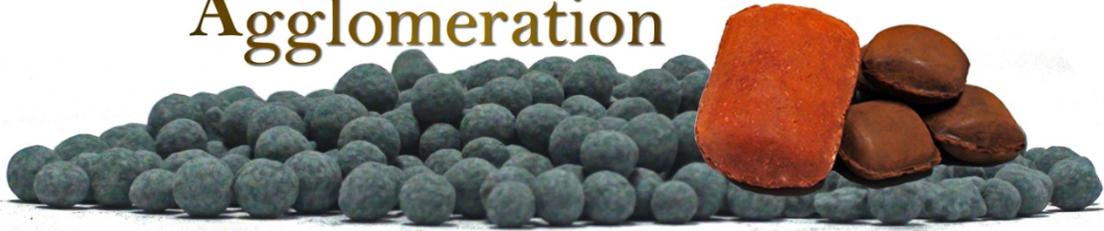


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Newsletter Fall 2014

In last month's issue, Bob Hinkle, our Executive Director, suggested renaming the Newsletter. Ideas included "Rolling Stone News" or "Agglo-news". A later entry is "The IBA Communique". This effort has not yet gained traction, but we will certainly entertain any ideas that anyone has. So, hot off the *press* is an *agglomeration* of current events and activities for the IBA and its members. All of the news is *rolled* into one convenient place, *compressed* into four pages. After the *dust* settles, *pan* through and remember to keep beating the IBA *drum*. Still humbly called, Newsletter.

34th Biannual Conference



Plans for the upcoming 34th biannual conference have been set. The conference will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the Firesky Resort and Spa. The dates are Sunday, November 8 through Wednesday, November 11, 2015. As is typical, the workshop will be held on Sunday afternoon followed by Vendors' Night. The conference will begin on Monday morning. Fees are as follows:

Conference (member):	\$695
Conference (non member):	\$795
Conference (guest):	\$375
Workshop:	\$400
Table space for Vendors' Night	\$850

The workshop does offer an excellent learning opportunity for those new to the art of agglomeration. It also offers a forum to discuss specific applications in a less formal setting. In addition to technologies offered in the past, the art of tableting will be added. Please encourage customers or fellow employees new to agglomeration to attend.

As always, papers are required to insure the success of the conference. To borrow from an old saying about voting in Chicago, write early and write often. Please provide commitment for papers to Bob Hinkle (iba@agglomeration.org) as soon as ideas come to mind.

Scottsdale is located near the Phoenix International Airport (PHX). More details on the conference will follow, but in the meantime, you can check out the Firesky resort at their website, <http://www.fireskyresort.com/>

Some interesting facts about Scottsdale (<http://www.10-facts-about.com/Scottsdale/id/241>):

Fact 1: The Sonoran desert, part of which lies here is North America's hottest desert and is 120,000 square miles in size. England could fit two times over in that space.

Fact 2: The Hollywood blockbusters Raising Arizona, Wayne's World and Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure were filmed here. (Editor's note: Although being held in Scottsdale, the IBA does not intend to model the conference after any of these blockbusters. However, we are pursuing Bill and Ted to participate in the round table discussions.)

Fact 3: It is very often listed as one of America's best places to live in.

Fact 4: It has in excess of 60 miles of trails. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve that lies on the northern edge of the city is America's biggest wilderness preserve.

Fact 5: Scottsdale has an arid desert climate, sees 314 sunny days annually and receives only 7.66 inches of rain every year. (Editor's note: Average high/low temperature are approximately 80/50 during early November)

Fact 6: Chili was declared to be the official food of the city by the mayor in 1994.

Fact 7: In 1937, Frank Lloyd Wright, the famous architect made the city his winter home and a large number of buildings in the city have been designed by him.

Fact 8: All the fire engines in the city are chartreuse in color which is a total contrast to the standard red ones that are seen through the rest of the United States. (Editor's note: To save you the trouble of looking, chartreuse is the color of a green highlighter)

Dues/Web link

Membership in the IBA is renewable annually. The annual fee is US\$100 for individuals or \$150 for consultants. Yearly dues should be received by the end of January. A variety of payments options are available and appear on the website (<http://agglomeration.org/about-the-iba/join/pay-dues/>) If you are interested in putting a link to your website on the IBA website, email us today at iba@agglomeration.org. Cost is \$100 per year.

Website Update

A new section has been added to the IBA website, "Questions and Answers". This will allow visitors to post a question which will be fielded by industry experts. The section will be open for

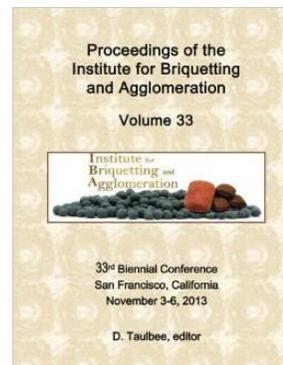
all to see and can be searched to find earlier questions/answers that might be of help to your specific needs. There is also a 'follow' button that allows you be notified whenever a new answer is posted. Check it out. It is recently started, but is expected to populate pretty quickly.

Availability of Conference Proceedings

Good news. The hard copy proceedings are now available on amazon.com! The list price is shown as \$50 but that figure is strikethrough text and a price of \$40.95 is shown just below. There is also free shipping.

So tell your friends and family; get 'em while on sale and just in time for Christmas....nothing like a good book and couple fifths of bourbon.

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=institute+for+briquetting+and+agglomeration



Upcoming Events

International BIOMASS Conference & Expo, April 20-22, 2015, Minneapolis, Minnesota

<http://www.biomassconference.com/ema/DisplayPage.aspx?pageId=Home>

Coal Prep 2015, April 27-29, 2015, Lexington Kentucky

<http://www.coalprepshow.com/cp15/Public/enter.aspx>

The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition, May 4-7, 2015, Cleveland, Ohio

<https://www.aist.org/conference-expositions/aistech/conference>

ACHEMA June 15-19, 2015, Frankfurt, Germany

<http://www.eventseye.com/fairs/f-achema-13-1.html>

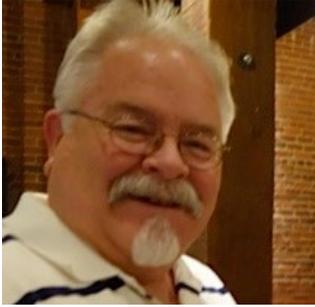
Institute of Briquetting and Agglomeration biannual conference, November 8-11, 2015

<http://agglomeration.org/conference/>

Member Update

Ludman Industries has named Mark Ferge as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. He will be responsible for managing customer service operations. Mark holds an electrical engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Note from the Executive Director:



Hello fellow IBA'ers. As you have read we are closing in on all the details of the next IBA Conference to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. A new venue for us but there is an old friend involved, the Kimpton chain of hotels, which was our host at the San Francisco conference. As you enjoyed the Argonaut hotel on the Fisherman's Wharf you will also find similar amenities at the FireSky Resort and Spa in Scottsdale. A very friendly staff and an amazing facility to host our conference.

Please make plans now to attend the conference for what will be an excellent forum to learn more about our chosen field of agglomeration. Informative papers will be presented on various agglomeration related topics and as usual, there will be plenty of time to socialize with the attendees and to experience the flavor of the Scottsdale area.

Now is the time to consider presenting a paper at the conference and we urge you to send us an abstract so that we can start our early planning for the program. The papers should be concerned with any form of agglomeration or ancillary processes such as binders, drying, testing etc.

Now is also the time to renew your membership. A form is attached that must be sent to the IBA so that we have a record of who you are and how we can get in touch with you. As mentioned, the dues are still only \$100.00 per year for general membership or \$150.00 per year for consultants. Payment can be made by sending a check or by using PayPal.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to link your company to our web site. For a nominal fee of \$100.00 your company can be listed on our web site to be immediately available to our many visitors.

More information will follow in the next newsletter but in the meantime if you have any questions please contact me at iba@agglomeration.org or 724-368-4004.

Best regards,

Bob