

1st ASCENT Conference

Trends & Challenges in the Automotive Industry

International Key Note Speakers

Trends & Challenges for the Automotive Industry in Europe (09:00 a.m.)

Josef Affenzeller is Director of Research Coordination at AVL List GmbH in Graz, Austria. He studied mechanical engineering at the Technical University of Graz, receiving his doctorate in 1973. He began working at AVL in 1967. He was also Managing Director of the Acoustic Competence Centre, a public-private research centre for vehicle acoustics, in Graz. From 1998 to 2008, he was coordinator of the European networks FUTURE (Future Road Vehicle Research) and CALM (Transport Noise Mitigation), and is also the coordinator of an ERTRAC (European Road Transport Research Advisory Council) working group. He is chairman of EARPA (European Automotive Research Partners Association).

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Towards Zero Impact Mobility

Electronic Components and Systems for Future Mobility (10:00 a.m.)



Jean-Luc di Paola-Galloni is Corporate Vice-President for Sustainability and External Affairs with Valeo, a global industrial group focused on the design, production and sale of automotive components, integrated systems and modules. Mr di Paola-Galloni joined Valeo in 2006 as the CEO's delegate and a member of the executive committee. He was previously advisor to the CEO of Gaz de France (2002-2004) and has research experience in the field of defence, international relations and strategic affairs at Harvard University, Ecole Normale Supérieure and Institut des Hautes Etudes de Defense Nationale. Mr di Paola-Galloni is a member of France's Modernization Fund of Automotive Suppliers and of the Advisory Board of the International Transport Forum.

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University-Industry Cooperation: the perspective from Continental (13:00)

Fabricio Mezenez is the head of R&D for Vehicle Dynamics at Continental AG in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Continental, famous for its tires, develops technologies and services for sustainable and connected mobility of people and their goods. They offer safe, intelligent and affordable solutions for vehicles and transportation in general. Mr. Mezenez studied automotive mechanical engineering at Centro Universitario FEI and finished his studies in 2006. After graduating he started off in the automotive industry by working as a design engineer for General Motors. After that, in 2014, Mr. Mezenez started to work for Continental as an application engineer before he later got into his present position where he has been until this day.

