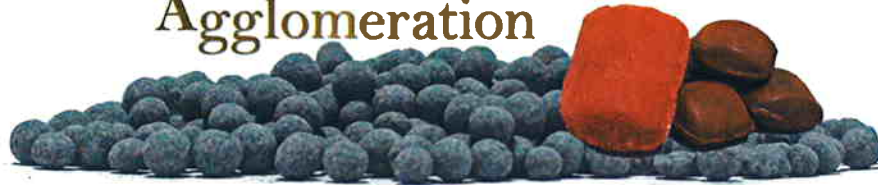


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FROM BILL'S DESK:

THE CHEMSHOW

To be held November 17-19, at the Javits Convention Center, New York, NY, the "New Chemshow, Processing Solutions for a Changing Marketplace", describes a new and expanded emphasis on a wide range of current and future CPI trends. Publicity has been wide ranging. Processing Publications, in its October issue, has selected exhibitor previews and an interesting "Q & A" profile of several exhibitor representatives about their past impressions, present and future outlook, comparison to other shows and most memorable experience of previous shows. Refer to www.processingmagazine.com or www.chemshow.com.

CHEMICAL PROCESSING

The July issue lists results of the 2009 Readers' Choice Awards in various categories, from Bearings to Weighing Systems and much in between, 44 categories all told. Leaders, for example are Alfa Laval (Centrifuges), GEA Niro (Dryers), Donaldson-Torit (Dust Control), Jacobs Engineering (Engineering/Design), K Tron (Feeders), SPX Process Equipment (Mixing Systems), Mettler Toledo (Weighing Systems), to mention a few. What your NL writers always misses in this CPI oriented awards list, is any mention of Agglomeration as a category. An industry, which agglomerates NPK fertilizer, catalysts and coal chemicals, let alone charcoal surely could have such a category. Couldn't be more "special" than a spray nozzle category, where the leader is Spraying Systems. Maybe next time!

ENERGEIA, VOL. 20, NO. 5, 2009

This issue of the University of Kentucky (CAER) features a paper on "Reclamation of Abandoned Surface Coal Mined Lands Using Flue Gas Desulfurization Products". A Test Site in Eastern Ohio demonstrated the positive results, neutralization and improved vegetation results due to the use of FGD.

POWDER & BULK ENGINEERING, December 2008

"Screening and Classifying: A Glossary of Terms", pp. 42-45, a useful common vocabulary of equipment and process terms.

PBE also announces the availability of "The Best of Pneumatic Conveying", 43 articles from 1987 to 1991 on the subject, including case histories, technical data and test center information. For info: powderandbulkengineering@cscpub.com

MORE PBE

The 17th and final installment of the "Agglomeration Advisor" series by your NL author was published in PBE's October issue, part 2 of "Agglomeration Tales" begun in the June PBE issue. I have enjoyed working with the editorial staff of PBE from 2001 through 2009, realizing, that PBE and I have known each other since 1987. Wolfgang Pietsch will continue the series and I hope to contribute a paper now and then, separately on other subjects.

PBE AND TABLETS & CAPSULES

Both publications have advertized and described IBA's Biennial Conference 2009, just concluded, in their previous issues, as they have in years past. IBA thanks them for their support.

COAL AGE

The August 2009 issue (www.mining-media.com) features a good coverage of North Dakota Lignite "Long Term contracts, Expansion, Innovation and Stability: North Dakota's Lignite Mines Thrive", pp 22-25, by Lee Buchsbaum.

The July 2009 issue of Coal Age features the annual Buyers Guide of more than 1200 companies in many categories, which also includes "Agglomerating", as they call it, pp. 28-53.

TABLETS & CAPSULES BOOKSTORE

The October 2009 issue offeres Physical Characterization of Pharmaceutical Solids, edited by Harry G. Brittain.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVATED CARBON CONFERENCE

This annual event just concluded in Pittsburgh attended by practitioners of the AC industry here and abroad. In the past few years I have been doing a seminar on agglomeration, at the conclusion of the conference, often attended by AC suppliers from China, India and the Philippines, for example. The event is directed and organized by PACS' Dr. Henry Nowicki. E-mail, HNpacs@aol.com, website: www.pacslabs.com

CHEMICAL PROCESSING

An interesting feature in CP's June 2009 issue is entitled "Companies keep Know-how in Place", subtitle "Firms find that retaining the knowledge of veterans requires proactive efforts".

Written by Editor at Large Sean Ottewell, it describes how some firms, citing the example of Air Products, BASF and Lubrizol, among others take an organized approach to transferring and documenting the experience and expertise of veterans using an approach called shadowing and mentoring economic conditions lead to layoffs. A thought provoking article pp. 14-20. (www.chemicalprocessing.com)

IN MEMORIAM: CAROLYN STURGESS

It is with great sadness, that this Newsletter is concluded with the news of the passing of Carolyn Sturges, who in 2001 was the first woman to be awarded the Neal Rice Award for best IBA paper. Carolyn lost a long and courageous battle to breast cancer. As recently as August this year she participated in a 60-km walk to End Breast Cancer in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

I had the pleasure of meeting her and her colleague Albert Liam, of Alberta Research Council during a Center for Professional Advancement course on agglomeration. Her personal outlook and professional attitude was inspiring. This is also reflected in a remembrance honoring her by Laurentian University, Viking, Alberta, where she excelled academically and also as a star of basketball with many honors.

Those of us at IBA, who know her send our sincere condolences to her family. As the Laurentian University letter puts it, "She will be sorely missed."

"AGGLOMERATE AND COMMUNICATE!"

In Memoriam – Tom Feldkamp

It is with great sadness that I need to report that my husband and best friend, Tom Feldkamp, is no longer Executive Director of the IBA; as he passed away on October 27. He has battled brain cancer for 18 months.

When we did profiles on all the Board Members a few years ago, he did not want to be included. Now I will write a profile for him in his memory.

Tom Feldkamp was born in Chicago, IL on April 13, 1943 to Anne O'Neill (his proud Irish heritage) and Adolph Feldkamp. He was an avid baseball fan and loved the Cubs. As a youth he received the most valuable Little League Player Award from Rogers Hornsby. He continued his favorite past-time as a St. Mary's softball player. After retiring to Manitowish Waters in 2003, he helped restart the Little League Program in the area.

Tom met Marilyn in Chicago when they were 16 and they married in 1964. All three of their children, Laura, Kathy and Tom were born while living in Chicago. Tom worked at Combustion Engineering and went to DePaul University at night for six years to get his Marketing degree. He then moved on to KG Industries in Rosemont. Bepex Corporation was formed from three companies, one of them being KG Industries. He was Vice-President of Sales for Bepex for 22 years, until 1992, when he became an independent sales representative.

Two things I will share with you regarding Bepex. Bill Stark, president at the time Tom left Bepex (Hosokawa) in 1992, came here to visit Tom last August. He drove the 350 miles, stayed for the afternoon, and drove back home. They had some wonderful conversations about Bepex memories that I too enjoyed. Mike White from Bepex International came to the funeral this week. It was a good feeling that so many people genuinely liked Tom for the person he was.

All of Tom's children still live in Illinois with Laura and Mark having 6 children, 5 boys and 1 girl, ages 9 to 20. Kathy and Jim have a boy and 2 girls, 12, 10 and 7. His son, Tom married Michelle and have 2 boys, 3 and 1 ½. That makes 11 grandkids that are thoroughly enjoyed. He was so very proud of them all.

Tom enjoyed the briquetting field and became Executive Director of the IBA in January 2001. We inherited the already set up conference in Providence RI. It was difficult after the September 9/11 terrorism threat and the numbers were down due to fear. Tom's goal was to put some "pizzazz" into the conferences and the next one in 2003, Santa Fe accomplished that. Tom had a way of finding common ground with anyone he met and befriended them. 2005 brought us to Clearwater Beach, FL; 2007 to Savannah, GA; and 2009 to San Antonio. He found the last hotel by asking taxi drivers and waitresses for their feedback on area hotels. The Hotel Contessa's name always came up. This hotel was chosen even though they were not included in the Convention Bureau's list.

He was 2nd Vice President of the Manitowish Waters Lions Club and he was on the Board of Trustees for the Koller Library. Of course his favorite past-time was fishing and most recently before his illness, golfing.

Tom did enjoy being a part of the IBA and we have met many wonderful people through the conferences. He will be missed.

IBA UPDATE

Tom Feldkamp, Executive Director

Tom Barnett, Past President of the IBA, wrote a letter regarding the recent conference in San Antonio, so we will not go into detail, but it sounds like it was a success. A special thank you to all the presenters; without the papers, there is no conference. I am very pleased that all the feedback on the conference was positive. We knew that we had found a gem when we booked the Hotel Contessa in the spring of 2008. Many thanks to Sue Dalton, Sheila Komarek and Anne Young for covering my jobs at the conference.

IMPORTANT

If you were one of the presenters at the conference, we need your completed paper as soon as possible so that the 31st Biennial Proceedings can be printed. Please see that Tom Barnett gets this paper as soon as possible. tbarnett@komarek.com

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IBA Website

There are 16 company links on the IBA website. The fee is just \$100 per year and our year begins May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. If your company has not yet paid, please do so.

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IBA Proceedings

The new IBA 31st Biennial is being compiled. All members and attendees at the conference will receive a copy of the book in CD format. IBA Proceedings are available for most of the past conferences from 1975 to the present. If you are in need of one of these books, they are for sale.

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Current Newsletter

If you have changed your email address or have not supplied us with one, please do so. We will continue to mail the newsletter to the members who have not advised us of their email address.

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Membership Dues

Dues for 2009-2010 are still in force until January 2011. This membership entitles you to our quarterly newsletter. There will be an increase in membership fees in 2011.

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Sharing News

Please keep in mind that we will gladly share any news with our members. Just let us know.

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New Members - Welcome

- Harold Arnold, Fram Renewable Fuels, Richmond Hill, GA
- Dave Dusterbeck, Mosaic Canada, Saskatchewan, Canada
- Mike Dunn, Melt Solutions/Warehouse Solutions, Hilltop Lakes TX
- Michael Druga, Coaltek Inc., Tucker GA
- Christian Famelart, Clairconsult, Mignault, Belgium
- Roman Fekete, Slovak University of Tehcnology, Slovakia, Europe
- Dan Ferris, Rotex Global, Cincinnati, OH
- Patrick Foss-Smith, Nviro Cleantech, London, England
- Steve Giles, Shell Global Solutions, Houston TX
- Steve Glassmeyer, Procter & Bamble Co., West Chester OH
- Bill Harasty, Mars Mineral, Mars PA
- Yi Song Hong, POSCO, Korea
- Akshay Kulkarni, Climax Technology Center, Sahaurita, AZ
- Jan Lampke, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany
- Ravi Mahotra, Clean Coal Briquette Inc., Lakewood CO
- Richard Mullins, Magnablend Inc., Waxahachie TX
- Ron Piniacki, Edw. C. Levy Co., Dearborn MI
- Brett Rittenhouse, Feeco Int., Green Bay WI
- William Stanley, Edw. C. Levy Co., Dearborn MI
- Jacques Tomasi, Eurotab, France
- Keith Vining, CSIRO, Kenmore, Australia
- Francois Wasser, Eramet Marietta Ohio
- Roland Wells, AmbreEnergy North America Inc., Salt Lake City, UT
- Geoff Whitfield, Concord, Australia
- Drew Yung, Mosaic Canada, Saskatchewan, Canada

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IBA San Antonio 2009



IBA Board Members



Workshop



Neal Rice Award Winner



Spouse/Guest Tour



The Alamo



Rotex' Display at Vendor's Night



Conference Presentation



River Walk



Hotel Lobby



Hotel Contessa



Governor's Mansion



Tom and new President, Bruce