

FPD HOT NEWS

SPRING 2009 CONFERENCE... Registration is now open for the Fluoropolymers Division Spring 2009 Conference. The conference will be held May 3-5, 2009 at the Hyatt Grand Champions in Indian Wells, California.



This conference includes two days of sessions to analyze current market conditions and provide you with innovative ways to weather current challenges. We are co-locating this meeting with the SPI Machinery Division to help keep costs down and enhance the educational program.

The Keynote Speaker is **Howard Fineman**, Newsweek editor and leading political reporter and commentator. **There will not be any section breakouts at this conference.** All Tuesday events are combined with Machinery Division.

FALL 2009 CONFERENCE... A decision on the fall conference will be made following the spring conference, taking into account the attendance levels and the state of the economy.

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...Nine companies have signed up for booths at **FPD World** at NPE2009, and only three booths remain in the current configuration. Please consider taking a booth for your company. The pavilion will be expanded as demand requires.

FPD SECTIONS

There will not be any section breakouts at this conference. Section Activities are, however, continuing. 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

The **FPD Wire and Cable section** is still waiting for USGBC's responses to comments on US Green Building Council's LEED draft standard for health care buildings. The section is monitoring other green building initiatives to help steer towards the use of sound science to quantify environmental impact of equal function material alternatives. The section is also awaiting feedback from an independent critical review panel of a life cycle analysis study written in 2008. Codes and Standards activities continue to be significant; currently focused on the 2011 National Electrical Code™. The report on proposals meeting for NEC was completed in January 2009.

FPD COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATIONS

FLUORONEWS... The Winter 2009 issue of FluoroNews was issued in February, 2009. It has been downsized 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, 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 any needed further updates. Jennifer will be handling the updates of FluoroGuide and the related tables in the future.

PEOPLE

DEBBY NUNAN... It is with great sadness that we report that Debby Nunan, who was living in James Island, South Carolina, died in an auto accident on February 27 near her home. This accident came just 26 days after her 54th birthday and two weeks after arriving home from her sailfishing expedition in Costa Rica. She had worked for ICI Americas, Whitford Corporation, and V.Nunan Materials, Inc. in the Fluoropolymers business. She will be missed dearly by all who were lucky enough to know her and work with her.

DAIKIN AMERICA... **Gary Stanitis** has been promoted to Market Focus Manager for Daikin, developing new applications, markets, and customers for existing and new Daikin products. Gary has been with Daikin America since December 2004, specializing in the Wire & Cable Industry.

ADVANCED FLEXIBLE COMPOSITES, INC. (AFC) is pleased to announce that **Bill Barnard** has been named the 2008 Sales Person of the year. Mr. Barnard has sales responsibility for the Southeast region.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FLUOROCONSULTANTS GROUP has expanded its B-to-B part manufacturing and sourcing services in 2009. The company now produces specialty alloy components such as pins, studs, inserts and other parts which are often part of the design of fluoropolymer parts. This new service allows fluoropolymer parts manufacturers to increase quality and accuracy of metal components while reducing the cost. Similar to plastic parts, FluoroConsultants provides full services including rapid quotation and sampling, material certification, quality assurance report and prompt delivery to customers. FluoroConsultants' services include technical consulting to customers that purchase parts from the company. FluoroConsultants' parts business is limited to B-to-B in support of fluoropolymer processors and manufacturers in North America. For more information please contact FluoroConsultants Group at (302/540-9887 or www.FluoroConsultants.com."