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# Global Tape Forum

# GTF Mission Statement

- ▶ To enhance the worldwide tape industry by providing a global forum for for all member associations that enables them to add greater value for their members
- ▶ The mission is accomplished by promoting the harmonization of test methods, exchanging high level production information and market trends and sharing environmental regulations.
- ▶ The objective is to improve all facets of the PSA tape industry, provide transparency and drive global growth in our industry
- ▶ GTF members: AFERA (Europe): [www.amera.com](http://www.amera.com); CATIA (China) [www.cnaia.org](http://www.cnaia.org)  
JATMA (Japan): [www.jatma.jp](http://www.jatma.jp); PSTC (USA): [www.pstc.org](http://www.pstc.org) TAAT (Taiwan) [www.taiwantape.com](http://www.taiwantape.com)

# TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE AFERA CONFERENCE LISBON OCTOBER 2018

- ▶ THEME: MAKING THE TAPE BUSINESS FUTURE PROOF
- ▶ 10 PRESENTATIONS; PROVIDED E-MAIL LINK TO MICHELLE FOR PSTC MEMBERS
- ▶ DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES: RECRUITING AND EMPLOYEE RETENTION IS A MAJOR CONCERN. NOT FINDING THE RIGHT PEOPLE IS A SERIOUS LIMITATION TO GROWTH
- ▶ FUTURE IS IN SPECIALTY TAPES AND GROWTH MARKETS SUCH AS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION; FOCUS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION
- ▶ ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS CO<sub>2</sub>; WATER VAPOR AND SOLID WASTE ARE MAJOR CONCERNS IN EUROPE
- ▶ TWO PRESENTATIONS; ON AI AND AUTOMATION UNRELATED TO TAPE

# Market information and Trends China

- ▶ Evert Smit; President of AFERA attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> Adhesive Tape Industry Conference in Shanghai China (September 15-17; 2019).
- ▶ 75 Papers; 1000 attendees,
- ▶ Tape Sales grew 6.8% in 2018 from the previous year to USD 7.0 bn. 25 bn sq meters of tape were sold. In comparison European Tape Sales grew @1.2% to 6.3 bn sq meters..
- ▶ Europe very focused on increasing sales to China.
- ▶ Target markets are electronics and health care.

# TEST METHODS HARMONIZATION

- ▶ Harmonization is a major strategic goal of the AFERA Technical Committee,
- ▶ Following GTF numbers incorporated into AFERA Test Methods.

GTF 6001: SAFT; GTF 6002:THICKNESS; GTF 6003:WIDTH AND LENGTH

GTF 6004:PEEL ADHESION; GTF 6005:BREAKING STRENGTH

GTF 6007: LOOP TACK; WILL TACKLE DYNAMIC SHEAR NEXT.

- ▶ AWAITING PSTC GUIDELINES ON VARIABILITY AND PROCESS FOR PROPOSING A NEW TEST METHOD TO HARMONIZE.
- ▶ REPORTED ON CURRENT PSTC TEST METHOD COMMITTEE FOCUS ON PANEL CLEANING AND PANEL ROUGHNESS ROUND ROBIN THAT IS UNDERWAY.

# The Global Tape Forum 2020 in Osaka, Japan. 17-20 November 2020 at Osaka International Convention Center

- ▶ 7th Global Tape Forum: Call for speakers and sponsors of Osaka 2020 meetings:
- ▶ PSTC is requested to submit at least three papers. These could be the same papers as presented in the PSTC 2020 tape summit.