

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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PAPTAC IN BRIEF



The Association counts close to 3000 men and women as its members. Most are employed in paper mills, in private or publicly supported research organizations, in universities, government departments, consulting firms, and in companies which supply the industry. Membership is also open to students and librarians, and persons who have retired from careers in the industry. Approximately 80% of these members are located in Canada; the remainder is found in many other pulp and paper producing countries.

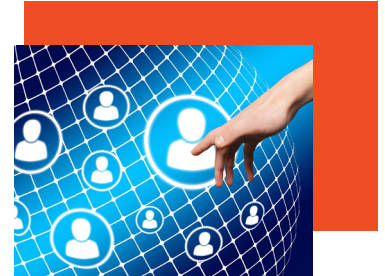
The organization was founded in 1915 as the Technical Section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. On September 30, 1998 it was incorporated under the name of Pulp and Paper Technical Association of Canada (PAPTAC) as an independent not-for-profit association.

PAPTAC is a wide and well-organized network of professionals and provides access to valuable information and experiences that benefit the professional development of its members, and the pulp and paper industry as a whole. You are invited to get actively involved in the industry by joining our technical committees, by attending conferences and presenting papers, and by participating in TECH courses and webinars. The benefits of your involvement and participation will provide value back to you, your company and to the industry.

KNOWLEDGE CONNECTIONS

PAPTAC is a Canadian-based non-profit organization, dedicated to improving the technical and professional capabilities of its members, and to the advancement of the pulp and paper industry.

PAPTAC carries out its mission by providing forums in which members may identify technical and operational issues of importance to the industry. These matters are dealt with by the Association's technical committees, Executive council and staff, through conferences, courses, webinars, and technical publications.



Key Objectives:

- To provide means for the interchange of knowledge and expertise among its members;
- To improve the skill levels and effectiveness of present and future employees through training and education;
- To provide technical and practical information on pulp and paper manufacture and use;
- To further the application of the sciences in the pulp and paper industry;
- To assist in the solution of problems confronting the industry;
- To encourage and assist innovation;
- To promote the efficient stewardship of natural resources.

PAPTAC LEADERS



The PAPTAC Executive Council, staff and Committee leaders are actively working on the advancement of PAPTAC's objectives as our industry continues to reshape itself.

The Executive council is comprised of executives working in member mills of the Association.

Executive Council

The 2023 Executive Council was chaired by **Eric Ashby**, Director – Special Projects, Domtar Fort Mills



Eric Ashby
Domtar Fort Mills
Director – Special Projects



Robert Dufresne
Resolute Forest Products
VP Operations



Stéphane Lamoureux
Produits Kruger S.E.C
VP Exploitation
- Projets spéciaux



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Director



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Paper Excellence
Vice President



Greg Hay
PAPTAC
Executive Director

PAPTAC Staff



Carmie Lato
Project Manager



Thomas Perichaud
Communications
Specialist



Greg Hay
Executive Director



2023 Branch & Committee Chairmen

PAPTAC's technical committees play a central role in problem solving, the exchange of technical information and the organization of PaperWeek's Technical Program. Our sincere thanks to the following committee chairmen for their involvement and leadership throughout the year 2023.



Alkaline Pulping

Rory Ralph
Mercer Celgar



Energy Cost Saving

Serge Bédard
Natural Resources
Canada



Environment

Marie-Noëlle Watts
Resolute Forest
Products



Bleaching

Michael Doucet
BTG



Papermaking Technology

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Kruger Inc.



Atlantic Branch

Lincoln Esau
Irving Pulp & Paper



Mill Managers

Eric Ashby
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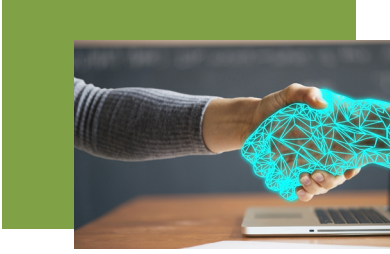
ECBLRBAC

Aaron Ferris
Irving Pulp and Paper

FINANCIAL RESULTS, THREE-YEAR RECORD

During 2023 the Association had revenues of \$315 651 and expenditures of \$384 032. The net result for the year was a deficit of \$68 381.

YEAR	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NET
2023	315 651 \$	384 032 \$	-68 381 \$
2022	346 584 \$	408 106 \$	-61 522 \$
2021	396 629 \$	384 135 \$	12 494 \$



PAPTAC ACTIVITIES

The Association gradually transitioned back to face-to-face meetings after the long hiatus due to COVID-19, while still preserving the benefits of a virtual approach. This hybrid model reflects a commitment to inclusivity and flexibility, allowing members who are unable to attend in person to participate virtually. By investing in robust digital platforms, the association ensures that networking, knowledge sharing, and professional development can seamlessly continue in both formats. This balanced approach caters to diverse member preferences and geographical constraints, fostering a resilient and adaptable community that leverages the best of both worlds.

EVENT	DATE	COMMITTEE	PARTICIPANTS
PaperWeek 2023 & BIOFOR International (Virtual)	February 6-10	PAPTAC	950
Spring 2023 Bleaching Meeting	April 18-20	Bleaching	37
Alkaline Pulping Meeting	June 7-10	Alkaline Pulping	12
Fall 2023 Bleaching Meeting	October 23-25	Bleaching	41
Atlantic Branch - Meeting	November 7-8	Atlantic	62
ECBLRBAC - Meeting	November 14-15	ECBLRBAC	30



Spring 2023 Bleaching Meeting group photo

PAPTAC's main activities for the year 2023

Another successful conference delighted participants



The 2023 PaperWeek edition rewarded participants with another stunning program and an incredible mill participation, with 746 mill employees among a total of 950 registered delegates.

Over 100 speakers presented their work, and shared their thoughts and ideas in panels and roundtables at PaperWeek 2023, with over 35 sessions dedicated to the industry's traditional and emerging fields.

From Papermaking to Tissue, through Energy and Reliability, everyone enjoyed a great learning opportunity and instant access to experts from around the world. PAPTAC wishes to thank the Program Committee Members for their time, expertise and dedication in helping us putting in place a comprehensive program that generated discussions and set the table for future developments and opportunities to help our industry grow.

PAPTAC also wishes to thank all the sponsors, moderators and of course the participants who help make this event so relevant and enjoyable each year.

BIOFOR 2023



BIOFOR, PAPTAC's flagship segment dedicated to the forest bioeconomy, was this year again organized in parallel with the renowned PaperWeek Conference.

BIOFOR represents a premier forum to discuss the major advancements in the deployment of the forest bioeconomy, bringing together key players of the forest industry and cross-sectors from North America, Europe and Worldwide.

The program committee brought an incredibly powerful roster of Keynote Speakers in 2023, with lectures by Metsä Spring Oy's CEO: Niklas von Weymarn, the Executive Chairman of the Board and Founder of Spinnova Ltd: Janne Poranen, and Herbert Sixta from Aalto University, Winner of the 2022 Marcus Wallenberg Prize.

BIOFOR bridged the gap between mills and biorefinery research with incredibly hands-on and insightful sessions which attracted more mill employees than ever before.

Hats-off to the BIOFOR Program Committee!

IN CLOSING



As we close this year's annual report, I am thrilled that we are steadily moving back to face-to-face meetings after the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic. The past year has tested our resilience and adaptability, and I am proud of how we embraced virtual interactions to stay connected and continue our mission. As we transition back to in-person engagements, we are committed to maintaining the valuable virtual elements that have expanded our reach and accessibility. This hybrid approach will enable us to offer the best of both worlds, ensuring that all members can participate and benefit from our programs, regardless of their location. I look forward to seeing many of you in person soon and continuing our journey of growth and collaboration together.

Gregoire M. Hay
Executive Director, PAPTAC



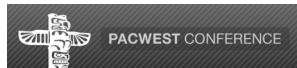
I would like to reflect on how our association has not only navigated but thrived amidst the challenging times we faced. Staying ahead of the curve has been our guiding principle, and it has driven our innovative approaches and resilient strategies. By swiftly adapting to virtual platforms, we have demonstrated remarkable agility and foresight. These efforts have not only sustained our community but also strengthened our position as leaders in the field. As we move forward, our commitment to proactive planning and embracing new opportunities will continue to propel us toward a future of growth and success. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication; together, we will continue to achieve great things.

Eric Ashby
Director – Special Projects, Domtar Fort Mills
Chairman of PAPTAC

EVENTS AND PAPTAC'S PUBLICATIONS



PaperWeek Canada – the Annual Conference of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Industry



PACWEST – Western Canada's annual regional conference



Atlantic Branch Conference – the annual conference of Atlantic Canada

PAPTAC's P&P Industry Must-Have technical publications

PAPTAC provides a wide source of technical publications including textbooks, conference preprints, monographs, standards, data sheets, glossaries and modules. Contact PAPTAC at admin@paptac.ca for archival documents such as JPPS, J-FOR, PAPTAC Standard Methods and Engineering Data Sheets, or Proceedings from past conferences.



These manuals represent an invaluable tool for all mill personnel by providing relevant technical information and are easy to consult.

PB PUBLICATIONS BOOKSTORE

PAPTAC YOUR CANADIAN PARTNER

PAPTAC plays an essential role in facilitating the exchange of information on a variety of issues related to operations optimization, management and industry advancement. Webinars, e-mail discussion groups, on-line forums, conferences, industry news: a wealth of information accessible to all PAPTAC members.



BUILDING FOR THE NEW PULP & PAPER COMMUNITY

