

Preface to the Special Issue on “2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on  
Advances in the Packaging Industry -  
*Product and Process (API 2017)*”

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**ABSTRACT**

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*This special issue of the “Journal of Applied Packaging Research” is dedicated to API 2017. It collects a well-balanced selection of academic and industrial papers presented during the congress.*

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This second edition of the congress confirmed the large outcome of the first edition held in Naples in 2015. API 2017 attracted about 170 participants among academic and industry representatives, and had 6 keynote lectures, 28 orals and 17 posters, which were organized in 10 successive sessions. The contributions were originated from countries like China, France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, Israel, Algeria, and Italy.

The success of the congress led to the selection of a representative set of papers presented for publication in this special issue of the “Journal of Applied Packaging Research” (JAPR) dedicated to API 2017. These papers, which appear in the special issue in chronological order of receipt of contribution, cover all the major themes that were addressed during the congress.

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