



Some Fellows you should know

The entire TAPPI staff has been working in overdrive to get ready for PaperCon '09, which at the time of this writing is only two weeks away. If you haven't already made plans to attend by the time you are reading this, you're probably going to miss it, which is too bad; the program is exceptional, and registration trends

are pacing last year's high attendance. (Of course, with on-site registration, you may still have a chance to be there, and if so, I think you should go for it!)

One thing that I've been doing is helping pull things together for the invitation-only Fellows Luncheon taking place following PaperCon. For newer members who may not

be aware of the TAPPI Fellows program, the simplest way to put it is that TAPPI Fellows are "the best of the best" – a select group of TAPPI Members who have made outstanding contributions to the industry, and to the association. I consider it an honor to be able to work with this group of individuals.

Only a small percentage of our members ever achieve Fellows recognition, and they come from every part of the industry. Many are researchers, educators, and innovators whose technical contributions have changed the way we make pulp, paper, and packaging material. Some have a passion for volunteer involvement that has not only shaped TAPPI, but has enriched the member experiences of countless others. All have proven that, in our careers as in our lives, what we contribute is a direct correlate to what we gain.

This year's new Fellows are listed in the box on this page. If you know any of these seven individuals, why not send them a congratulatory note? Being named a TAPPI Fellow is a worthy achievement, and every TAPPI member benefits from the contributions these individuals have made.

If you are a TAPPI Fellow, then I'd like to say thank you. I hope to see you at the Luncheon in St. Louis!

Tappi's seven new Fellows for 2009 are:

Joseph M. Genco, professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering, University of Maine

Norman F. Marsolan, Jr., consultant

John R. Martin, vice president, manufacturing, Packaging Corporation of America

John A. Neun, process engineer, Albany International Press Fabrics

Thomas E. Rodencal, consultant

Michael Y. Sun, senior principal scientist, MeadWestvaco Corporation

Peter D. Wallace, retired nonwovens specialist

The criteria for being selected a Fellow include the following:

- Publication of articles and books
- Patents granted
- Directions of important research or engineering work
- Management of major projects resulting in acknowledged improvements and new developments
- Leadership assignments in TAPPI
- Service to other organizations and/or to the public

TAPPI is proud to welcome these exemplary industry leaders into the ranks of TAPPI Fellow. To learn more about the Fellows program, or about the Fellows nomination process, visit www.tappi.org.



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