

Nichols and Veazey honored at 1993 TAPPI PLC Conference

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The annual Polymers, Laminations and Coatings Conference, held Aug. 29–Sept. 2 in Chicago, IL, drew 422 attendees from 16 countries: Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Germany, Israel, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Venezuela.

Technical program

The technical program's 69 papers covered resin properties and their effects on film extrusion, extrusion coating resins, laminating in flexible packaging, ISO 9000 in film production, web handling, adhesive applications, extrusion coating equipment, barrier packaging, flexible packaging, SPE exchange, die design and polymer flow in film extrusion, extrusion coating processing, recent developments in health care packaging, and surface treatments and coatings. Roundtables presented discussions on microwave packaging and microbial barriers.

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Recognition of excellence

At the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, August 31, two TAPPI members received the Division's highest honors. Earl W. Veazey received the 1993 Polymers, Laminations and Coatings Division Technical Award from TAPPI President's Representative David J. Bentley Jr., and the Samuel Zweig Prize which carries a US\$ 1000 honorarium. The Prize, made possible by a gift to TAPPI from Morton International, Inc. was awarded to Veazey by Timothy J. Bendle. Veazey, a retired development associate from Dow Chemical Co., is one of the most highly regarded authorities on extrusion and film fabrications technologies in the industry.

The 1993 Polymers, Laminations and Coatings Division Leadership and Service Award and the Andreas G. Ahlbrandt Prize, which carries an honorarium of US\$ 1000 made possible by a gift to TAPPI from Enercon Industries, were accepted by Rhonda Nichols. Area manager with Union Camp Corp., Nichols is past chairwoman of the Division's Plastic Laminates Committee, and technical program chairperson of the 1992 Division Conference.

The Division also awarded the Ralph A. Klucken Scholarship to Robert L. Andrews, a senior-year student attending North

David J. Bentley Jr., left, and Russell H. Cramm



David A. Markgraff, left, and Rhonda Nichols



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Left to right: Timothy J. Bendle, Earl W. Veazey, David J. Bentley Jr.



Carolina State University. The US\$ 1000 scholarship will be used by Andrews during his 1993–1994 academic year as he pursues a B.S. degree in pulp and paper science and technology. Eric Zervas received the Donald F. Goetzke Memorial Scholarship from the Midwestern Packaging and Converting Committee.

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Outgoing committee chairpersons Richard D. Thomas (Flexible Packaging, 1992–1993), Mike P. Markgraff (Film Extrusion, 1992–1993), Lee J. Murray (Health Care Packaging, 1992–1993), Alicea D. Cramer (Microwavable Packaging, 1992–1993), Alan M. Davis (Midwestern Packaging and Converting, 1991–1993), Jim M. Casey (Pressure Sensitive Adhesives ad hoc, 1991–1993), and David A. Markgraff (Printing ad hoc, 1992–1993) accepted Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions to the Division.

David J. Bentley Jr. presented a Special Certificate of Recognition to Russell H. Cramm for his work as Division Chairman. Cramm will continue to chair the Division for another year.

Two individuals received awards for technical excellence. The Polymers, Laminations and Coatings Division presented Dragan Djordjevic with the 1992 Best Paper Award for his paper, "Recycling: problems and solutions by the European approach." David A. Markgraff accepted the 1992 Best Technical Session Award for the session, "Printing Technology and Panel Discussion."

Invited speaker Douglas Selman, vice president of polymers technology for Exxon Chemical Co., provided the keynote address.

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For information about the 1994 TAPPI Polymers, Laminations and Coatings Conference to be held Aug. 28–Sept. 1 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN, contact TAPPI Technical Program Administrator Mark Leinmiller (ext. 264) or TAPPI Meeting Administrator Eric Johnson (ext. 291).

Left to right: David A. Markgraff, Alan M. Davis, Lee J. Murray



Conference Chairman Richard W. Halle, left, and Douglas Selman



To present a paper at the conference, contact Technical Program Chairman Richard J. Rolando, 3M Co., St. Paul, MN, telephone: 612–736–9867, fax: 612–736–3122. Deadlines are Feb. 1, 1994 for the manuscript draft submission and June 1, 1994 for the submission of the final manuscript in TAPPI format. 

CMM International 1993

When planning its annual conference, TAPPI's Polymers, Laminations and Coatings Division intentionally picked Chicago at a time that would coincide with CMM International 1993. The biennial conference and exhibition ran Aug. 30–Sept. 2 at McCormick Place and drew a record 30,988 attendees who had the opportunity to see the equipment and services of 750 exhibitors.