

## FPD HOT NEWS

**SPRING 2009 CONFERENCE...** The Fluoropolymers Division Spring 2009 Conference was held May 3-5, 2009 at the Hyatt Grand Champions in Indian Wells, California. We co-located this meeting with the SPI Machinery Division to keep costs down and enhance the educational program. 15 companies sponsored the conference.



*Bob Smith/Tim Walsh*



*Howard Fineman/Bill Carteaux*



*Business Session*



*Evan Laganis*

**FALL 2009 CONFERENCE...** The fall meeting will be held in the Washington, DC area and will feature a shorter schedule. The meeting will begin Monday at 1:00 pm and will conclude Tuesday at 12:00 pm. **Mike Lim** and **Steve Schwartz** will be the conference co-chairs.

**SPRING 2010 CONFERENCE...** The group expressed an interest in Las Vegas, which typically draws large attendance. **Terence Neville** and **Josh Gingras** will be the conference co-chairs.

## FPD SECTIONS

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

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...** The group reviewed the membership survey results. The division has recently lost four members: Plas-Tech Coatings, Solvay, Toefco Engineered Coatings, and Toray Fluorofibers.

**FLUORONEWS...** The Summer 2009 issue of FluoroNews will be issued in late June 09. It was been downsized in Winter 09 to an 8 page format to reduce cost.

**MONTHLY FPD HIGHLIGHTS** has been reformatted in a similar style to SPI Link and has now been downsized to a 2 page format to reduce cost. 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. This issue is a special post-conference monthly.

**FLUOROGUIDE...** We are updating the member roster and member product and service tables monthly, or as needed. Please check your input on the FPD web site 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.

## INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**GORE™ TENARA® Architectural Fabric Featured in New Centre Court Roof...Newark, DE (May 21, 2009)** — This summer, W. L. Gore & Associates, the company best known for its waterproof and breathable outerwear fabric, will encourage people to take off their GORE-TEX® jackets at one of the world's biggest sporting events—Wimbledon. The company announced this week that the new retractable roof over Centre Court is made of GORE™ TENARA® Architectural Fabric, a product that will reduce the impact of wet weather at the tennis tournament.

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Gore's fabric was chosen, in part, for its unparalleled ability to let light pass through while offering protection from the elements. Play will still feel like it is outdoors, even when the roof is closed.

On May 17 the roof debuted to a packed house at a special Centre Court celebration. During the event, spectators experienced a fully covered stadium still flooded with natural light. On the grass court, Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Tim Henman and Kim Clijsters showed that top tennis can be played in the new atmosphere. Gore's fabric was chosen, in part, for its unparalleled ability to let light pass through while offering protection from the elements. Play will still feel like it is outdoors, even when the roof is closed.

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**AKZO NOBEL AND WHITFORD CORPORATION** are pleased to announce that Whitford's purchase of the AkzoNobel Non Stick Coatings Division has been completed. All ANNS assets now belong to Whitford. Nevertheless, there will be a period of transition, during which the companies have agreed to do everything possible to make the handover of information, inventory and equipment as smooth and problem-free for customers in all countries affected. Both companies shall continue cooperating until the transition is fully completed, which in some cases will mean ongoing manufacture of some Akzo products in Akzo facilities for a brief period.

**FLUOROCONSULTANTS GROUP (FCG)** specializes in bringing complete solutions to the industries that process or use fluoropolymers and select other thermoplastics. FCG consulting services include support for part or process design, material specification, process optimization and troubleshooting, analysis of part failure, expert witness service, patent assistance and business growth.

**ORION** has created an entirely new company named **Surface Solutions Group, LLC**. The new company is focused 100% on medical industry applications.. The new facility is air conditioned, ultra air filtered, has two clean rooms, seamless antimicrobial treated floors and walls plus has two totally automatic electrostatic conveyor coating systems for PTFE application to guidewires, mandrels and similar medical devices. ( Please check out [www.surfacesolutionsgroup.com](http://www.surfacesolutionsgroup.com)) **George Osterhout** is the President and John **Corsten** is the Vice President. **Bruce Nesbitt** is the Manager.