotel Cancellation Policy: Room cancellation policy is in line with the terms and conditions of the Marriott Park Hotel. Penalty of 100% of total amount for cancellations less than 14 days before arrival or in case of no-show. The ELGI is not responsible for any individual cancellation or any final individual "extra" charges.



# MORE INFORMATION

Please find more information & details on our ELGI AGM Website;  
[ELGI AGM WEBSITE](#)

Or contact Celesta Maas, ELGI Office Manager  
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## **Become an ELGI AGM Sponsor**

This event offers excellent sponsorship opportunities for companies wishing to reach a wide audience within the worldwide lubricating grease industry.

As in previous years, ELGI is delighted to offer a range of sponsorship packages designed to enhance and strengthen your company's visibility and profile. We are confident that this event – supported by our diverse sponsorship options – will provide significant value to your organisation.

Depending on the package you select, your company will receive exposure not only during the event, but also throughout our promotional campaign, including on the ELGI website, the AGM website, and across all official AGM communications leading up to the meeting.

We encourage you to book early, as sponsorship opportunities (e.g. Lanyards) are exclusive to a single company and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the ELGI AGM and for your continued partnership. We look forward to welcoming you as one of our valued sponsors in Rome!

[Go to the AGM website for more information](#)

