

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Complimentary Lunch Served During Registration

1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. Opening Remarks: SYFA President, Machell Apple, True Textiles

1:10 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. **Dr. John Connaughton**  
**Professor of Financial Economics, UNC Charlotte**  
**“U.S. Economic Outlook”**

1:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Alasdair Carmichael**  
**Carmichael International**  
**“Fibers and the Marine Debris Challenge”**

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Dr. Stephanie T. Sullivan**, Senior Site Process Engineer  
**Peto Verdaasdonk**, Applied Research Manager  
**DSM Dyneema**  
**“Next Generation of Low Weight, High Performance Solutions with Dyneema”**

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Stacey Henegar**, General Manager - Technical  
**Goulston Technologies, Inc.**  
**“Improving Scourability of Fiber Lubricants From Elastomeric Blends”**

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Andrea Ferris**, Co-Founder  
**Intrinsic Textiles Group**  
**“CiClo – Sustainable Textile Technology”**

*\*SYFA Cocktail Reception opens at 5:15 PM\**

**Friday, April 27, 2018**

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. Opening Remarks from SYFA President, Machell Apple, True Textile
- 8:10 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. **Brad Kalil**, Director of Market Research and Statistics  
**INDA: Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry**  
**“Nonwovens Market”**
- 8:50 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Dr. Michael Gunther**, International Business – Technology Lead  
**Shin-Etsu Silicones**  
**“Coating Developments and Technologies for Textiles”**
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Speaker, TBD*
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Jim Hemsley**, IS Manager  
**Techmer PM**  
**“Cyber Security Review”**
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Steve Warner**, Publisher  
**BeaverLake6 Report**  
**“State of the Technical Textiles Industry”**
- 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks