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Mark Smith presents. . .

"PITA's Introduction to Modern Wet End Chemistry"

Everything you need to know about Colloid Chemistry on a Paper Machine
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Mark gained a PhD in Colloid Science from the University of Bristol and then spent a few years in the oil industry before joining and working (for over 30 years) in Paper Industry. Having gained experience at McMillan Bloedel Research, Mead Central Research, UK Paper and Omya, he has been involved in problem-solving around Wet End Chemistry on Paper Machines around the world. By measuring colloidal properties and using these measurements, it is possible to solve a wide range of papermaking issues.

Course Objective:

Gain an understanding of how colloidal materials can be used and controlled to give you desired paper properties and improved paper machine efficiency.

Day 1-Morning:

Understanding & measuring colloidal properties

What are colloidal materials
 How colloidal systems are stabilised & destabilised

Measurements of colloidal properties & other related chemical properties
Use of these measurements to improve paper machine operations

Day 1-Afternoon:

Use of inorganic colloidal solids - Fillers

Type of fillers used in paper making
 Effect of fillers on paper properties & paper
 making

Recent developments to maximise filler use

Day 2-Morning:

Use of colloidal material to give desired paper properties

- Strength additives
 Nanocellulose, starch, wet strength & dry strength additives
- Shade control, Dyes & OBAs
- Surface modifications additives
 Wet end size, size press & coatings

Day 2—Afternoon

Control of colloidal material to improve paper machine efficiency

- Control of undesirable colloidal materials
 Pitch, scaling & anionic trash
- Improve retention of desired colloidal material
 - Retention & drainage aids
- Control of microbiological contaminants
- Yankee dryer chemistry

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