

# INDIA RUBBER MEET 2018

## INAUGURAL SESSION

### PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 30th October 2018	
Inaugural Session	<b>09:30 - 10:30 am</b> Inaugural Session
	Invocation
	Welcome Address: <b>Mr. D. Anandan IAS</b> , Chairman & Executive Director, Rubber Board of India
	Video message from the Chief Guest: <b>Mr. Suresh Prabhu</b> , Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India
	Lighting of the Lamp & Inaugural Address by Guest of Honor: <b>Ms. Sheela Thomas IAS</b> , Member Secretary, Administrative Reforms Commission, Government of Kerala, Former Secretary General, Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries and Former Chairman, Rubber Board of India
	Presentation of Memento to the Guest of Honor
	Vote of Thanks : <b>Mr. Vinod Simon</b> , Vice Chairman, Organizing Committee, India Rubber Meet 2018
	<b>National Anthem</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:15 am</b>	<i>Opening of Exhibition followed by Tea / Coffee / Networking</i>

**PROGRAMME**  
**India Rubber Meet 2018 (IRM 2018)**

**"Towards a Sustainable Rubber Value Chain"**

30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018			
	04:00 - 08:00 pm	Registration	
	06:00 - 08:30 pm	Welcome cocktails	
Day One (Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018)			
Inaugural Session	08:00 - 09:25 am	85 Mts	Registration/Assembly
	09:30 - 10:30 am	60 Mts	Inaugural Session
	10:30 - 11:15 am	45 Mts	<i>Opening of Exhibition followed by Tea / Coffee / Networking</i>
Session I	11:15 - 12:15 pm	60 Mts	<b>Session I: Economy &amp; Sustainability – I</b> <b>Session Chair: Mr. Ajay Shah</b> , President, Polymer Chain, Reliance Industries Ltd.
	11:15 - 11:20 am	5 Mts	Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	11:20 - 11:45 am	25 Mts	Keynote Address: <b>Dr. D. K. Joshi</b> , Chief Economist, CRISIL : <i>"Global &amp; Indian Economic Scenario"</i>
	11:45 - 12:10 pm	25 Mts	Theme Address: <b>Mr. Gunther Lottmann</b> , CEO at Grupo Fortaleza, Guatemala: <i>"Towards a Sustainable Rubber Value Chain"</i>
	12:10 - 12:15 pm	5 Mts	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
Session - II	12:15 - 01:30 pm	75 Mts	<b>Session-II: Changing Technology Landscape - Impact on the Value Chain</b> <b>Session Chair: Mr. M.P. Cherian</b> , Chairman, UPASI Rubber Committee
	12:15 - 12:20 pm	5 Mts	Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	12:20 - 12:45 pm	25 Mts	<b>Mr. Mathew George</b> , General Manager (Petrochemicals), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Mumbai <i>"Electric Mobility - Impact on Rubber Value Chain"</i>
	12:45 - 01:10 pm	25 Mts	<b>Mr. Rakesh Batra</b> , Partner and National Leader, Automotive Sector, Ernst &Young <i>"Mega Trends in Auto and Tyre Sectors"</i>
	01:10 - 01:15 pm	5 Mts	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
	01:15 - 01:30 pm	15 Mts	Presentation of mementos to sponsors by <b>Sri. D. Anandan IAS</b> , Chairman & Executive Director, Rubber Board
	01:30 - 02:30 pm	60 Mts	Lunch

Session-III	02:30 - 04:25 pm	115 Mts	<b>Session III: Natural Rubber &amp; Synthetic Rubber Scenario - New Technologies &amp; Focus on Productivity and Quality</b> <b>Session Chair: Mr. Rajiv Budhraja</b> , Director General, ATMA, New Delhi
	02:30 - 02:35 pm	5 Mts	Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	02:35 - 03:10 pm	35 Mts	<b>Mr. Jom Jacob</b> , Sr. Economist, ANRPC, Malaysia: " <i>Global NR Scenario</i> "
	03:10 - 03:45 pm	35 Mts	<b>Dr. James Jacob</b> , Director, Rubber Research Institute of India, Rubber Board of India: " <i>Current Scenario of Indian Natural Rubber Sector</i> "
	03:45 - 04:20 pm	35 Mts	<b>Mr. Kishor Katkar</b> , Head, Technical Services and Business Development, ISRPL: " <i>Outlook of Synthetic Rubbers in India</i> "
	04:20 - 04:25 pm	5 Mts	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
	04:30 - 05:00 pm	30 Mts	<b>Tea / Coffee / Networking</b>
Session-IV	05:00 - 05:50 pm	50 Mts	<b>Session IV: Innovations / Breakthroughs / Success Stories - Learnings &amp; Takeaways</b> <b>Session Chair: Dr. A. K. Krishnakumar</b> , Former Rubber Production Commissioner, Rubber Board of India & Adviser, IL&FS
	05:00 - 05:10 pm	10 Mts	Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	05:10 - 05:20 pm	10 Mts	Indian Experience - NR Small Grower: <b>Mr. Jose Mathew</b> , Kochukudy
	05:20 - 05:30 pm	10 Mts	Indian Experience - Large Estates/Processing Centre: <b>Mr. N. Dharmaraj</b> , Director, Harrisons Malayalam Ltd., & Advisor to Sector Head , HML (SBU A)
	05:30 - 05:50 pm	20 Mnts	Discussion / Closing Remarks by Session Chair
	06:00 - 07:00 pm	60 Mts	<b>Networking</b>
	07:00- 09:30 pm		<b>Cultural Programme &amp; Gala Dinner</b>

Day Two (Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018)			
Session - V	09:30 – 11:10 am	100 Mts	<b>Session V: Economy &amp; Sustainability - II</b> <b>Session Chair: Mr. Vinod T. Simon</b> , Chairman, Rubber Skill Development Council and Vice Chairman, IRM 2018 Organizing Committee
	09:30 - 09:35 am	05 Mts	Welcome and Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	09:35- 10:05 am	30 Mts	<b>Mr. John Heath</b> , Director, Latex Services and Sustainability - Corrie Maccoll International, United Kingdom: <i>"Sustainable Rubber Industry"</i>
	10:05 - 10:35 am	30 Mts	<b>Dr. Hidde Smit</b> , Consultant on Analysis and Forecasts of the Rubber Economy, The Netherlands and Former Secretary General, IRSG, Singapore: <i>"Price forecasting of rubber"</i>
	10:35 – 11:05 am	30 Mts	<b>Dr. Prabhakar Reddy Patil</b> , CGM, Department of Economic Policy Analysis and Library, SEBI, Mumbai: "Commodity Derivatives for Price Discovery and Risk Management: Global Experiences"
	11:05 – 11:10 am	05 Mts	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
	<b>11:10- 11:45 am</b>	<b>35 Mts</b>	<b>Tea / Coffee / Networking</b>
Session-VI	<b>11:45 – 01:00 pm</b>	<b>75 Mts</b>	<b>Session VI: Panel Discussion on International Scenario – “Global Challenges and Emerging Alternatives”</b> <b>Session Chair: Dr. Hidde Smit</b> , Consultant on Analysis and Forecasts of the Rubber Economy, The Netherlands and Former Secretary General, IRSG, Singapore
	11:45- 11:50 am	05 Mts	Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	11:50 - 12:50 pm	60 Mts	<b>Panelists:</b> <b>1. Mr. Jom Jacob</b> , Senior Economist, ANRPC, Malaysia <b>2. Dr. Lakshmi Nair</b> , Head of Economics and Statistics, International Rubber Study Group, Singapore <b>3. Mr. Diogo Esperante</b> , Executive Director, APABOR, Brazil <b>4. Mr. C. Vinayaraghavan</b> , President, Harrisons Malayalam Ltd. <b>5. Mr. C.J. George</b> , Managing Director, Geojit, Kochi
	12:50 - 01:00 pm	10 Mts	Discussion/Closing Remarks by Session Chair
	<b>01:00 - 02:00 pm</b>	<b>60 Mts</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>Session-VII</b>	<b>02:00 - 03:30 pm</b>	<b>90 Mts</b>	<b>Session VII: Panel Discussion on Indian Scenario - "Challenges &amp; Opportunities from Stakeholders' Perspective"</b> <b>Session Chair: Mr. D. Anandan IAS</b> , Chairman & Executive Director, Rubber Board of India
	02.00 - 02:05 pm	<b>05 Mts</b>	Opening Remarks by Session Chair
	02:05- 03:15 pm	<b>70 Mts</b>	Panel Discussion / Interaction
			<b>Panelists:</b>
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Mr. Rajiv Budhraja</b>, Director General, ATMA, New Delhi</li> <li><b>2. Mr. V.T.Chandrasekharan</b>, Vice President, AIRIA, Mumbai</li> <li><b>3. Mr. Radhakrishna Hebbar</b>, Planter, Neria Estate, Belthangady, Karnataka</li> <li><b>4. Mr. Shiyaz Ali</b>, Secretary, Block Rubber Processors Association of India, Kottayam</li> <li><b>5. Mr. Tomy Abraham</b>, President, Indian Rubber Dealers Federation, Kottayam</li> </ol>
	03:15 - 03:30 pm	<b>15 Mts</b>	Discussion / Closing Remarks: by Session Chair
<b>Closing Session</b>	03:30 - 03:40 pm	<b>10 Mts</b>	Vote of Thanks: <b>Mr. Vinod T. Simon</b> , Chairman, Rubber Skill Development Council and Vice-Chairman, IRM 2018
			Declaration of venue and dates of IRM 2020 and declaring IRM 2018 closed by <b>Sri. D Anandan IAS</b> , Chairman & Executive Director, Rubber Board
	<b>03:40 - 04:30 pm</b>	<b>50 Mts</b>	<b>Tea /Coffee/ Networking</b>