

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



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 2024 Executive Council was chaired by **Eric Ashby**, Executive Vice President and COO, Kruger Inc.



Eric Ashby
Kruger Inc.
Executive Vice President
and COO



Robert Dufresne
Resolute Forest Products
VP Operations



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



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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



2024 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 2024.



Alkaline Pulping
Olivia Carter
Dryden Fibre Canada



Energy Cost Saving
Serge Bédard
Natural Resources
Canada



Environment
Marie-Noëlle Watts
Resolute Forest
Products



Bleaching
John O'Donnell
Domtar



**Papermaking
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Javad-Reza Saberian
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Atlantic Branch
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Irving Pulp & Paper



Mill Managers
Eric Ashby
Kruger Inc.



ECBLRBAC
Chad Gionet
Irving Pulp and Paper

FINANCIAL RESULTS, THREE-YEAR RECORD

During 2024 the Association had revenues of \$344,157 and expenditures of \$ 415,643. The net result for the year was a deficit of \$71,486.

YEAR	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NET
2024	344 157 \$	415 643 \$	-71 486 \$
2023	315 651 \$	384 032 \$	-68 381 \$
2022	346 584 \$	408 106 \$	-61 522 \$



PAPTAC ACTIVITIES

For the first time in its history, the Pulp and Paper Technical Association of Canada hosted a hybrid PaperWeek conference, successfully blending in-person and virtual participation. This format allowed members from across the industry to reconnect face-to-face while still offering remote access for those unable to attend physically. After a 3 years Covid hiatus, the event marked a significant step toward normalcy, fostering collaboration, networking, and knowledge-sharing in a more flexible and inclusive environment.

EVENT	DATE	COMMITTEE	PARTICIPANTS
PaperWeek 2024 & BIOFOR (Hybrid)	February 5-8 (On site) (On-line)	PAPTAC	248 826
Spring 2024 Bleaching Meeting	April 9-11	Bleaching	33
Alkaline Pulping Meeting 2024	October 9-10	Alkaline Pulping	16
Fall 2024 Bleaching Meeting	October 22-24	Bleaching	41
Atlantic Branch - Meeting 2024	November 13-14	Atlantic	45



PaperWeek 2024 Session room in Montreal

PAPTAC's main activities for the year 2024

A Triumphant return in person for PaperWeek Hybrid 2024



PaperWeek 2024 took place the week of February 5-8, and attracted a total of 826 participants, of which 248 participated on-site the Tuesday and Wednesday February 6-7 at the Queen Elizabeth hotel (Montreal, Qc). Of the 826 overall participants, 532 were mill folks.

After a couple of years of exclusively virtual content, the energy, engagement, and collaborative spirit that permeated the event were truly invigorating and brought together professionals, experts, thought leaders, and peers from across our industry. Seeing the reconnection being forged among familiar faces, as well as welcoming a number of new ones, added a vibrancy that we have all missed during the virtual era. Attendees had the chance to engage in discussions, exchange ideas, knowledge-share, expand their professional networks, socialize with peers, and discuss innovative products, services, and technologies with our exhibitors.

The feedback we received from attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and other partners has been positive, and we want to express our gratitude to everyone who played a role in the success of the event.

BIOFOR 2024



The BIOFOR program ran again in parallel with bioeconomy expert presentations from all around the world. The same hybrid format was offered, with virtual-only sessions on Monday february 5th and Thursday February 8, and on-site sessions at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal on February 6 & 7.

BIOFOR's 2024 program, expertly crafted by the dedicated Program Committee, stood out as a remarkable showcase of insight, innovation, and collaboration. This year's lineup featured a stellar roster of keynote speakers—leading voices from industry, government, and academia—who offered diverse perspectives on the future of sustainable development and circular economies.

Thoughtfully curated roundtables also fostered dynamic dialogue on critical topics such as renewable materials, green energy, and policy innovation, encouraging cross-sector collaboration and actionable outcomes.

Thanks to the committee's vision and hard work, the 2024 BIOFOR program proved again to be both intellectually enriching and practically impactful for all participants.

IN CLOSING



As we conclude this year's annual report, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our members, partners, and staff who made our first hybrid annual conference since the COVID hiatus such a resounding success. This long-awaited return to in-person connection, paired with the accessibility of virtual participation, reaffirmed the strength, resilience, and adaptability of our industry. The energy, collaboration, and forward-thinking ideas shared at PaperWeek have set a strong foundation for the year ahead. Together, we are charting a course for a more sustainable, innovative, and connected future in the pulp and paper industry. In addition, let's praise the work of our committees throughout the year, maintaining flexible platforms for ongoing industry dialogue.

Gregoire M. Hay
Executive Director, PAPTAC



Our Association continues to play an essential role in shaping the future of the pulp and paper industry. PAPTAC remains a pillar of support, a source of knowledge, and a driving force for progress, bringing together industry leaders, researchers, and professionals to advance our shared goals.

On behalf of the Council, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Your contributions, your engagement, and your belief in our mission are what make this Association thrive. Together, we look forward to another year of growth, innovation, and continued leadership in the industry.

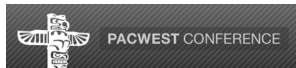
Thank you.

Eric Ashby
Executive Vice President and COO, Kruger Inc.
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.

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

