

## 2018 NPIRI Summer Course

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The NAPIM 2018 NPIRI Summer Course held at “The Sonoco Institute” at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina was a very successful event. The event happened July 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. This is the only training course that covers in detail, the formulation, testing and application of printing inks linked to raw material characteristics.

This was our second year at Clemson and we are very pleased with the college and staff that supports NAPIM/NPIRI. The facilities are excellent and well maintained.

We had a full attendance this year with students attending from the U.S., Canada, Thailand and Nepal.

This is a great course for anyone from entry level to the president level of a company for the printing ink and related industries.

This year we had 24 dedicated and knowledgeable instructors from our industry. Topics focused on paste, liquid, digital and electronic inks, quality control, proofing methods, platemaking, substrates, regulatory issues and various printing processes. Drying mechanisms of inks were incorporated into the course as well. There were also live press demonstrations so students could see actual live printing.

Most of our students say that one of the most important features of this event is the chance to meet people within our industry. New friendships are made, contact information is exchanged, new resources are discovered and relationships are forged.

We are looking forward to next year’s Summer Course at Clemson, July 14-19, 2019.

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