

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

General Information:

1) Why should I become a ZELLCHEMING member?

ZELLCHEMING is *the* platform for the professional technical exchange of all who are involved in the development of sustainable paper and fiber-based products. In addition, ZELLCHEMING offers a wide range of opportunities to build up a professional network to take root in this industry and to maintain personal contacts across generations.

2) Which are the connecting factors for ZELLCHEMING members?

- the fascination for engineering and technology regarding process and product innovations
- the conviction that the paper and fiber-based industry can initiate and implement positive changes – which will have an impact on society beyond the industry itself

3) What are the specific membership benefits?

The opportunity to actively shape the future of the paper and fiber-based industry: by participating in technical and scientific committees or by attending district group meetings. Membership also includes the receipt of industry-relevant information via the regular newsletter or the personal member login for exclusive member content. It also allows reduced admission to the annual technical meeting of industry experts and exhibiting suppliers, the ZELLCHEMING-Expo.

4) Are there special promotions/grants for young professionals?

ZELLCHEMING supports young academics in many ways: These include the Young Talent Award, which is awarded annually to a maximum of two young talents and is endowed with 2,000 euros; the Science Flash, a competition for young talents, which takes place at the ZELLCHEMING-Expo in front of an expert audience; scholarships for semesters abroad through the Hellmuth Müller Klemm Foundation. Free participation in all ZELLCHEMING events is also part of the support program for young talents. Travel expenses may also be covered.

5) How is ZELLCHEMING set up and structured?

The members' assembly elects the board of directors, the assessors, the chairman of the main committee as well as the members of the honorary commission.

The Executive Board, represented by the 1st and 2nd chairman, the treasurer, and the management, is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Members' Assembly as well as the administration of the association's affairs.

For the execution of these tasks the association maintains an office. Head of the office is the management, which represents the association in all matters of the current administration.

6) What are the main topics?

Important landmark themes are:

- Careful use of all resources, saving water, energy and raw materials, low CO₂-emission, or CO₂-neutral production
- Use of digitalization technology and artificial intelligence in production and marketing
- Further increase in the recyclability of paper and fiber-based products, optimal recycling
- Development, design, and marketing of innovative products from cellulose, cellulose derivatives and lignin as well as other plant raw materials

7) Which technical committees are there and how can I participate?

Currently there are the following technical committees:

- CELL (Cellulose and Cellulose Derivatives)
- CHAD (Chemical Additives)
- CHEP (Chemical Pulping)
- COAT (Coating of Paper and Board)
- DATA (Pulp and Paper Testing)
- MBIO (Microbiology)
- EDUC (Education and Training)
- ENEN (Plant Engineering and Energy)
- ENVI (Environmental Issues)
- MECP (Mechanical Pulping)
- PBTC (Paperboard Technology)
- PMAK (Papermaking)
- RECO (Recovered Paper Utilisation)
- SAFE (Health and Safety)

as well as the technical sub-committees

- AWEF (Finishing and Processing of Paper and Board)
- DATA1 (Testing of Fillers and Pigments)
- DATA2 (Testing of Printing Papers)
- DATA3 (Online Sensor Technology)
- ENEN1 (Energy)
- ENEN2 (Electrical Engineering and Automation)
- PIA (Paper in Innovative Applications) (currently suspended)
- TECH (Recycling Technology)

Please contact the respective head of the technical committee for a guest invitation.

8) Which regional offers and activities are there?

Regional events (district group meetings) with lecture programs and plant tours are organized on a regular basis.

9) How can I actively participate in ZELLCHEMING?

On the one hand, through membership, on the other hand through active participation in the association's activities and collaboration in the technical-scientific committees.

10) How can I assume a leading role?

By participating in the various association committees, members grow closer to ZELLCHEMING and increasingly take on responsibility.

11) What requirements should I bring along as a member?

A professional or thematic reference to the pulp and paper industry or to fiber-based materials.

12) The name ZELLCHEMING is composed of the terms cellulose, chemistry, and engineer. I am not a trained engineer – can I still become a ZELLCHEMING member?

Yes, professionally trained chemists and other natural scientists, engineers and persons who prove their suitability for membership by their work in research, teaching, industry, and trade can also become members of the association.

13) Who belongs to the ZELLCHEMING network?

Companies and persons from the pulp and paper industry, companies of the supply industry from Germany and abroad as well as associations and federations with similar topics from Europe and overseas.

14) What has shaped the history of ZELLCHEMING?

More than 115 years of tradition in its function as a link between research as well as technology and production.

Useful information:

15) How many members does ZELLCHEMING have in the different groups (students, full members, corporate members, domestic and abroad?)

More than 1,000 personal members domestic and abroad, more than 200 corporate members domestic and abroad. A growing number of students (currently 60).

16) What types of membership are there?

There are memberships for individuals and companies.

17) What are the membership fees?

Membership is free of charge for students in the context of double membership in the APV/VPM/CCCD. Personal members pay 180 Euros per year. The fees for companies are staggered according to sector-related turnover per year and the number of free members. The minimum fee for companies is 600 Euros per year with two free members.

18) How and what form is the communication with the members organized?

Communication with members is done classically by mail, electronically by newsletter and via social media channels such as Twitter, Xing and LinkedIn. The website is used as an additional information medium.

19) ZELLCHEMING has published several technical leaflets. Which topics are covered in them?

In the course of the work of the ZELLCHEMING technical committees, more than 100 technical leaflets have been published which are currently valid. The range of topics covered in these leaflets covers all areas relevant to the manufacture of paper- and fiber-based products: from yield figures for recovered paper processing companies to testing the absorption behavior of printing ink/printing paper combinations.

20) Where and how can I download technical leaflets, and how much do they cost?

The technical leaflets are available in the protected member area. The download is free of charge for members, non-members pay 20 Euro, plus VAT, per technical leaflet.

21) I have lost my access data to the member area – how can I reset it?

You can reset your password by clicking on the "Forgot Password?" button.

22) How can I participate in a technical committee meeting?

The head of the technical committee will be happy to send you a guest invitation.

23) Where and how can I change my personal data?

Personal data can be changed at any time in the online member directory or the changes can be sent to the office.

24) The contact person in our company has changed. What should be done?

The office must be informed in writing (letter/fax/e-mail) about the changes.

25) How and until when can a membership be cancelled?

Cancellations must be made in writing (letter/fax/e-mail) and submitted three months before the end of the year.

Outlook:

26) How has ZELLCHEMING positioned itself for the future?

The ZELLCHEMING technical committees continue to develop topics and occupy new areas whose importance for the industry is growing.

As a responsible designer and initiator, ZELLCHEMING makes a positive contribution to securing the future viability of an innovative paper and fiber-based industry. This makes ZELLCHEMING an important player in the context of the political, corporate and society (as a core element of a sustainable EU bio-economy).

27) What are ZELLCHEMING's offers for new target groups?

ZELLCHEMING not only acts as a platform for the professional technical exchange of all those involved in the development of sustainable paper- and fiber-based products, but also performs an important interface function with thematically related sectors and industries, e.g. materials industry and lignin-based products.