

## FPD HOT NEWS

**SPRING 2009 CONFERENCE** will be May 3-5, 2009 at the Hyatt Grand Champions in Palm Springs, California. It will be co-located with the Machinery Division. **Mike Patterson and Bob Smith** are the conference co-chairs.



The agenda includes an Aerospace Industry Update by **Jim Hunt**, an Industry Regulatory Update on Halogenated Materials by SPI, "SPI Looking Ahead" by **SPI President Bill Carteau**, "The Greening of America" by **Lowell Catlett**, and a financial update. The Keynote Speaker is **Howard Fineman**, a Newsweek editor and leading political reporter and commentator. **There will not be any section breakouts at this conference.**

**2009 ASSESSMENT...** The FPD Executive Committee approved a \$750 assessment for 2009. The assessments will be sent on the same form as the SPI dues statement.

**NPE 2009/FPD World...** Eight companies have signed up, and only three booths remain in the current configuration. The Executive Committee is interested in marketing the remaining booths to several companies and will provide the names of those companies to SPI. The pavilion will be expanded as demand requires.

## FPD SECTION ACTIVITIES

**We will not have Section Breakouts at the upcoming Spring 2009 Conference.** Both the Coaters and Processors Sections are working hard to reach new and old member prospects and make them aware of what Section membership can do for them.

## FPD COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATIONS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...** **Richard Perrinaud** of Arkema and **Preston Hollier** of Solvay Solexis will not be renewing their Executive Committee terms. The companies will soon provide names of possible replacements for the Executive Committee.

**FLUORONEWS...** The Winter 2009 issue of FluoroNews will be issued in February, 2009.

**MONTHLY FPD HIGHLIGHTS...** Please include E. Robert (Bob) Hill on your press release list at [eben\\_hill@msn.com](mailto:eben_hill@msn.com), so we can note the accomplishments and honors of your Company and Staff.

**FLUOROGUIDE...** We are updating the tables monthly, or as needed. Please check your company input on our website and give **Jennifer Goldman** at [jgoldman@plasticsindustry.org](mailto:jgoldman@plasticsindustry.org) any needed further updates. Jennifer will be handling the updates of FluoroGuide and the related tables in the future.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**DANIEL LOFFA...** We have lost an old FPD friend. AGCCA's Sales Manager **Dan Loffa** passed away on November 9, 2008. He is survived by his wife Maria and three children.

Dan was a regular attendee at the SPI FPD meetings and an alternate to the FPD Executive Committee, filling in for Evan Laganis as well as a co-chairman at the 2007 Spring Conference. Dan's professional career started at M. Rosenblatt & Sons, Manhattan, NY as a ship piping designer before joining Stone & Webster Engineering Constructors (New York City) working on piping design for nuclear plants. Afterwards he joined PSE&G as a piping engineer working on the Hudson generating plant near Jersey City, NJ before starting his own manufacturer's rep business selling piping components and valves. Dan joined AGCCA's sales team in 1996 as an Account Rep before his promotion to PTFE Business Manager – Fluon® in 2003 and Sales Manager in May 2006.

Dan's contributions were invaluable and he will be missed by AGCCA both professionally and personally. Our deepest sympathies go out to Maria and his family. He will be sorely missed.

## INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**W. L. GORE**, the inventor of GORE-TEX® Products with the GUARANTEED TO KEEP YOU DRY® promise, introduces GORE-TEX® Gloves with X-TRAFIT™ Product Technology at SIA January 27-30, 2009. GORE-TEX® Gloves with X-TRAFIT™ Product Technology are made with a patented construction technique where the liner and insert are permanently bonded together, also utilizing Gore's grip tape on the inside of the shell of the glove which prevents any movement between the layers under pressure. The outcome is a great fitting, waterproof and breathable glove with optimum grip, dexterity and comfort. GORE-TEX® gloves with X-TRAFIT™ Product technology excel in a variety of snowsports environments, including backcountry skiing, park and pipe riding and spring skiing.

**W. L. GORE** has redesigned its web site, <http://www.gore.com/>, so you can easily find what you're looking for.

**SOLVAY SOLEXIS** has launched a new product line, Aquivion™, an innovative perfluorosulfonic acid (PSFA) polymer characterized by short and light side chains specifically designed for today's Fuel Cell industry. Aquivion™PSFA features lower equivalent weight than competitive polymers and its short side chains make it unique among conductive perfluoropolymers (ionomers). It is available as membranes and dispersions. Aquivion™ products superior properties allow the design of simpler and more efficient Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cell systems featuring a broad range of operating temperatures and outstanding ion conductivity especially at high temperatures and low humidity.