Seattle sets the scene for 1995 Corrugated Containers Conference

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The 1995 TAPPI International Corrugated Containers Conference was held Oct. 16–18 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. Over 1300 people attended the conference, representing 26 countries.

Ronald J. Glick of Weyerhaeuser was the conference's keynote speaker, with his presentation "Listening to lead in the next century."

A highlight of this year's technical session was Monday afternoon's presentation by Tsukasa Higashi of Japan Corrugated Case Association (JCCA).

Opening session

Conference Chairman Robert H. Quick of Weyerhaeuser Co. started the conference on Monday, Oct. 16, by introducing the keynote speaker, Ronald J. Glick, also of Weyerhaeuser Co. Glick, vice-president and general manager of Weyerhaeuser's Containerboard Packaging Division, is responsible for the division's five mills and nearly 40 domestic packaging facilities. In his presentation, "Listening to lead in the next century," Glick cited Weyerhaeuser's concern for recycling OCC and other reclaimed paper and the company's concern for its public image as an example for other companies to follow. Excerpts of several Weyerhaeuser "town meetings" were shown, as well as a few Weyerhaeuser commercials that were developed to improve public perception of the company.

Technical sessions

The technical session began with an overview of new products and services from suppliers, chaired by William T. Kahn of Harper/Love Adhesives, who served as technical program chairman. Five companies participated in the event highlighting new technologies in the corrugated industry. Those companies presenting were Marquip, Langston, Harper/Love Adhesives, Container Graphics, and J.M. Heaford.

Following the "What's New" session was the Production Roundtable. Robert A. Sukenik of Corrugating Roll Corp. served as moderator of the roundtable. At 11:30 a.m., the trade fair opened. After its close at 3 p.m., the third technical session was held, featuring five papers. Two presentations from Japan highlighted this session. With the help of an interpreter, Toshio Ueda of the Japan Corrugated Case Association (JCCA) Technical Committee presented "Activities of the Technical Committee of Japan Corrugated Case Industries." Tsukasa Higashi, also with JCCA Technical Committee, presented his study "Reduction of flexo folder-gluer setup time." These and the other presentations in this session were extremely well attended.

At 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, a series of three workshops began. Workshop I, chaired by David G. Ehlert of The Idea Exchange Inc., focused on quality concerns relating to internal and external customers. Workshops II and III were previews of TAPPI's Box Plant Short Courses, and both were sponsored by the Division's HRD Committee. "Troubleshooting the corrugator process" was chaired by Edward L. Riley of ELR and "Key functions of graphics and converting operations" was led by Russell L. Smith. During the lunch hour, the HRD Committee hosted a film festival on HRD issues in the work place. The three films were about sexual

Members of the spouse/guest committee raise their green umbrellas, given to all participants in the program.

Ron and Katherine Harper accept an honor for the Harper Corp. of America from the Division. The Division honored the company for its continuous support throughout the years. Davide Friedman and Robert Quick (background, left to right) presented the honor.

harassment, creating a drug-free work place, and blood-borne pathogens. David G. Ehlert hosted the film festival. The trade fair opened at 1 p.m. and continued through the afternoon.

Wednesday's technical session comprised seven workshops, each featuring several different speakers on one subject. Topics were:

- "Flexographic ink technology for quality printers," chaired by Joe Benes, Fellowes Manufacturing Co.; featured speaker was Bob Teoughan of Heritage Ink Co.
- "Experiences combining high performance materials," led by Richard Croker of Georgia-Pacific Corp.
- "Graphics, now, and into the future," chaired by Joe Benes of Fellowes Manufacturing Co.
- "1995 TAPPI/FBA Corrugated Productivity and Waste Survey," chaired by Stanley Johnson of MacMillan Bathurst Co.
- "ISO 9000: its impact in the corrugated industry," led by David Carlson of Stone Container Co.
- "Practical ergonomics in today's world," chaired by Thomas Watson of Inland Container; featured speaker was Sharon A. Falkenburg of Rollins, Hudig, Hall of Wisconsin, Inc.
- "Successful plant manager's forum," led by Bob Sukenik of Corrugating Roll Corp.

Spouse/Guest Program

The Spouse/Guest Program, chaired this year by Norma Quick, wife of Division Chairman Robert Quick, started off on Sunday with an ice cream social in the chairman's suite. This year, the program took its participants on tours of many famous Seattle sights, including the Space Needle, Lake Washington, the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, the University of Washington, Pike Place Market, and Snoqualmie Falls. The program had sponsored breakfasts each day of the conference, allowing participants an overview of the day's activities. Participants in the program were each given green umbrellas in case Seattle's weather turned for the worse.

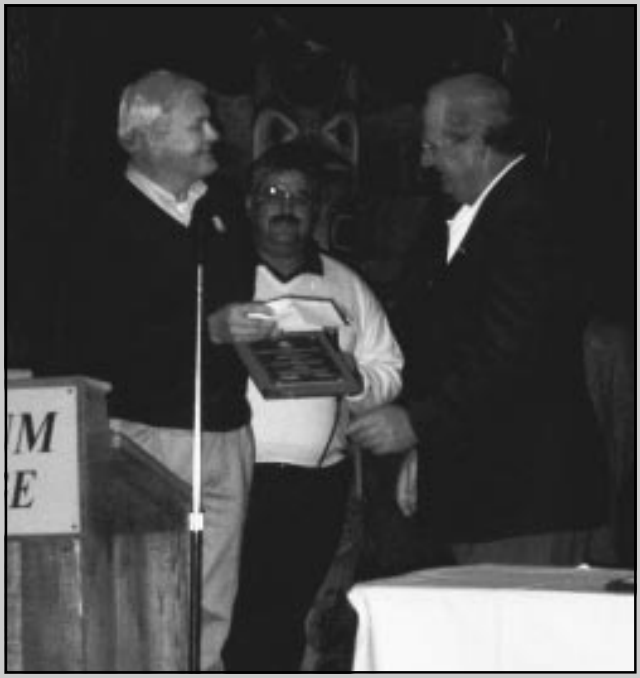
Awards Banquet

Attendees and their spouses enjoyed watching the sunset and Seattle at night from the water, as a 45-minute ferry ride whisked them to Tillicum Village on Blake Island, where this year's Awards Banquet was held. Once at Tillicum Village, everyone was treated to a baked salmon dinner and Native American dance presentation. Then, Division Chairman Robert H. Quick took the podium and began the evening's events.

Quick congratulated the Langston Co. and the Schiffenhaus Co. on their 100th-year anniversaries and introduced TAPPI Board of Directors' members Herbert G. Schaefer and Hal W. Tanner Jr. Schaefer represented TAPPI's President at the conference. Nine outgoing committee chairmen were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. They were:

- Joseph J. Benes, Flexo Printing and Graphics
- Keith B. Gamble, Corrugated Board Technical Service
- Charles J. Huck, Human Resources Development
- John H. Rutherford, Process Control and Quality Assurance
- Robert J. Shenigo, Engineering
- Peter A. Snyder, Fiber Shipping Container Testing
- Robert A. Sukenik, Production
- Emilio E. Tellini, Productivity Improvement
- William S. Thayer, Safety

David A. Carlson (left) was awarded the Division's Leadership and Service Award by Davide Friedman (center) and Herbert Schaefer.



Hal W. Tanner Jr. (left) was awarded the 1995 TAPPI Corrugated Containers Division Technical Award and the Harry J. Bettendorf Prize by Herbert Schaefer (right). Division Chairman Robert H. Quick stands in the background.

Quick then introduced Davide Friedman, first vice chairman of the Division and Scholarship and Awards Committee chairman. Friedman announced the Division's three scholarship recipients: David M. Batt of Miami University of Ohio, Matthew M. Campbell of North Carolina State University, and Antonio Lee of Jackson State University. Friedman then awarded three Special Certificates of Appreciation from the Division. Ronald L. Harper, chairman of Harper Corp. of America, Charlotte, NC, was selected to receive the award for serving as the Division's newsletter editor for four years. Peter A. Snyder, senior technical representative for Harper/Love Adhesives, Charlotte, NC, received the award for revitalizing the Fiberboard Shipping Container Testing Committee (FISHCOTEC) in the areas of Committee Assignments and Technical Information Sheets. Glen G. Wickett, account manager, West, for Weyerhaeuser Co., Tacoma, WA, received the award for making significant contributions to the Division by his participation in study groups on recycled fiber and repulpable wax, as well as his work with the Corrugated Board Technical Committee (CORBOTEC).

Joseph J. Benes, outgoing chairman of the Flexo Printing and Graphics Committee, and Joseph F. Rach, incoming chairman, then presented the awards for the CorrPak competition. This year's competition had 108 entries in 10 categories. The best of show and winner of the Corrbie award was a display featuring Max Factor products, titled "Cosmetician Counter Sampling Kit" for Procter & Gamble, manufactured by Packaging Corp. of America, Lancaster, PA.

Friedman then introduced the Division award winners. David A. Carlson, manager of quality assurance at Stone Container in Chicago, IL, was awarded the 1995 Leadership and Service Award. A TAPPI member since 1979, Carlson is a past chairman of the Division and is active in the Fiberboard Shipping Container Testing Committee and the Process and Quality Assurance Committee. He is credited with developing and presenting TAPPI's Statistical Process Control Short Course in the late 1980s and was instrumental in producing the TAPPI video series on statistical process control. Carlson has also written numerous articles for *Tappi Journal* and served as editor for a TAPPI PRESS book, *Corrugating Defect Terminology*.

Hal W. Tanner Jr., manager of packaging services for International Paper in Shreveport, LA, was awarded the Division's Technical Award and accompanying Harry J. Bettendorf Prize. A TAPPI member since 1969, Tanner is past chairman of several committees in the Division and has been active in both the Chicago and Southeast Local Sections. He has served on the editorial review board for *Tappi Journal* and now serves as chairman of the Publications Committee, as well as on TAPPI's Board of Directors.

This year, the Division awarded Harper Corp. of America with a Corporate Recognition Award for its support of the Division throughout the years. Katherine Harper, president, and her husband, Ron, who is chairman of Harper Corp. of America, accepted the award for the company. The Harper Corp. has been actively involved in TAPPI for 24 years.

Norma Quick, who served as this year's Spouse/Guest Program chairman, was introduced by Friedman. Mrs. Quick thanked spouses for participating in the program, as well as companies for their support of the Spouse/Guest Program.

Friedman then presented Robert Quick with the Outgoing Chairman Award. Quick acknowledged thanks to many people in the Division and introduced Robert A. Sukenik as the Division's new secretary. Ellie Friedman was introduced as the new Spouse/Guest Program chairman, and finally, Davide Friedman was presented with a gavel and introduced as next year's chairman. Friedman is senior packaging scientist for General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, and has been an active member since 1985. He has been active in the Division's FISHCOTEC and Process Control and Quality Assurance Committees. He was instrumental in starting the End User Advisory Subcommittee, which advises the Division Steering Committee. Friedman has stated that his plan for the 1996 Corrugated Exposition (CorrExpo 96) is "to make [it] the biggest and best that the industry has had—the premier Corrugated Trade Show."[1] With his new gavel, Friedman officially declared the conference closed.

TAPPI PRESS

The TAPPI PRESS bookstore sold 160 books at this year's conference. The best seller was the *1995 Productivity and Waste Survey Report*. The report, sponsored by the Productivity Improvement Committee, includes information on machinery and labor operations, plus six different measures of waste performance. More than 300 plants throughout the world participated in the survey, which was conducted during June 1995. The report is available on disk or in book format from TAPPI PRESS. Other best sellers at the TAPPI bookstore included *Corrugator Bonding*, *Corrugator Major Components*, and the *1995 Technical Information Sheets*. For more information on TAPPI PRESS, call 1–800–332–8686.

[1] *Tappi J.* 78(10):240-12(1995).

Technical Program Chairman Bill Kahn (left) with colleague John A. Curielli of Harper/Love Adhesives

This year

The 1996 TAPPI Corrugated Containers Conference and CorrExpo 96 will be held Nov. 3–6 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. Anyone interested in making a presentation at the conference should contact Newell K. Hill, Corporate Project Engineer, Love Box Co., P.O. Box 546, Wichita, KS 67201-0546. Titles and names of authors are due by Feb. 16, 1996. TJ