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PCA HOLDS 2009 ANNUAL MEETING IN ASHEVILLE

The Pine Chemicals Association held its 2009 Annual Meeting on April 22, 23 and 24 at the Inn on Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC. Attendance at the meeting was a bit lower than 2008 with 35 delegates and 11 spouse/guests. The weather cooperated beautifully, especially on Thursday and Friday.

The Annual Meeting began on Wednesday evening with our customary Reception and Buffer Dinner held at the hotel. It was an excellent opportunity for attendees to renew old acquaintances and to meet newcomers.

On Thursday morning a brief General Session was held following the PCA Board of Directors meeting and prior to the meetings of the three Committees. At the General Session PCA Chairman Mike Roberts welcomed all to the Annual Meeting and recognized new members and first time attendees. Representatives in those two categories included;

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Open meetings of the three PCA Committees, Membership & Information, Meetings, and Environmental Health & Safety were held for the balance of the morning. In the meeting of the EHS Committee a good deal of discussion centered on implementation of REACH legislation. A conference call was arranged with representatives from HARRPA. Starting at noon was the annual PCA Golf Tournament with 20 participants.

The evening's reception was held on the Library Terrace of the Biltmore House. The weather cooperated beautifully, and everyone enjoyed the sunset. Greg McLean, our very capable and resourceful Golf Chairman awarded the very valuable and highly prized golf trophies. The awarding of golf prizes was followed by a tour of the Biltmore Mansion.

ANNUAL MEETING



“JJ” Jilander, Catherine & Tommy Taylor at Wednesday's opening reception



Nickolay Khodov, and Felix Kerner at Wednesday's opening reception



New Member Dave Vorster at Wednesday's opening reception



Greg and Faye Adams at Wednesday's dinner

The session on Friday morning consisted of the annual business meeting of the Association. As is our custom reports were presented by the three Committee Chairmen, Alan Phillips (Membership & Information), Corey Schneider (Meetings), and Nelson Lawson (Environmental Health & Safety). In addition Mike Roberts gave his remarks on the “State of the Association”, and Walter Jones presented the Financial Report. The morning's session concluded with the unanimous election of the slate of Officers and Directors presented by the Nominating Committee. The new Officers & Directors for 2009 / 2010 are as follows.

Mike Roberts – Georgia-Pacific – Chairman
 Kees Verhaar – Arizona Chemical – Vice Chairman
 Peter Acton - Arboris
 Greg Adams – International Flavors & Fragrances
 Brad Crocker – Hexion Specialty Chemicals
 Lee Godina – Resinall
 Patrick Grozier – Ashland
 Christopher Layton – Eastman Chemical
 Bjoerk Ohlhorst – Henkel of America
 Corey Schneider – DRT
 Gleen Varnadoe – Arr-Maz Custom Chemical
 Steve Violette – Plasmine Technology

Congratulation to all of those elected to lead the Association for the coming year!

The PCA Annual Meeting concluded with a casual Buffet Lunch.

PCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTES TO COMBINE ANNUAL MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

In their meeting of April 23, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Pine Chemicals Association voted unanimously to suspend holding the PCA Annual Meeting until further notice. This action was taken in recognition of the global economic situation, and the mix of attendee companies at recent Annual Meetings.

It was further decided to combine the business meeting of the Association with the International Conference starting in 2010. The business meeting can be held on one of the afternoons of the Conference or held on the Wednesday morning following the Conference.

It was stressed in the Board meeting that suspension of the Annual Meeting was a temporary measure and the meeting could be reinstated by the Board at any time.

ANNUAL MEETING



Jim Russell and Bjoerk Ohlhorst at Wednesday's dinner



Attendees at Thursday's General Session



Greg Mclean explains details of the Golf Tournament



Springtime at the Biltmore

INDUSTRY NEWS

ARIZONA COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF ABIETA

In a press release dated February, 2009, Arizona Chemical announced the completion of their acquisition of Abieta Chemie GmbH.

The Abieta site in Gesthofen, Germany, will become a significant production unit in Arizona's European manufacturing organization. The Gesthofen unit will help to maximize the availability of Arizona's products and will enhance existing European production facilities in Finland, Sweden, France and the UK.

According to Juhani Touvinen, Vice President & General Manager, Arizona's European Operations, "The Gesthofen employees have a reputation for outstanding customer service and quality, and the facility is a very good one. We believe the business is an ideal fit, and our combined expertise and talents will be greatly beneficial to our customers."

HENKEL TO SELL DETERGENTS SITE

According to a recent article in the ICIS Chemical Business publication, Henkel is planning to sell one of their detergent plants in Saxon-Anhalt, Germany. In an interview with German state television, Henkel CEO Kasper Rorsted indicated that the company is in talks with four interested parties concerning the sale of the detergents producing facility.

SUN CHEMICAL APPOINTS BRENNTAG AS AGENT

Sun Chemical's performance pigments division has appointed Brenntag Specialties as their agent for the entire US market. The expanded distributor relationship will make it easier for customers to access Sun's full line of organic, metallic and effect pigments and preparations

MARKET NEWS

GLOBAL INCREASE IN THE CONSUMPTION OF FATS & OILS

Industrial applications for fats and oils have seen rapid growth over the past few years, due mainly to the high price of petroleum and the demand for natural or renewable products. During 2008 the industrial demand for fats and oils rose an estimated 9% over 2007, and up by 24% over 2006 according to the US Department of Agriculture.

ANNUAL MEETING



First time attendees from Indonesia



Janice & Glen Varnadoe at Thursday's reception at the Biltmore House



Winners of the golf prizes



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The production of methyl esters for Biodiesel was the biggest increase in fats and oils usage. An estimated 700 million gallons of Biodiesel was produced in the US. Around 34% of the feed for Biodiesel came from refined soybean oil, 31% from crude soybean oil, 11% from inedible tallow and grease, and 24% from other fats and oils.

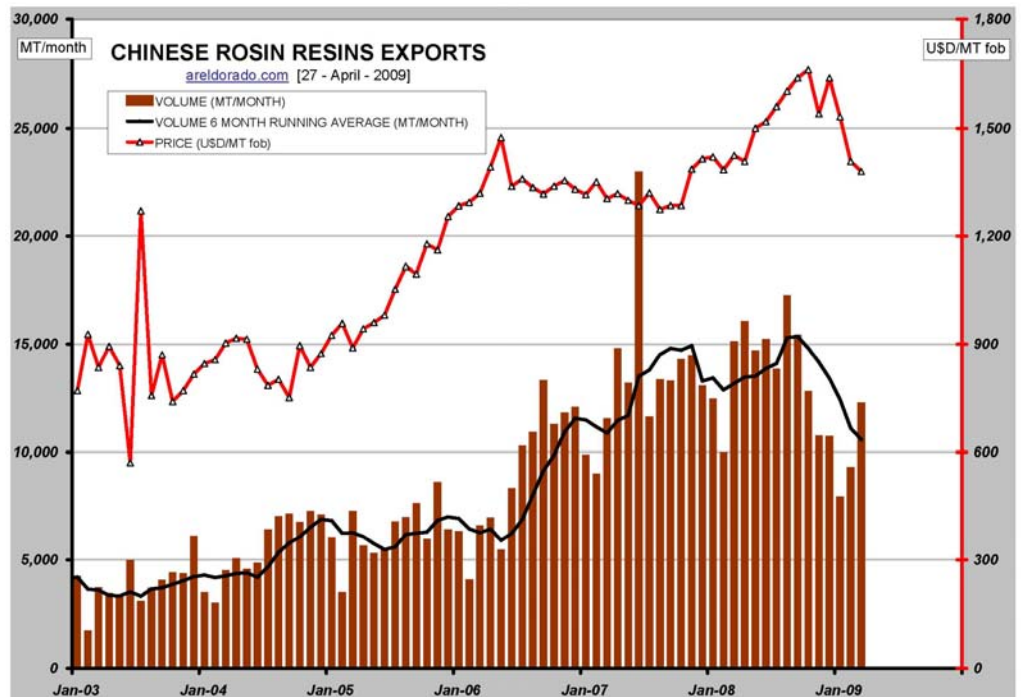
Industrial applications for fats and oils accounts for approximately 20% of the global vegetable oil consumption compared with 10% in 2002.

REGULATORY

REFORM OF TOXICS LAWS

The Obama administration has targeted a reform of US Toxics regulations as one of their top priorities. James Jones, a deputy assistant administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency told a chemical industry conference recently that the EPA head, Lisa Jackson, has identified reform of the 33 year old Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) among her top priorities. In addition to the reform of TSCA, Ms Jackson identifies climate change, clean air, chemical assessment and management, site remediation and clean water as her top priorities.

STATISTICS



Source: China National Chemical Information Service.

ANNUAL MEETING



Mike Roberts gives "State of the Association" presentation at Friday's business meeting



Nelson Lawson gives report for EHS Committee



Alan Phillips gives report for Membership & Information Committee



Corey Schneider gives report for Meetings Committee

MEETINGS

2009 CHINA GUM ROSIN TRADE CONFERENCE

The 2009 China Gum Rosin Trade Conference organized by the China Forest Chemicals Trade Association will be held from June 22nd to June 25th in Tsingtao, Shandong Province, China. The theme of this Conference is "Effects of International Financial Crisis on the Rosin Market". For more information visit their site at www.chinafca.org

XIII WORLD FOREST CONGRESS

The World Forest Congress has been held every six years since 1926 in different parts of the world. For its second time, this year from October 18 to 23 is going to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

More than 2,500 papers have been presented for approval by FAO. A few of them about the production of pine oleoresin a non-wood forest product (NWFP). A good opportunity to overview of the state of forests and forestry and of course dance some Tango.

For more information visit their site at www.wfc2009.org

PCA WELCONES NEW MEMBERS

PCA is pleased to welcome the following new members.

Roam Enterprises – USA

PCA UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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