

Press Release

Tandem keynote at the 2nd ECP Summer Summit on 26 September 2019

Successful symbiosis of large and small: Dr Paolo Bavaj from Henkel and Miguel Galvez from US-based Start-up NBD Nano

- Over 300 decision makers for more than 750 networking meetings are expected at the 2nd ECP Summer Summit in Düsseldorf
- Registration will begin on 24 May 2019, early bird discount offered until 30 June 2019
- Networking starts at Get-Together on the evening before

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The 2nd ECP Summer Summit is the summer event of the European Chemistry Partnering that takes place each February. Here, the chemical industry and its user industries meet innovative entrepreneurs and investors. But how do start-ups and large corporate partners successfully build upon the first contact? This question will be addressed by Dr. Paolo Bavaj from Henkel and Miguel Galvez from US-based start-up NBD Nano in their tandem keynote: an inspiring kick-off for a packed day of networking.

Dr. Paolo Bavaj, Head of Corporate Venturing at Henkel's Adhesive Technologies business unit, and Miguel Galvez, President and co-founder of NBD Nano, a start-up from Boston, U.S.A. that specializes in new materials, will offer authentic insights into how corporates transition from initial contact to investment and finally to business collaboration. Participants can look forward to shared experiences and insights into this journey.

"We are very happy to have NBD Nano in our Henkel Investment Portfolio", says Dr Paolo Bavaj, "in this way we gain access to a new technology on which we can build a new Henkel business, and in turn NBD Nano will be able to grow and scale-up much faster."

"NBD Nano is thrilled to have Henkel as an investor and corporate partner. The partnership enables NBD to access large markets and leverage Henkel's existing infrastructure in key markets. In addition, the partnership enables cross collaboration in R&D for future innovation and customer development into new untested markets", says Miguel Galvez.

More than 300 representatives from large corporations, SMEs, young growing companies, start-ups and investors are expected to come together at the 2nd ECP Summer Summit. The event, to be held at Henkel Group's headquarters in Düsseldorf, will focus on pitches and partnering. Partnering talks can be arranged in advance. Pitches as well as exhibition stalls can be booked along with the tickets. Networking and socializing will begin at the ECP Get Together on the evening before. Registration will start on 24 May 2019. An early bird discount of 20% will be offered until 30 June 2019.

Dr Holger Bengs, the initiator of the European Chemistry Partnering, says: “I am very happy that after the great success of the ECP Summer Summit in 2018, the global corporation Henkel has joined us again as our strong partner. The tandem keynote about the fruitful cooperation between a start-up and a global industrial company will plant an entrepreneurial seed that will continue throughout the day. Participants can already start looking forward to this great experience.”

NBD Nano, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, is an advanced materials start-up with expertise in adjusting surface properties such as repellency or adhesion. Through its proprietary platform technology, the company is creating additives and coatings which provide customized surface solutions that are both durable and adaptive. NBD Nano's technology can be used in manifold applications – from electronics and consumer goods to automotive. For further information about NBD Nano please visit: <http://nbdnano.com>.

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Background:

97 percent of all products contain at least one chemical process step: renewable raw materials, enzymes, industrial biotechnology, new processes, products from residual materials, digitization, etc. are changing the processes in chemical value creation: starting with purchasing logistics on to production and finally marketing and sales. Interdisciplinary exchange is gaining in importance. With the ECP, an international chemistry community is growing that wants to derive more innovation from what already exists.

For further information: www.ecp-summer-summit.com

European Chemistry Partnering: A brief overview

The European Chemistry Partnering is an event format in which the focus is on discussion about innovation along the chemical value chain. It is aimed at decision makers, innovation managers and investors in the chemical industry and its user industries, as well as industry-focused stakeholders and qualified service providers and consultants. The ECP consists of the elements: Keynote Speech, Partnering, Pitches, Exhibition, Workshops and Final Panel. Companies can describe their innovations in short presentations (Pitches) and arrange appointments via a software tool in advance (Partnering). The European Chemistry Partnering was conceived and initiated by Dr Holger Bengs, Managing Director of BCNP Consultants GmbH. The first event took place in 2017 and has been now organized twice a year since 2018.

Further information:

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BCNP: A short profile

BCNP Consultants is a Germany-based Consultancy that specializes in the areas of Biotech, Chemistry, Nanotechnology and Pharmaceuticals (BCNP). BCNP's core competences include scientific and technical expertise, strong networks and industry knowledge. The company provides Strategy, Communication and Sales consulting services via its divisions BCNP strategy, BCNP communications and BCNP connect. Specialist areas are Market and Technology analysis as well as Innovation scouting. Since 2015 BCNP has published the annual Compass to Europe's Innovative Chemical Companies (www.chemistry-compass.eu), to encourage entrepreneurship in the chemical industry. In 2017 the marketplace "European Chemistry Partnering" was initiated to bring together, and engender dialog among, creative minds and decision makers on an international stage.

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