

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. The group is potentially interested in co-locating with the Machinery Division at future meetings.



FALL 2009 CONFERENCE... The group discussed the feasibility of holding a fall meeting considering the low numbers for the spring meeting. A decision was made to hold a downsized meeting in the Washington, DC area: Begin meeting Monday at 1:00 pm, conclude meeting Tuesday at 12:00 pm with Dinner event on boat. **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.

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

FLUORONEWS... The Winter 2009 issue of FluoroNews was issued in February, 2009. It was been downsized to an 8 page format to reduce cost. The Summer 2009 issue of FluoroNews will be issued in mid-summer in similar format.

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 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 any needed further updates. Jennifer will be handling the updates of FluoroGuide and the related tables in the future.

PEOPLE

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. In addition to the sales person of the year, AFC announced the winners of The President Sales Achievement Awards. This award is bestowed on any AFC sales person who reaches certain sales milestones. AFC had a record setting year in 2008. Both Bill and Jay were significant contributors to our success. For further information, contact Michael Baker, Director of Marketing at (800) 334-9372.

ADVANCED FLEXIBLE COMPOSITES, INC. (AFC) names **Richard Fowler** Midwest Sales Representative. Prior to joining AFC he worked for Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics for six years. You may contact Rich at 1/800-334-9372, 1-847-841-4014 or at rfowler@afconline.com.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

ADVANCED FLEXIBLE COMPOSITES, INC. (AFC) has received qualification from the Department of The Navy on DuraStick® 380-07 and 380-10 to Mil-I-19166C/AMD-1. These tapes consist of a tightly woven, high tensile fiberglass cloth coated with a high-temperature silicone adhesive. Series 380 tapes possess a high thermal rating, are flame retardant, abrasion and edge tear resistant, conformable, and provide superior solvent resistance. AFC's is one of just a few tapes producers whose products meet the stringent demands of DOD's QPL requirements. Typical applications for these products are as electrical and electronic splicing, wrapping and insulating as well as an economical thermal spray tape. Series 380 is available in either full widths or slit rolls.

FLUOROCONSULTANTS GROUP LLC (FCG) business has been growing beyond consulting. Indeed, our main business now is parts manufacturing and sourcing as you can see from our website which was redesigned a few months ago (www.FluoroConsultants.com). We make thermoplastics and metal parts in addition to fluoropolymers, although fluoropolymers are still our core business. FCG 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. 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.”