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PERSONAL—We Mourn a Friend

As we learned from PB&E (February issue), just before Christmas 2005, Dr. Muhammad Fayed passed away. Mo Fayed was well known to many IBA members and Powder & Bulk Conference/Exhibit attendees. In addition, he was author of books, technical articles and papers in our field and co-editor of "Handbook of Powder Science and Technology" (with L. Otten).

He was professor in the department of Chemical Engineering, Ryerson University, Ontario, a fellow of AIChE and the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering.

On a personal note, his friendly and helpful outlook, his humor and approachability, are well remembered. His many colleagues, including those in our organization, will miss him.

VOLUME 29, OCTOBER 2005 CONFERENCE

By now all of you will have received the Proceedings, Vol. 29 with the papers and a lot of other good information on the IBA. Congratulations to the Neal Rice Award Winner, William J. Callaghan, Continental Products Corporation.

We urge all of you members to "talk-up" and promote the proceedings, which will make Tom Feldkamp happy, when he gets orders and will keep the cash-flow going.

When you think, how many Proceedings IBA has published and many still available, this is a vast treasure of information in our field, reflecting the development and expansion of agglomeration as an independent discipline.

AGGLOMERATION & PARTICLE ANALYSIS ISSUE, P&BE

The February issue (beautiful cover!) features agglomeration, as always and is a good “read”.

TABLETS & CAPSULES

CSC Publishing (Matthew Knopp, editor).

The November 2005 issue is the Buyers Guide, listing by subject the suppliers of equipment, materials and services to the pharma and biochemistry field, but beyond this also of general interest. Subject headings include: agglomerators of all types, as well as excipients, with the sub-category of binders of a detail I have not seen in any other guide. The researcher looking for binder information in the mineral, chemical and other fields will be advised to check this out.

There is also a listing of contract services for the pharma industry, some of them offering tableting, compaction, granulation and a glossary of tablet and capsule terms. (I love glossaries, which DEFINE terms and, sometimes, correct misleading common usage terms!)

As you can tell, I'm a fan and I recommend this issue and the publication in general to all IBA members, regardless of industry.

SPEAKING OF LISTS

The December issue of P&BE, pp. 67-93 listed an Index to Articles of their 1987-2005 publication issues. As always, agglomeration is a heading, now up to 37 entries, plus 10 Agglomeration Advisor columns, which appear each year, since 2001, in the June and October issues.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL

ASTM (www.astm.org) has published a catalog of books on standards, by industry, which also includes a listing of international standards organizations (telephone and website info).

METAL POWDER INDUSTRIES FEDERATION

MPIF (email: info@mpif.org) has issued a publications catalog of their industry, including subjects such as forming & isostatic pressing, sintering, injection molding and powder metallurgy. The 2006 edition is out of “Standard Test Methods for Metal Powders and Powder Metallurgy Parts”.

BULK SOLIDS HANDLING

Every once in a while I receive this Vogel Transtech Publication (www.vogel-medien.de), published in Germany, but truly international in coverage. The international advisory board includes many country origins, including the USA (Dr. John W. Carson, whose company was a recent IBA presenter, is a member). The publishing firm (Wuerzburg, Germany) also issues Powder Handling & Processing, as well as Schuettgut, the latter in German only. If any one wants more information on these, let me know. They are good and well produced publications, a little on the expensive side, but top quality.

IBA UPDATE

Tom Feldkamp, Executive Director

The IBA goes back to 1951. The 29 conferences we have had always were designed to address the most technical issues of agglomeration. This will continue to be our objective; however, the methodology may change.

You will probably notice if you are a faithful reader of our newsletter, the format has changed slightly. It is designed to reflect a more interactive and meaningful method of reaching our members and to prepare for an increase in our membership. There is a survey at the end of this newsletter. We would eventually like to email the newsletter to the bulk of our membership. Of course, for those who would prefer, we will mail it.

Our last conference took on a more casual atmosphere without sacrificing its technical content. Guest/spouse attendance was higher than the recent years. There were 15 that participated in the various activities and all seemed to enjoy the wonderful weather and comradeship.

One of our long standing members and current Board of Directors member put together an excellent analysis of the profile of the delegates at our most recent conference. I believe this information should be passed on to the general membership.

Attendees:

Suppliers to the industry	56%
University, Research, Consulting and Institution	19%
Users or Potential Users	25%

Speakers:

Suppliers	59%
University, Research, Consulting and Institution	41%
Users	0%

While the above statistics may satisfy a number of members, it is obvious we must increase all categories with emphasis on potential users. The Board has discussed this and it is covered in our President, Dr. Brian Young's report. We definitely want to hear your opinions.

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WEBSITE

I would like to acknowledge the continued efforts of Chris Kozicki, Feeco International, in updating our website. The quality and the depth of our website have increased substantially since its conception. If you have not visited this website lately, do so. I am sure you will be impressed.

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PROCEEDINGS

All members and all attendees were sent a copy of the 2005 IBA Proceedings, Volume 29 on CD. Extra copies are available for \$50 (\$35 for IBA members). If a book is preferred there is a limited amount for sale for \$60 (\$42 for IBA members).

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MEET YOUR MEMBERS

We are continuing to profile our Board Members. Paul Language has been a Board member for a few years and lives in Australia. It had been decided by the Board to also include the speakers from the last conference. The profiles in this newsletter are from Dr. Yuyi Lin, The University of Missouri, "Developing Equipment & Process for Economical Production of Biomass Solid Fuel"; and Dr. R. Vance Morey, University of Minnesota, "Densification of Corn Stover and Switch Grass".

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DUES

We will not be sending out notices for dues as the membership dues are paid every two years and will cover a two-year period. This year is the second year and membership will end in December 2006. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. If you need an invoice, we can email it to you. Individual -\$100, Company -\$200, Consultant – \$150.

You can check your mailing label to see if your dues are current. If it says "5/6" you are paid. If you have paid your dues and we have neglected to include you, let me know immediately and I will correct the situation.

Unfortunately, this will be the last issue for a number of people who have not paid their dues. Give a call or email, pay your dues and we will do our best to put you back on our mailing list.

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SURVEY

Since we will eventually be emailing the newsletter to a number of members, this is our preliminary request to hear about your preference. You can mark and fax (715-543-2751) back this sheet or email to tnfeldkamp@centurytel.net. We also will be emailing you this survey, in the near future.

Please email future newsletters to:

Please keep me on the postal mailing list.