



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

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 Arda / 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	
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Botticelli

18:00

18:00 - 19:30

Welcome Reception

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MONDAY, 13 APRIL

Conference, day 1

08:30		
08:45	<i>Partner Tour</i>	
08:30	<i>Opening Session & Business Meeting</i>	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
	Terry Dicken	Michelangelo
	Accounts and Auditor Report	
	Andreas Dodos	
	Presentation of Awards	
	Leandro Muntada	
	Appointment of Directors	
	NLGI Presentation	
	TBA	
	NLGI - India Chapter Presentation	
	TBA	
	CLGI Presentation	
	TBA	
	WG Food Grade Lubricants Report	
	Sofia Öberg / Perry Peters	
	WG Test Methods Report	
	Wibke Husstedt	
	WG Bio-Based Grease Report	
	Roland Ardai / New Vice Chair	
10:30	<i>Coffee</i>	
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	<i>Lunch</i>	
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 Windierz - HCP Sense GmbH	
15:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
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	
	<i>Moderated by Gemma Stephenson</i>	

19:00

Dresscode:

Gala Dinner & Entertainment

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

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TUESDAY, 14 APRIL

Conference, day 2

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

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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



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Matthew Kriech
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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!

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