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PCA FINALIZES PLANS FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The Pine Chemicals Association will hold its Annual Meeting of the membership on April 22 – 24, 2009, at the Inn on Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC. The Inn is located on the grounds of the famous Biltmore House, constructed by George Vanderbilt in the early part of last century.

The meeting will begin on Wednesday afternoon April 22nd with registration followed by a reception and buffet dinner. This event provides an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances and greet new attendees.

On Thursday morning, April 23rd, we will hold a brief General Session followed by meetings of three standing committees, Environmental, Health & Safety, Membership & Information, and Meetings. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to gain a quick update on activities of the three Committees.

On Thursday afternoon, we will hold the annual PCA Golf Tournament at the nearby Grove Park Inn's Golf course. Following the golf tournament will be a second reception where golf prizes will be awarded.

On Friday morning we will conduct the annual Business Meeting of the Association during which we will hear reports from the three Committee Chairmen, as well as a financial report. We will also elect Board Members and Officers for the coming year.

The city of Asheville offers a number of opportunities (shopping, art galleries) for spouses and guests to enjoy.

More details concerning the PCA 2009 Annual Meeting are posted on our website, www.pinechemicals.org. In the very near future you will be advised as to when registration for the meeting and the Inn on Biltmore Estates will be open.

Make your plans now to attend the PCA 2009 Annual Meeting April 22 – 24, 2009.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Jeroen Triesscheijn, Conference Chairman recognizes Chris Layton, Panel Member.



Steve Violette & Corey Schneider at Speakers Dinner.



Jeroen Triesscheijn recognizes Roy Herbst, Speaker.



Achmad Fachrodji presents paper at Monday's General Session.

INDUSTRY NEWS

FLORACHEM ACQUIRES CITRUS OIL PROCESSING PLANT

Florachem Corporation recently announced that it has acquired the Citrus Oil Processing Facility located in Mission, Texas from Frutech International. Strategically located near the increasingly important Mexican citrus growing region, this facility has successfully produced quality citrus products since 1991. Products produced in Mission, including Folded Orange and Grapefruit Oils and their corresponding Terpenes, will be shipped directly from the plant as well as being offered along with Florachem's other products from warehouses in New Jersey, Chicago, Atlanta and Japan.

Florachem Corporation, headquartered in Jacksonville Florida is a distributor of natural and synthetic ingredients serving both the Fragrance & Flavor and the Industrial & Institutional industries.

FORCHEM RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE

On May 13, 2008, Forchem Oy was recognized by the Zero Accident Forum of Finland for a year's work without an accident. This the fourth consecutive year that Forchem has won this award.

In an interview concerning the safety recognition Martti Fredriksson, Forchem's CEO stated, "In my opinion occupational safety is a good indicator of not only the subject in question, but also how the company works in general. Carelessness often causes injuries. On the other hand standardized procedures, commitment and respect on an individual level are ways to minimize accidents."

HENKEL TO BUILD ROMANIAN PLANT

Henkel Bautechnik Romania, has announce construction of a third adhesives plant in Romania starting in 2009. The plant will cost approximately US \$14.5 million and will produce 20,000 tons / year when completed. Henkel has an existing plant in Pantelimon in the south of Romania, while a second plant in Campia Turzil was to open late in 2008.

TOTAL INVESTS IN ALTERNATIVE FUELS

French energy company Total is participating in Futurol, a consortium of French manufacturers, researchers, and financial institutions that want to develop a process for making ethanol by fermenting lignocellulosic biomass. The consortium plans to spend US \$105 million on the project over eight years. The move follows the announcement that Total will participate in a Swedish consortium to make the diesel fuel substitute dimethyl ether via the gasification of black liquor, a byproduct of the wood pulping industry.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Pat Grozier & Brad Crocker at Speakers Dinner.



Jeroen Triesscheijn recognizes Christian Westphal, Speaker.



Philippe Salemis, HARRPA & Walter Jones, PCA.



Michael Bush presents paper on energy at Monday's General Session.

MARKET

ASHLAND TO DIVEST

Ashland Chemical plans on divesting noncore businesses in order to generate cash according to CEO Jim O'Brien as he spoke with investment analysts recently. The measure will come on top of cost savings, synergies, and improved asset utilization that follow the acquisition of Hercules, Inc.

GEORGIA-PACIFIC CHEMICALS AND PLASMINE TECHNOLOGY COMPLETES SALES OF ROSIN SIZE BUSINESS

Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC has completed the sale of its rosin size business in North America to Plasmine Technology, Inc. This transaction, completed on December 17, 2008, involves the transfer of Georgia-Pacific's rosin size business and limited assets to Plasmine Technology's plant in Bay Minette, Alabama.

This transaction is beneficial to both organizations in that it allows Georgia-Pacific's paper chemicals business to focus its resources on the expansion of specialty functional paper chemicals and expands Plasmine's position and commitment to the rosin size market. In addition, Georgia-Pacific Chemicals has signed a long-term supply agreement to provide raw material rosin to Plasmine Technology.

"We are pleased to confirm to the industry that Plasmine is focused and committed to supplying rosin sizing products to the paper industry. Additionally, our parent company, Harima Chemicals, continues to demonstrate their long term support and dedication to the industry," said Steve Violette, Plasmine's president and CEO.

"This transaction allows Georgia-Pacific Chemicals to transition its business further into innovative areas, as well as assure that our customers will continue to receive quality rosin size products from a well-established supplier," said Peter Williams, Georgia-Pacific's vice president – specialty and paper chemicals.

PCA MEMBERS AMONG TOP 100 CHEMICAL COMPANIES

In a recent issue, [ICIS Chemical Business Magazine](#) listed the world's top 100 largest chemical companies (by sales revenue) for 2008. Among the companies listed were four PCA member companies or their parent organizations.

DIC (Sun Chemical)
Eastman Chemical
Hexion
Cognis
Ashland

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Mr. & Mrs. Van Orsdale with Bill Cook at Monday's Reception.



View of the City of Prague from the Terrace of the InterContinental



Muriel & Don Stauffer with Jerry Cross at Monday's Reception.



Delegates at Tuesday's General Session.

PCA ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Jerry Cross of Eastman Chemical who served as Board Chairman of the Pine Chemicals Association since May 2007, elected to take early retirement effective November 30, 2008. In his almost two years as Chairman Jerry demonstrated excellent leadership, and implemented a number of changes to the format of the International Conference. Jerry is looking forward to retirement in Kingsport, TN, where he will join his son in an existing business. We will miss Jerry's guidance and advice on the Association's direction.

We are fortunate to have Mike Roberts of Georgia-Pacific Chemicals who served as Vice Chairman of PCA's Board for the same amount of time. Mike has been a member of the Board for a number of years and is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the Association. Mike will serve as acting Chairman until the Annual Meeting in April, 2009.

Please join me in wishing Jerry Cross much success as he and his wife Nancy enter a new phase of their life. Also join me in congratulating Mike Roberts on his new responsibilities.

PCA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Lesokhimik Ltd – Russia

Rutgers Chemical GmbH – Germany

Saybrook Capital LLC. - USA

PCA UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars with the dates off the following meetings;

2009 PCA ANNUAL MEETING – 22, 23, 24 April, 2009– Inn on Biltmore Estates – Asheville, NC , USA

2009 PCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – 20, 21, 22 September, 2009– The Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, CA, USA

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Delegates enjoy Continental Breakfast.



Q & A Session with Tuesday's Speakers.



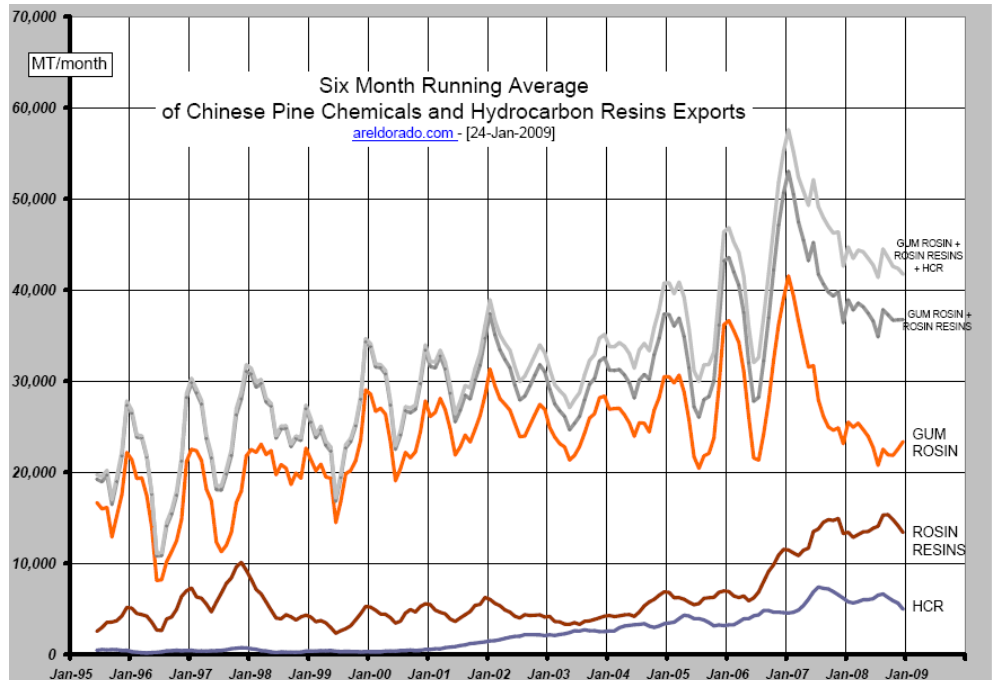
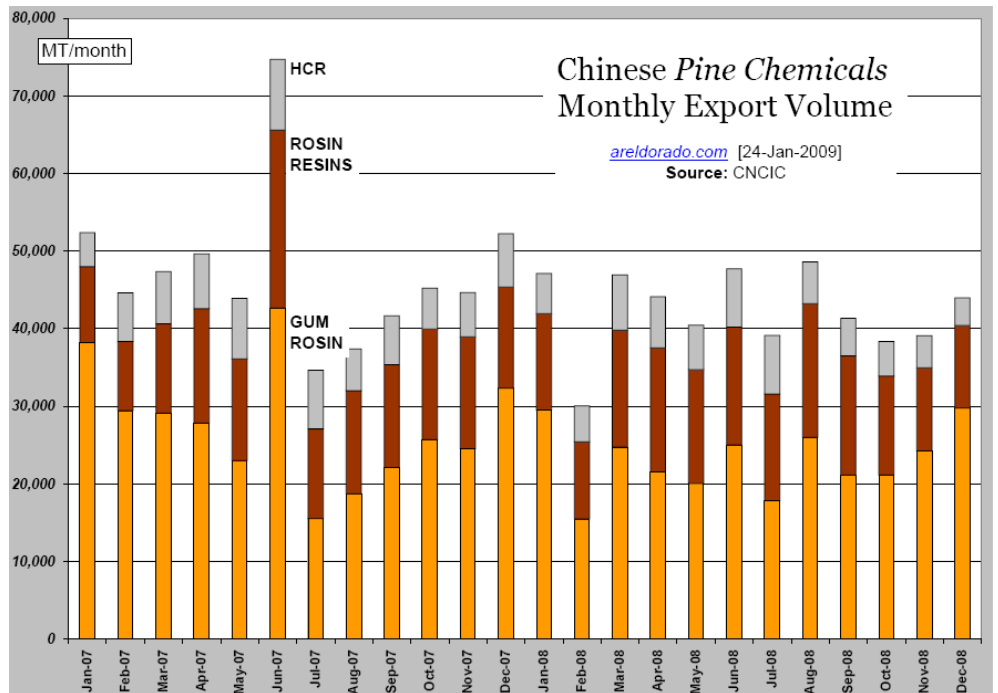
A view of the interior of the Prague Castle.



Delegates enjoy final night's dinner at Vikarka Restaurant.

STATISTICS

Chinese 2008 Pine Chemicals and Hydrocarbon Resins Exports



Data Source: China National Chemical Information Center