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SAMPE UK & Ireland Annual Conference to Expand Technical Programme and Industry Participation

The SAMPE UK & Ireland Chapter has confirmed further developments to its 2026 Annual Conference, *Advanced Materials & Manufacturing: From Microstructures to Megastructures*, as industry and academic interest in the programme continues to grow.

The flagship one-day event will bring together leading researchers, materials scientists, and manufacturers to explore how innovation in materials, processing, and digital engineering is enabling the transition from laboratory-scale research to certified, large-scale composite structures.

Building on the technical themes already announced, the conference programme is being expanded to reflect the pace of change across the composites and advanced manufacturing sectors. The agenda will continue to span the full value chain, from polymer chemistry and microstructural behaviour, through to automation, digital manufacturing, and high-rate production of megastructures for aerospace, defence, and industrial applications.

The event will feature contributions from academia, research organisations, and industry, connecting fundamental science with real-world implementation. With increasing demand from both speakers and partners, the Chapter has confirmed that the next edition of the Annual Conference will now take place on **20th May 2026 at Sigmatex in Runcorn**.

The revised timing enables additional technical content, new industry participation, and an expanded speaker programme, ensuring delegates gain deeper insight into the technologies shaping the future of advanced materials and manufacturing.

Further speakers, sponsors, and programme details will be announced shortly.

For more information, visit: www.sampe.org.uk/annual-conference

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Notes to Editors:

About SAMPE

The Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering is the leading global body for engineers and technologists associated with the processes in advanced materials. Comprised of four Regions in Europe, Japan, China, and North America, the Society is devoted to the promotion of technical developments and innovations made in advanced material engineering, while accommodating over 6,000 professional engineers and scientists. Since its establishment in 1945, the Society has gained more than 15,000 members from 40 individual Chapters worldwide.

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