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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Al Damico

As many of you know by now, **Allen Weidman** is in the process of transitioning out of SPI. His position as Executive Director responsible for the Fluoropolymer Division has been filled by **Terry Peters** who joined SPI late in 2006 and most recently was Executive Director for the Machinery Division. Additionally, I am very happy to report that **Jennifer Goldman** has been promoted to Assistant Director, reporting to Terry. Congratulations Jennifer.

On a personal note, I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to Allen Weidman for his dedication, expertise and council during my 15 years of involvement in the FPD. Allen has been a steadying influence on the Division and his knowledge, influence, and wit will be missed.

MOVING FORWARD

Additionally, at a recent special meeting of the FPD Executive Committee, SPI senior management and the members of the Executive Committee identified five critical areas that will be focused on in the short and medium terms. SPI has committed to provide timelines and responsibilities to the Executive Committee by the end of July.

Representatives from three of the major fluoroelastomer producers attended our regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting in June. The objective was to explore the possibility of creating a sub-committee of the FPD devoted to fluoroelastomers. Although no conclusion was reached, the discussions were fruitful and will continue.

FALL CONFERENCE AT LAS VEGAS

I am excited about the program that has been put together for the upcoming divisional meeting in Las Vegas. We have speakers on a variety of interesting and pertinent topics and are expecting good attendance. Please take a moment to review the Program at www.fluoropolymers.org/conference/fpd2007Fallconf.htm.

OUR CHALLENGE

Finally, I'd like to reinforce the point I made in the last edition of this column. Please make the effort to participate in the activities in the Division and to include others from your organization so that they can better understand the benefits of both FPD and SPI.

Al Damico
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SPI Initiatives *over the past year to grow your business and strengthen the US Plastics Industry. A letter from SPI President Bill Carteaux!!*

Dear SPI Member:

The SPI staff and I never lose sight of the fact that we are working for you. At the 2007 Spring National Board Meeting held last month in New Orleans, SPI's executive board, leadership councils and staff took stock in what our association accomplished over the past year to grow your business and strengthen the US plastics industry. Here is a summary of what we have done lately to provide your business with bottom-line benefits:

To reduce your business expenses... As the leading public policy advocate for the plastics industry in Washington, DC our aggressive lobbying efforts have been geared to lower your company's energy costs, protect American manufacturing jobs and maintain US competitiveness in the global plastics marketplace. Specifically, SPI's 2006 legislative victories:

- improved access to new sources of natural gas in the Gulf,
- extended the R&D Tax Credit, and
- restored funding for the Food and Drug Administration's Food Contact Notification Program through September 2007.

In 2006 we also greatly expanded SPI's cost-savings programs. In addition to car rentals and office supply discounts, we added a unique utility cost-savings program to immediately help lower your company's energy and other

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INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FluoroNews is published by the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., Fluoropolymers Division. SPI will publish brief summaries of events of interest to members in the Industry Highlights section as part of its continuing effort to meet the needs and interests of the fluoropolymer industry. Publication of such information is subject to FluoroNews editorial and other SPI policies. See page 3.

ADVANCED FLEXIBLE COMPOSITES, INC. (AFC) has introduced its new kit for repairing PTFE coated belts. The kit was specifically designed to repair PTFE coated conveyor belts, and PTFE coated fabrics. The kit includes a lightweight sealing iron with a 3 in. diameter sealing head, a high temperature mineral board work surface, a variety of patching materials and an instruction manual. Replacement parts and materials will be available from AFC. For further information, contact Michael Baker, Director of Marketing at 800/334-9372.

AKZO NOBEL NON-STICK COATINGS is excited about a new interior technology for cookware. This system was developed in their Illinois R&D Center and offers a dramatic departure from previous coatings historically used in the Cookware Industry. The intent is to present it officially at the 2007 International Housewares Show located in Chicago, Illinois in March 2007. It will be called "**FUSION.**"

AKZO NOBEL NON-STICK announced the December 2006 opening of our new office building in Dongguan, China, the 3rd building in our complex at this location. With this addition, we are able to expand both our manufacturing and R&D into the previous office area. The original facility was opened in the fall of 2002 to meet the demand in China and SE Asia.

DURAFILM announces Coated and Uncoated Polyimide Tubing. **Uncoated Tubing** is a tough aromatic polyimide film exhibiting an excellent balance of physical, chemical, and electrical properties over a wide temperature range from 0° Kelvin (-459.66°F) to unusually high temperatures (752°F). Coated Tubing has proprietary formulations to produce tubing with specific surface resistivity values to bleed static charges and fluoropolymer topcoats of PTFE, FEP and PFA for superior release at high temperatures (425°F - 550°F). Standard sizes range from 0.500" (12.7mm) to 3.00" (76.2mm). Please contact our customer service team with your needs at 800/234-8885.

W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES has again earned a position on FORTUNE magazine's annual list of the **"100 Best Companies to Work For"** for the 10th consecutive year. The magazine ranks Gore number 10 overall and number 7 among medium-sized companies.

W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES (GORE) introduces a new version of GORE™ SKYFLEX® Aircraft Fuel Sealant designed for high temperature applications, up to 356 °F (180 °C), that resists UV and aging. GORE™ SKYFLEX® Aircraft Sealant is a reusable, non-curing, non-hazardous, form-in-place sealant that provides excellent protection against corrosion, water ingress, fuels, and other environmental influences including oils. GORE™ SKYFLEX® Aircraft Sealant is a PTFE-based sealant. Unlike rubber gaskets, PTFE does not age or become hard and brittle.

W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES (Gore) launches an enhanced microminiature round cable for medical applications. When size and electrical integrity is critical, GORE™ Microminiature Round Cable provides one of the smallest, most durable medical cable solutions. A variety of medical devices can benefit from GORE™ Microminiature Round Cable including electrophysiology products and small diameter flexible endoscopes, where real-estate is a premium and reliability is paramount. Through the use of GORE™ High Strength Toughened Fluoropolymer (HSTF) and low dielectric constant expanded PTFE (ePTFE) material, GORE™ Microminiature Round Cable maintains its performance through device flexure, abrasion during routing or tracking and sterilization.

WHITFORD WORLDWIDE has moved from its corporate home of 20 years in Frazer, PA to a far larger facility in Elverson, PA, about 20 miles NW of Frazer. The new factory includes 210,000 square feet of usable space. A new state-of-the art office building has 23k square feet of space, more than twice that of the previous facility. The Elverson facility offers more than enough space to consolidate Whitford's sister company, Polymeric Systems, Inc. (PSI), into the site in early 2007.

WHITFORD CORP – HALO is a totally new and different nonstick coating system for top-end cookware. While it has unsurpassed resistance to wear, and releases food easily, it does a lot more: HALO contains a unique formula of special additives that absorb heat from the stovetop more quickly and distribute it across the surface of the pot or pan more evenly. This transfers the heat more rapidly (and evenly) into the food, reducing cooking time. HALO's amazing heat distribution also helps eliminate "hot spots" that burn food. For more information, please send us an email at sales@whitfordww.com or visit us at whitfordww.com.

AGC CHEMICALS AMERICAS, INC announced that AFLAS® 100S fluoroelastomer has been tested to the rigorous requirements of United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Class VI and has met those requirements. This is the first step in getting acceptance for AFLAS® compounds, typically used in applications which require excellent chemical resistance

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

ADVANCED FLEXIBLE COMPOSITES, INC. (AFC) announced that **Jay Russ** was named 2006 Sales Person of the year. AFC also announced the winners of the President sales achievement awards. The 2006 class included **Jay Russ, Bill Barnard, Tim Brown, Fred Bridge**, **CJ Garvey, Al Anthony,** and **John Keeler**. "2006 was a record sales year for AFC. We would not have accomplished this without the efforts of these outstanding sales people," stated **Chuck Crowley**, AFC's Vice President of Sales.

FLUOROCONSULTANTS GROUP – Niall McKee joined FluoroConsultants Group, LLC, in January 2007 as a Senior Consultant. Niall has a wealth of experience that includes 45 years of employment at the DuPont Company. He worked in a wide variety of assignments that include QC, direct supervision, technical innovation and process optimization, resulting in a unique blend of skills. Niall is a well known authority in the processing of melt processible fluoropolymers such as FEP

and PFA. To contact Niall, please visit www.FluoroConsultants.com.

The new email addresss of **Sina Ebnesajjad** is sina@fluoroconsultants.com.

SHAMROCK TECHNOLOGIES, INC. announced the promotion of **Christophe Fillion** to Supply Chain Leader. Chris joined Shamrock Technologies, Inc. Newark, NJ in 2000 as a Technical Marketing Manager for lubricant additives. In 2002, he expanded his role in the Product Technical Center with Global responsibilities for Technical Services, Product Sales and Customer Projects.

DAIKIN AMERICA – Kerry Heck joined Daikin America as DAI-EL® Technical Service Engineer, effective January 2007. Kerry will provide technical and applications development assistance to fluoroelastomer compounders, fabricators and end users, working closely with the Daikin sales force to identify customer requirements and develop custom solutions with DAI-EL®.

DUPONT CABLING SOLUTIONS recently named **Robert D. Kenny** as global technology manager, further enhancing the company's industry leadership in cabling expertise. ***FN***

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at high temperatures, in medical and pharmaceutical applications.

ARKEMA – With the launch of the website www.arkema.com.cn, Arkema confirms its commitment to boosting its presence in China and on the Asian continent as a whole. To find out about Arkema's activities, industrial facilities, products, teams and vacancies in China, go to www.arkema.com.cn.

ARKEMA – Membranes are a key component of PEMFC fuel cells. Arkema is focusing its research on its Kynar® fluoropolymer to tap a high- value-added market with major potential. A wide array of research programs are being conducted on PEMFC fuel cells to enhance their performance and lower their cost. Solutions often require the development of new polymer membranes, which consist of a thin, solid organic compound with the consistency of a plastic film.

DAIKIN introduces "Unidyne TechnaGard™ Series" product line for fabric stain protection and repellency. Daikin's introduction of a new line of protective and repellent products offers the best of both worlds: superior fluorine based water and oil repellency and stain release in a C6 platform which enhances the environmental performance of the protective chemistry. Daikin's Unidyne TechnaGard Series maintains the superior level of performance the market has come to expect from Daikin's current Unidyne Series products—C8 based products that have risen to become the industry standard.

DYNEON introduces a fluoroelastomer for biodiesel applications. Dyneon™ FPO

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Section Corner

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 making them aware of what Section membership can do for them.

CUSTOM COATERS SECTION

Steve Schwartz, Chair

Coaters Section had good attendance at the Spring 2007 Conference.

The presentations by suppliers to the Custom Coaters have been well received and will be continued.

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.

Eric Walsh, Chair

Terry McManus of DeWAL will discuss Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) at the Fall Conference Section Breakout. This will include 1) why we do it/ expected results, 2) Process Failure Mode, 3) Control Plan Generation, 4) Risk Priority, 5) APQP Checklists, and more.

WIRE AND CABLE SECTION

Gary Stanitis, Chair

Codes and Standards activities within the Wire and Cable Section are presently focused on NPFA 70 (the National Electric Code or NEC) and NFPA 90A. Both codes are in the 2008 cycle, although at notably different stages. The NEC cycle is almost completed, with the final floor vote having taken place in June. There are a number of appeals that have been submitted to the Standards Council prior to finalization of the 2008 code. SPI will monitor and address these appeals in an effort to ensure that fire safety is not sacrificed.

The NFPA 90A 2008 code has completed the Proposal cycle and is now open for comments. SPI will continue to push for the acceptance of a "Duct" cable for use in ducts and other spaces restricted to very low smoke, low flame spread materials. The cable industry has demonstrated that cables with safety performance meeting or exceeding conduit or metal clad constructions can be easily manufactured. The building codes should reflect low smoke cable as an equivalent option to conduit, metal clad or sprinklers.

Although SPI offered to support the inclusion of cable in conduit as part of the EPA's Design for the Environment evaluation of cabling, the EPA declined since the program was too far along. Member companies of the Wire and Cable Section agreed to sponsor a parallel study to the EPA's to ensure that this critical oversight is corrected. The SPI sponsored study is moving forward and plans are to present the results at the fall 2007 International Wire and Cable Symposium. ***FN***

Coaters Section Breakout

Please join the Custom Coaters Section breakout at FPD's Fall Conference in Las Vegas on Monday afternoon, September 24. Don't miss the presentations from several key suppliers.

Section Agenda (Preliminary)

- **Regulatory Update**
- **PFOA Update**
- **Safety Products for Use in Coating Facilities**
- **Presentations by Material Suppliers**

For the latest program details, see www.fluoropolymers.org/conference/

For more information on FPD's Custom Coaters Section, go to their web site at www.customcoatings.org.

Processors Section Breakout

Don't miss the Processors Section breakout at FPD's Spring Conference on Monday afternoon, Sept. 24. Our Section chair, Eric Walsh, has lined up a strong program that will appeal to most processors.

Section Agenda (Preliminary)

- Advance Product Quality Planning Presentation – Terry McManus

For the latest program details, see www.fluoropolymers.org/conference/

For more information on FPD's Processors Section, go to their web site at www.ptfeparts.org.

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Fall 2007 Conference – Las Vegas

Our FPD Conference Host is the Venetian Resort Hotel Casino in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip. Discover the ideal Las Vegas resort vacation destination and business retreat, where exquisite all-suite accommodations, attentive service, and endless attractions converge in a magnificent setting.

Check out the very strong agenda for the general business meeting on this page.

The SPI room rate is $219. To make your reservations, dial 877/283-6423 and mention the SPI Fluoropolymers Division meeting to get the rate. Hurry, the SPI rate is available only until **August 23**! The hotel requires a first night deposit of suite and tax charges to guarantee accommodations.

DIRECTIONS

The Venetian
3355 Las Vegas
Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 889109
702/414-1000

***You can find detailed directions at* www.fluoropolymers.org/conference/.**

SECTION PROGRAMS

Section meetings will be held Monday afternoon. The preliminary agendas are shown in the Section Corner. For the latest FPD Section program agendas, check the FPD web site at www.fluoropolymers.org/conference.

LOCAL AREA ATTRACTIONS

Vegas is loaded with shows, casinos, good restaurants, and art works. If you are not worn out with the night life, take a walk along the Strip, go to Hoover Dam, Red Rock National Recreation Area, or the Valley of Fire. Or, take half a day for a helicopter ride over the magnificent Grand Canyon. **Check it all out at www.visitlasvegas.com.**

Spouses at Spring 07 Conference

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

There will be a **Spouse/Guest Buffet Breakfast** at 9 am - 10 am on Monday.

GOLF

Sunday's open golf session will be held at 8:00 am at the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort, Tel: 800/711-2833. It is 7112 yards with 4 tee options. The fees of $169 include greens fees and cart. Please indicate on your registration if you will need rental clubs. The cost is $40.

Tuesday's golf tournament will be held at the Bear's Best Golf Club. After the round, sit on the patio and take in the views of the golf course, the Red Rock Mountains, and the Las Vegas skyline.

Bear's Best Golf Club

The fees of $199 include greens fees and cart. Please indicate on your registration if you will need rental clubs, which cost $40.

REGISTRATION – You can register on-line, check attendees, and check the General Business and Section Programs for last minute updates at www.fluoropolymers.org. ***FN***

A World of Learning

Sunday, September 23

8:00 am	Open Golf
4:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 pm	Welcome Reception

Monday, September 24

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am	Issues Mgt. Committee Update
10:00 am	"Trade Secret Protection," Steve Milbrath, a Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer
11:00 am	Trends in Enterprise Software – Jeff McKee, Microsoft.
Noon	Lunch on your own.
1:30 pm	Breakout Sessions (See Agendas) ■ Custom Coatings Section ■ Processors Section ■ Wire & Cable Section
5:30 pm	Reception
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own

Tuesday, September 25

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am	Division Business Meeting
8:30 am	Bar Coding/Warehouse IT – Martin Garnett, Whitford Corp.
9:00 am	Current Activity in Employment Law – David Sarvadi, K& H
9:30 am	Break
10:00 am	Keynote Speaker: Susan Ershler, Business Executive and Mountain Climber!
11:00 am	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm	Golf Tournament
5:00 pm	Conference adjourned

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3741 Fluoroelastomer has excellent chemical resistance to rapeseed-oil methyl ester (RME) biodiesel fuel, which is commonly used in Europe. With increased global interest in reducing emissions, improving fuel efficiency, and finding alternatives to petroleum-based fuels, fatty acid methyl esters such as RME, soy methyl ester (SME) and other biodiesel variants are gaining in importance. Biodiesel fuels and new diesel technology impose increased performance requirements on the elastomers used in diesel fuel and power train systems.

DAIKIN INDUSTRIES and **LANXESS Deutschland GmbH**, Germany, have jointly developed the world's first water-based fluorinated urethane coating material, which is environmentally friendly and has superior anti-stain properties, weather resistance, and chemical resistance. Organic solvent-based fluoropolymer coating materials, with good weather resistance, are used in a wide range of fields including architectural coatings; but in response to VOC regulations, demand for environmentally friendly water-based coatings is rising.

DAIKIN INDUSTRIES has developed "OPTOOL DAC," a breakthrough fluorine antifouling additive for UV cure coatings, which delivers excellent antifouling (anti-fingerprint) properties and low friction, in addition to its water and oil repellency. Daikin will start selling this product beginning in May. Adding a small amount of "OPTOOL DAC" to a UV cure acrylic coating system, which is widely used for plastic and metal substrates, provides fluorine's original characteristics such as antifouling, anti-fingerprints, superior water and oil repellency, low friction and easy-clean feature onto hard coat surfaces. Furthermore, its strong chemical bond with hard coating system ensures long-lasting, superior antifouling characteristics.

DUPONT FLUOROPRODUCTS introduced DuPont™ Tedlar® PV2100 Series polyvinyl fluoride (PVF) films, part of an extended line of Tedlar® PVF films used in the protective backsheets of photovoltaic (PV) modules. DuPont™ Tedlar® PV2100 Series PVF films provide enhanced backsheet dimensional stability and higher reflectance when compared to other products within the DuPont family of films. The introduction is the latest addition to a broad and growing portfolio of integrated materials and technologies for the photovoltaic (PV) industry from DuPont.

SOLVAY SOLEXIS announced it will increase the production capacity of SOLEF® PVDF. The new capacity expansion will increase Solvay Solexis' existing PVDF capacity at its plant in Tavaux (France) by some 30% and is scheduled to come on stream early in 2009.

"We have launched since the end of 2005 a significant number of new investments – PTFE fine powders and micro powders, Hyflon® MFA/PFA, PFPE Fluorofluids, Polysulfones, PEEK, Ultrapolymers, PVDC barrier polymers – which are consolidating our world leadership in the field of the highest performance materials that address the most sophisticated and stringent requirements of key, fast-growing, industries," said Vincenzo Morici.

SOLVAY SPECIALTY POLYMERS (Changshu) Co., Ltd.'s ground breaking ceremony event was held in Changshu, China in Jan. 2007. This project is Solvay group's first world-class PTFE micronized powder production plant in the People's Republic of China. The plant is located in Jiangsu High-Tech Fluorine Chemical Industrial Park.

SOLVAY SOLEXIS has decided to double the production capacity of an innovative, unique family of perfluoropolyether (PFPE) polymers at the fluorinated polymers manufacturing plant of Solvay Solexis in Spinetta Marengo (Italy). The expansion plans will be progressively implemented during 2008. The Solvera® and Fluorolink® product lines are primarily implemented as water and grease repellants for grease-proof paper packaging, textiles and carpets. Solvera® was approved for food contact by Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR) in Germany and by the FDA in the United States. ***FN***

SPI Initiatives

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utility costs. We also launched an online E-Bookstore to provide you with free or member-discounted industry reports and data.

To connect you with new customers, suppliers & employees... SPI's international plastics showcase, NPE 2006, was an enormous success with 64,500 attendees (total attendee registration was up 9% and international attendance was up 34% from NPE 2003). We introduced the innovative SmartBooth/myNPE technology that connected more than 1 million exhibitors and attendees and enabled more than 95,000 on-site meetings between exhibitors and customers, which were all scheduled prior to the show.

To expand the commercial benefits of the NPE trade show 365 days a year, every year, SPI is launching a new online platform to connect buyers and sellers in today's global plastics marketplace.

myPlasticsindustry.com is SPI's new commercial Web portal designed to provide personalized market intelligence and business news, expand your company's outreach to qualified prospects and connect your sales team with qualified leads. Through myPlasticsindustry.com, a plastics professional anywhere in the world can connect with the suppliers, customers and industry peers needed to advance his or her business or career. myPlasticsindustry.com also links you to SPI's new Plastics Industry Career Center, to connect you with qualified job candidates and employee training programs.

To protect and preserve your active markets... Across the country, SPI sought out the places attempting to de-select, ban or tax plastics and entered the fray with allies or as part of coalitions to protect your products and preserve these marketplaces for your business. Battles were successfully waged against plastic packaging, recycling or energy-related bills in California, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Our involvement in discussions with Wal-Mart helped to educate the retailer about plastics packaging enough to avoid a total ban.

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To provide entrée into new markets... This past year SPI has opened up new opportunities and markets for your business to expand and receive niche expertise. We formed the APP Medical Products Section under our umbrella of end market business units to help material suppliers, molders, machinery companies and OEMs grow their business in the medical products field. Launched recently, the new section has already drawn interest from more than 40 companies. We will continue developing new groups in the new technology fields of RFID, bio-based polymers, and nanotechnology so that like-minded companies can network.

To help you compete globally... SPI is clearly the "go to" source on international trade issues affecting plastics manufacturing and the leading advocate for keeping US plastics companies competitive overseas. Our 2006 accomplishments in this key area included supporting the Central American Free Trade Agreement and securing an agreement on tariff acceleration, continuing to battle on China currency and intellectual property issues, and the monitoring of European Union environmental initiatives such as REACH and RoHS. Throughout the year, our International Trade Update newsletter and email alerts provided you with helpful import and export "tools of the trade."

I encourage you to explore the the full scope of SPI's initiatives – all geared to grow your bottom line – on our website at www.socplas.org. Our low member attrition rate of 1% (the smallest in SPI's history; the national average for associations is 15%) is certainly a strong vote of confidence from you and your peers that we have SPI headed in the right direction. But we want to continue pushing forward, so I encourage you to let me know other ways that we can make your business prosper.
Thank you for being a member of SPI. Your participation is the key to everything we do.

Sincerely,

William R. Carteaux
President & CEO
The Society of the Plastics Industry *FN*

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company logo displayed on SPI's Web site and hyperlinked to your company Web page through 2007, acknowledgement and hyperlink to your company Web site in every 2007 issue of the SPI LINK newsletter, invitation to VIP events with SPI Board of Directors and President and much more.

SPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Recruiting workforce talent from the military makes good sense... Most manufacturing companies are experiencing talent shortages. One solution may be to recruit men and women who are transitioning from active military duty to civilian life. RecruitMilitary is the only nationwide, full-service, military-to-civilian recruiting firm. It serves veterans of all ranks/rates and branches of the armed forces and will sponsor 32 RecruitMilitary Career Fairs in 2007. The turnout at similar events in 2006 ranged between 650 and 1,000 skilled veterans. The company draws job seekers from its own database of more than 145,000 self-registered candidates who have a military background and conducts advertising and public relations campaigns to attract additional personnel.

SPI is No. One!!!

SPI'S NEW PLASTICS INDUSTRY CAREER CENTER is the best source for plastics industry jobs. The Plastics Industry Career Center is continually updated with job listings from top employers that span the full spectrum of opportunities – from technical specialists, plant managers, engineers and lab managers to sales representatives, quality assurance specialists, product development managers, and more. **Check out the Center's easy-to-use job seeker services:**

- Free and confidential **resume posting!**
- **Job search control** – Quickly and easily find relevant industry job listings and sign up for automatic email notification of new jobs that match your criteria.
- **Easy, on-line job application**
- **Saved jobs capability** – Save up to 100 jobs in your account and apply when you are ready.

Nearly 100 resumes are now posted on SPI's new Plastics Industry Career Center. Nearly 80% of these job seekers have a 4-year college degree or more. For more information, call Barbara Darby at 864/239-2939.

PLASTIVAN™ rolls on to train-the-trainer workshops at North Carolina teachers conference. Teachers attending the North Carolina Career and Technology Educators Conference to be held on July 26 in Greensboro, NC will learn about the plastics industry during two 90-minute workshops produced by the internationally acclaimed PlastiVan™ program.

The National Plastics Center's PlastiVans travel throughout the United States, teaching students, educators and the public about plastics' chemistry, history and processing issues. More than 3,000 North Carolina teachers will learn how to conduct hands-on activities that teach students about the chemistry, processing methods and environmental solutions associated with plastics.

The latter part of the July workshop will be devoted to talking about careers in plastics. Representatives from plastics companies will be on hand to talk about the processes used to make products and the jobs involved. For *more information, contact* Betty Coleman, 781/337-7127, or Barbara Darby at 864/239-2939 *FN*

Spring 2007 Conference at Albuquerque

Our host for the FPD Spring Conference 2007 was the **Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort** just north of Albuquerque, NM. The golf fanatics again got up at the crack of dawn on Sunday morning to play the Sandia Golf Club stretching up to 7700 yards through the rugged desert landscape. All enjoyed the Western Welcome Reception that evening at the Tamaya Lobby and Veranda.

Monday morning kicked off with a continental breakfast followed by an Issues Management Committee update. This was followed by a presentation on Risk Management Strategies by **Joseph Caprio** of Saint Gobain. Joe has extensive experience in Quality, Enviromental, and Manufacturing Management.

Eugenia Ross of SPI discussed SPI's extensive International Trade Services. Eugenia joined SPI in late 2005 as Director, International Trade and Industry Statistics. The final topic for the morning was SPI's Affinity Programs and Membership Update.

After lunch, **Professor Milton J. Bergstein** gave an entertaining but informative talk on Marketing and Internal Performance.

The Section breakouts were held from 2-4 pm on Monday afternoon. These were very well attended and had strong programs. After a reception that evening at the Kiva Pool, the members were free for dinner on their own.

On Tuesday morning, a Continental Breakfast on Tuesday morning was followed by the Divisional Business meeting. **SPI President Bill Carteaux** followed with a discussion of SPI Issues and Goals. Bill joined SPI in March 2005 from Demag Plastics Group where he was President and CEO.

Al Damico, our Executive Committee Chairman, led an open membership discussion on how we can add value for our current members and attract new members.

The Keynote Speaker for the Conference was **Patrick Moore**, a leader in the international environmental field and former Greenpeace founder. In recent years, Dr. Moore has been focused on the promotion of sustainability and concensus building among competing concerns.

This concluded the formal business program. After lunch on our own, the golfers headed out to the Twin Warriours Golf Course.

We wrapped up the activities with a Reception and Dinner featuring the Aztec Dancers. The Aztec Dance

performance was a mixture of very energetic dances and colorful handcrafted costumes to the beat of traditional Aztec drums.

The Division thanks **AGC Chemicals Americas, Arkema, Daikin, Dupont, Dyneon, Solvay Solexis, and Whitford Corporation** for their generous donations in support of this conference. ***FN***

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Sunday, March 25

8:30 am	Open Golf
4:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 pm	Welcome Reception – NM Style.

Monday, March 26

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am	Issues Mgt. Committee Update
9:30 am	Quality Enviromental/Risk Mgt. - Joseph Caprio, Saint Gobain
10:30 am	SPI's International Trade Services – Eugenia Ross, SPI
11:00 am	SPI Affinity Programs - Chuck LaGrange, SPI
Noon	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm	Marketing/Internal Performance – Dr. Milton Bergstein
2:00 pm	Breakout Sessions
5:30 pm	Reception
7:00 pm	Dinner on your own

Tuesday, March 27

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am	Division Business Meeting
8:30 am	SPI Issues and Goals – Bill Carteaux, SPI
9:00 am	Open Membship Discussion on adding value and attracting new members
10:00 am	Keynote Speaker –Patrick Moore, former Greenpeace founder
11:00 am	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm	Golf Tournament
7:00 pm	Reception featuring Aztec Dancers and Dinner

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General Business Meeting

Processors Section

SPI Fluoropolymers Notes

FPD Activities

FPD ANNUAL ASSESSMENT was approved to continue at $750 by the Executive Committee.

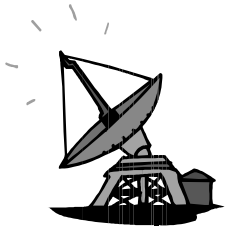
FALL 2008 CONFERENCE will be chaired by **Preston Hollier** and **Eric Walsh**. Location to be determined.

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.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – **American Durafilm** was accepted by the Executive Committee as FPD's newest member. The membership committee was authorized to proceed with a web based survey – an effort led by **Terence Neville and Mike Patterson.**

FLUOROGUIDE – We did full updates of FluoroGuide and the Section and Member tables in early November 2006 and early March 2007. We plan to do updates of the section and membership tables every 4-5 weeks to keep them current, and do full updates of FluoroGuide 3-4 times per year. The next full update of FluoroGuide is expected in August 2007. Please check your company input on our website and give **Bob Hill** any needed further revisions at eben_hill@msn.com.

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.



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SPI Activities

SPI SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM offers enhanced participation, recognition – SPI has created a new Sponsorship Program to get your company's name in front of industry leaders from the top moldmakers, equipment manufacturers, processors and raw material suppliers. The new program offers four companies the opportunity to serve as "premier sponsors" supporting SPI's communication programs and upcoming Board meetings. **Premier Sponsorships** ($25,000 - Four available for 2007): In return for supporting SPI's mission, premier sponsor benefits include

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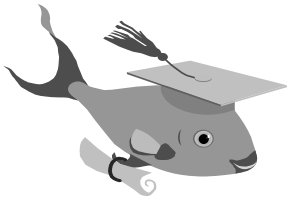

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