

FPD HOT NEWS

SPRING 2008 FPD CONFERENCE was held at Kiawah Island, South Carolina! The conference was held **April 13-15, 2008** at the fabulous Kiawah Island Resort. A post-conference summary, including a few pictures, will be included in the May FPD Highlights.

FALL 2008 FPD CONFERENCE will be held on Sept. 21-23, 2008 at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. There is something for everyone at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, including the Kierland Golf Club and the ambiance, shopping, and dining in Scottsdale. The Conference will be chaired by Preston Hollier, Solvay Solexis, and Eric Walsh, DeWAL. A preliminary program will be forthcoming soon.



“FLUOROPOLYMERS IN DAILY LIVING”... The recent lead article from the Winter 2008 Issue of FluoroNews was slightly modified into a stand alone article and posted on the FPD web site at www.fluoropolymers.org/news. It was based on an article, “A Day with the Smiths,” by Dr. Sina Ebnesajjad, President of FluoroConsultants Group, LLC, and edited by Dr. Sina Ebnesajjad and E. Robert (Bob) Hill. The introduction and overall editing were by Bob Hill, Hill Business Writing LLC.

OTHER FPD ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... Bob Smith is working with Rick Sturgis, SPI, on several membership initiatives. SPI is hiring two sales people to recruit new members. FPD is developing a list of the top 20 companies, mostly processors, and key contacts for the sales staff. Terence Neville and Mike Patterson continue with the development of an e-mail survey.

MONTHLY FPD HIGHLIGHTS... Please include E. Robert (Bob) Hill on your press release list at eben_hill@msn.com, so we can note your Company and staff accomplishments and honors.

FLUOROGUIDE... We are updating the tables monthly, or as needed. Only minor changes have been reported recently. Please check your company input on our website and

give Bob Hill, Hill Business Writing LLC, any needed further revisions at eben_hill@msn.com. We anticipate another full update in May or June 2008.

FPD WEB SITE HITS continue to increase steadily. We continue to add a steady stream of new content to our web site, and are now posting post-conference summaries, including the conference program, a list of attendees, and more.

SOCIETAL VALUE OF FLUOROPOLYMERS... Bruce Nesbitt is leading a committee which has developed an email questionnaire to gather data on fluoropolymer applications and their benefit to society. Processor and coater data collection is well under way

FPD SECTION ACTIVITIES

FPD Section activities continue to be strongly emphasized at all conferences. Each Section breakout has content of specific interest to its industry segment. Both the Coaters and Processors Section are working hard to reach new and old member prospects and make them aware of what Section membership can do for them.

Coating Section... The group wants to increase its efforts to reach out to coater member prospects. The Section will continue the trend of bringing vendors of value to the coaters breakouts and will include additional supplier presentations at future meetings.

Processors Section... The Section name has been changed from PTFE Processors to the Processors Section, reflecting the wider scope of its membership and breakout subject matter.

Wire and Cable... See the recent detailed status report in the Winter 2008 issue of FluoroNews in the Section Corner on page 4.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

DAIKIN... **Al Damico** has been elected to the SPI Executive Board, a group of 24 plastics industry representatives that has responsibility the general management of the property, funds, and business of the Society. Al's term on the Executive Board extends through December 31, 2009. Al is also the current Chairman of the Fluoropolymer Division of SPI and the Chairman of the Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee of SPI.

To meet the ever-changing demands and growth of the fluorochemical industry, Daikin announces the following additions to its team. **Ashish Patel** joined Daikin America in March as the Product Manager for Melts. **Adam Brozzetti** joined Daikin America as Director of Strategic Sales Planning in March. In this capacity, Adam is responsible for developing strategic and tactical sales plans to continue the success of Daikin's fluoropolymer products. Adam has been in the fluoropolymer industry since 2000. Both men will be located at Daikin America's headquarters in Orangeburg, NY.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

ADVANCED FLEXIBLE COMPOSITES, INC. (AFC) is pleased to announce that 2008 marks its 20th anniversary. Founded in 1988, AFC, a family owned and operated company, is a world leader in the manufacture of high-performance coated fabrics. AFC sells its products through distributors and OEMs under the trade names DuraFab®, DuraFlow®, DuraSil®, DuraStick®, DuraLam® and DuraChef®. The company designs and manufactures PTFE and silicone coated fabrics and belting, along with an extensive line of pressure sensitive tapes, for use in diverse applications. Typical applications for its products are found in industries such as, aerospace, flexible packaging, screen printing, textile, polymer manufacturing, quick service restaurant, food processing, chemical, electronics and communications.

“Over the last 20 years we have been customer-focused and driven to provide our customers with the proper solutions” said Bill Lewis CEO and President of AFC. AFC is headquartered in Lake In The Hills, IL, and manufactures materials out 4 facilities, Lake In The Hills, IL; Adams MA; Mexico City, Mexico; and Runcorn, Cheshire, England. For further information, contact Michael Baker, Director of Marketing at 800/334-9372.

W. L. GORE shares expanded PTFE expertise in leading industry reference book. As a leader in the development and technology of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE), Gore was asked to share its expertise by writing a chapter for the second edition of *Filtration and Purification in the Biopharmaceutical Industry*. Like the previous edition, this book will be used by professionals around the world as a primary source for state-of-the-art information on the scientific and technological aspects of biopharmaceutical filtration. Read the chapter, entitled "[Expanded Polytetrafluoroethylene Membranes and Their Applications](#)" in the book *Filtration and Purification in the Biopharmaceutical Industry*. For more information on Gore PharmBIO Products, visit www.gore.com/pharmbio.

GORE PHARMBIO PRODUCTS has developed and assembled a unique set of innovative products to meet the diverse needs of the global pharmaceutical and bioprocess industries. Launching at INTERPHEX Philadelphia 2008 is another industry-leading product, the GORE™ Aseptic Sampling Device – the only fully disposable, completely assembled system for biopharmaceutical fluid sampling. It provides the simplest means for biopharmaceutical manufacturers to safely and cost-effectively monitor cell development as well as sample other critical fluids in their processes.

Sampling is a critical step in the production of high value products. The process can be complicated, time consuming and highly dependent on the skill of production personnel. Fully assembled and disposable, the GORE™ Aseptic Sampling Device eliminates the time and procedural risks of assembling and pre-cleaning devices. Delivered as a sterile closed system, it is aseptic throughout the sampling operation, providing unparalleled safety and protection for products and people.

AGC CHEMICALS AMERICAS, INC. exhibited for the first time at NACE Corrosion 2008 in New Orleans, LA on March 17-20th. AGC Chemicals showcased high performance fluoroproducts, under the Fluon(r), AFLAS(r) and Lumiflon(r) brands, The Fluon(r) fluoropolymer resins and compounds, and AFLAS(r) fluoroelastomers may be cost effective substitutes to expensive metal alloys whereas Lumiflon fluoropolymer coatings are long-lasting and protective in the ever escalating war against corrosion.

ASAHI GLASS CHEMICALS has restructured its web site, and it looks great! Check it out at www.agachemicals.com.

SPI ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF FPD

PROPOSED COMBUSTIBLE DUST EXPLOSION LEGISLATION... In response to a recent explosion at the Imperial Sugar plant in Georgia, US Representatives George Miller (D-CA) and John Barrow (D-GA) introduced the Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008 (H.R. 5522) on March 4, 2008. The bill would mandate that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issue a standard regulating combustible industrial dusts within 90 days that would effectively adopt two voluntary consensus standards issued by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Along with 24 other trade associations, SPI has signed onto a letter sent by the OSHA Fairness Coalition that voices opposition to the bill as currently drafted. According to a [coalition letter](#) sent to members of the House Committee on Education and Labor on April 8, chief among many objections to the bill is that it would create a rule "issued without any opportunity for comments by those subject to it, nor would OSHA be able to perform any of the analyses associated with normal rulemaking: significant risk, economic and technological feasibility, and small business impact, among others."

USTR RELEASES 2008 NATIONAL TRADE ESTIMATE REPORT... The US Trade Representative released its annual National Trade Estimate (NTE) report to Congress on March 28. The NTE report describes significant barriers to US trade and investment, as well as the actions taken by USTR to address those barriers. It discusses the Administration's efforts to eliminate trade barriers in 62 major trading partners. The report cites the following successes in addressing foreign trade barriers in 2007: signing four free trade agreements (FTAs) and working with Congress to approve the Peru FTA, launching World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes with China regarding export subsidies, intellectual property rights and market access barriers, pursuing successful conclusion of the Doha round of WTO trade talks, strengthening intellectual property rights laws and enforcement, and launching the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

The report indicates the Administration's priorities for 2008 include working with Congress to approve the three pending FTAs, pursuing a successful WTO Doha Round agreement, vigorously enforcing US trade rights, working with countries to open beef markets, building the US - Middle East Free Trade Area, and continuing negotiations with African nations to open markets.

SPI LAUNCHES QUARTERLY INTERNATIONAL TRADE WEBINAR SERIES with "REACH 101"... SPI's trade staff is initiating a quarterly webinar series to address current international trade issues. Issues to be covered in 2008 include the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals in Europe (REACH), border-adjusted taxes, trade adjustment assistance and trade statistics. The first in the series, "**REACH – 101**," was held on April 8, 2008.

SPI STEPS UP AT ECOBUILD AMERICA... Showcase your company's work to support a more sustainable world in the SPI "Sustainable Plastics in Construction" pavilion at the Ecobuild America/AEC—ST exhibition May 21-22, 2008, at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, Calif. A conference program runs May 19-22. Ecobuild America, and AEC-ST is the annual gathering for building architects, engineers and contractors, who design, construct, manage facilities and specify building product, materials and services. Ecobuild America and AEC-ST is where ecology meets technology—a high-profile event at which the plastics industry can demonstrate how it supports a sustainable planet.

Take advantage of this unique trade show to demonstrate that the plastics industry and your company mean business when it comes to sustainability. An exhibit can be as simple as a company representative with support visuals and handouts to drive your message. *Contact SPI to learn more about the SPI pavilion at Ecobuild and to exhibit... [Alan Carter](#), Sales Manager of Trade Shows, SPI, 202/ 974-5284*