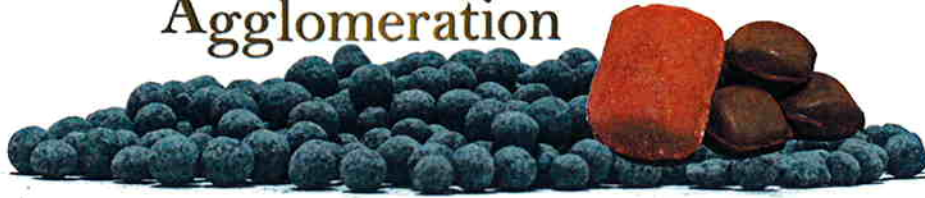


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FROM BILL'S DESK:

IBA MOURNS THE PASSING OF A FRIEND

Wolfgang Pietsch passed away earlier this year, in Germany, where he also spent time in addition to his residence and business in Naples, Florida.

Wolfgang joined IBA in 1967, the year he joined Allis-Chalmers, his first position in the United States, after his education and Ph.D. degree at Germany's Technical University of Karlsruhe.

He had an active, busy and successful career and also was a prolific author of many technical papers and four key books on agglomeration.

As featured in an IBA Newsletter profile, in Spring 2004, he worked for a number of companies, mostly in the field of mechanical process technology and size enlargement, such as Komarek Greaves, Midrex and Koeppern and then formed his own consultancy with Compactconsult, where he continued to assist companies, taught seminars and courses and was active in several International Agglomeration Symposia.

Much of what we now consider the basic textbooks and literature of size enlargement by agglomeration, especially also the part played by IBA over the years, was strongly influenced and documented by Wolfgang's contribution.

Throughout his career he made and maintained contacts with many friends in this country and internationally. His contribution to business and academia will be felt for a long time to come.

Through IBA and especially, also through some 20-plus years working with the Center for Professional Advancement in the United States and their office in Amsterdam, NL, where we spent time together teaching and socializing and meeting many international course participants, I had the privilege of knowing and working with him. I will miss him as a good friend and I express my and IBA's sincere condolences to his wife, Hannelore.

PUBLICATIONS

The November issue, a special issue, of Powder and Bulk Engineering features the 2011-2012 Corporate Capabilities Report of companies and advertisers in this field.

Also in November Tablets and Capsules, the sister publication of P&BE, printed their 2010 Buyers Guide.

Both of the above are published by CSC Publishing, St. Paul, MN, Richard R. Cress, publisher.

In the T&C Buyers Guide, IBA is listed as part of the professional society's industry list, as it was also in the P&BE Guide.

IBA thanks CSC and its publications and editors for including IBA.

SPEAKING OF TABLETS & CAPSULES

Their series of articles entitled "Eye on Excipients" frequently in issues features coverage of pharmaceutical excipients, the non-active dosage part of tablets. Among the many functions of excipients is that of a binder. I have often found good information of use for others, nonpharma applications, when studying binders for agglomeration.

There is a book out on "Pharmaceutical Excipients", Fifth Edition Handbook, editors R.C. Rowe, P.J. Sheskey and S.C. Owen, available online at www.tabletscapsules.com.

From P&BE, we look forward to the December 2010 issue, which will most likely contain an index to articles, 1987-2010, by category. Agglomeration has, by 2009 grown to a respectable list and there will be more in 2010.

All articles and papers are available online at www.powderbulk.com.

AGGLOMERATION ADVISOR

This series, which I handled from 2001-2009, twice a year (June and October issues), will be continued by Bryan Ennis, E&G Associates.

Thank you Bryan and also Terry O'Neill, P&BE Editor, for continuing this series.

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Recommended: “Roll-press Briquetting: Compacting Fines to Reduce Waste-handling costs”, by Thomas P. Barnett.

FUTURE CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

1. Air Quality VIII, EERC, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND October 24-27, 2011. contact: www.undeerc.org/AQ8
2. World of Coal Ash 2011, University of Kentucky, May 9-12, 2011, contact www.worldofcoalash.org
3. PBE 2011, Northeast Conference & Exhibition, May 23-25, 2011, contact www.powdershow2011.com
4. Coal Prep, Coal Preparation Industry Meeting and Exhibits, Lexington, KY, May 20-25, 2011, contact: www.coalprepshow.com

SPOTLIGHTS

Chemical Processing’s 2010 Readers’ Choice Poll was published in their July 2010 issue. Results, as far as I can tell don’t vary that much. Recognized reliable product leaders usually are the top vote getters. Categories include: conveyors, mechanical and pneumatic, dryers (only 1 listed, GEA Nitro 12%), Engineering/Design Services, Feeders, Mixing Systems, Weighing Systems.

Every year I wonder why “agglomeration systems” is not a category, even if it was called “granulation”, the more common chemical industry term. My good intentions have not yet led to an action, by contacting CP. Well, maybe in 2011. What about all those fertilizer granulation systems to make N-P-K granular fertilizer and urea prills?

Water Conditioning & Purification Intl. carries a brief editorial “Rumors of Print’s Demise have been greatly exaggerated”, by publisher Kurt C. Peterson, in which he expresses the belief, that in spite of electronic and web media the print media, of which WCP has been an important part for decades, will continue to exist and even flourish in some cases. More likely, he states, print and web will continue to exist side by side, for a good while. I hope he is right.

2011 CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

The IBA’s 32nd Biennial Conference and Workshop will be held in New Orleans, LA, September 25th to the 28th, 2011. An official call for papers and Conference details can be found on our website under the Conference tab.

“AGGLOMERATE AND COMMUNICATE!”

A FOND FAREWELL TO IBA NEWSLETTER

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be able to do the Newsletter for more years than I can remember, working with IBA presidents like Wally Eichenberger, Ralph Weggel, Wolfgang Pietsch, John Ellis, Brian Young, to name a few, some of whom also worked as executive directors. Tom Feldkamp, the most recent executive director, working with his wife Marilyn, in particular, put a new look and organization in the appearance of the newsletter, which became part of a three-part communication vehicle to IBA, consisting of Bill's NL, the president's message and a communication by the director.

I always attempted to bring helpful news items, announcement of coming meetings, seminars and exhibitions and a liberal flow of items of our particular discipline, size enlargement by agglomeration, as so often featured in P&BE and T&C publications.

My work with and for Terry O'Neill, editor of P&BE, was always both a challenge and a proud outcome, especially in technical articles, including the 2001-2009 series of Agglomeration Advisor columns.

Most of all, the many years of doing the newsletter have brought me in contact and working relationships with so many of you IBA members, board members, officers, and newcomers.

It was a great ride and thanks for all the input and help.

I will remain a member of IBA, will assist as much as I can in future planning and help, where possible, with the next newsletter writer, soon to be announced.

As honorary life member of IBA I hope to be able to continue on a long journey, which began in 1967, at the first conference I attended. Thanks, all!

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NEWS RELEASE

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IBA ANNOUNCES ITS 32nd BIENNIAL CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PAPERS

Marquette, MI – The Institute for Briquetting & Agglomeration (IBA), now in its 62nd year as a professional organization devoted to the science and application of size enlargement methods, announces its 32nd Biennial Conference, to be held September 25-28, 2011 at Loews Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

For over 50 years, IBA has sponsored this premier conference on the state-of-the-art agglomeration technology. This year's conference will be preceded by a half-day hands-on workshop on "The Basic Principles & Methods of Agglomeration". The Workshop is to include such methods as briquetting, compacting, pelletizing, granulation, extrusion, spray-drying/granulation and tableting. This is an excellent opportunity for newcomers, as well as a refresher course for those who desire knowledge on the current methods of agglomeration. The workshop is designed to give the participant a good preparation for the technical conference.

Papers are invited concerning, but not limited to, specific aspects of particle size enlargement in the fields of Agrichemicals, Biomass, Ceramics, Charcoal, Coal, Chemical, Environmental Impact, Foods, Iron Ore, Minerals, Pharmaceuticals and Waste Recycling, as well as the scientific fields of Binders (natural and synthetic), Particle Flow, Particle-Size Effects and Quality Control Methods. Abstracts may be submitted to: iba@charter.net or IBA, Tom Balzola, PO Box 802, Marquette, MI. Articles are invited that describe practical and theoretical studies of the agglomeration process. This includes unit operations within the system. Abstracts are now being accepted for the September conference. For information on IBA, consult our website: www.agglomeration.org.