



# Pine Chemicals Association, Inc.

## Newsletter

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## PCA CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY AT ANNUAL MEETING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Pine Chemicals Association conducted its 2007 Annual Meeting on April 25, 26, & 27, at the Inn at Harbor Town on Hilton Head Island, SC. The meeting marked the 60th Anniversary of the founding of PCA. Attendance was excellent, 43 delegates and 15 spouse / guests, and the weather cooperated beautifully with no rain anywhere on the island during our entire stay.

The Annual Meeting began on Wednesday evening with a cocktail reception followed by a buffet dinner. The opening event provided an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships and to meet new attendees. For dessert a large birthday cake was served with appropriate "Happy 60th Birthday PCA" decorations.

On Thursday morning the PCA Board of Directors met for one of their regular meetings. Among other items plans for the upcoming 2007 International Conference in San Diego, and the 2008 International Conference in Prague were discussed. Following the meeting of the Board all attendees met for a brief General Session. Walter Jones presented a comparison of facts about PCA today and ten years ago.

Open meetings of the three PCA Committees, Environmental Health & Safety, Membership & Information, and Meetings were held for the balance of the morning. The Membership & Information Committee meeting was especially well attended. The Annual PCA Golf Tournament followed the Committee meetings, with a record 28 golfer

The evening's reception started off with a putting contest organized by the golf staff at the resort. Everyone (ladies included) had the opportunity to putt on the three-hole course, but all had their score posted on a "leader board". After the putting contest, Greg McLean, our very capable Golf Chairman, awarded prizes to the tournament winners. The theme for this year's prizes was Olympic Medals, gold silver & bronze. Participants as well as spectators had a terrific time with the awards ceremony.

## PCA ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



*Jeff Redmond delivers committee report.*



*Vania & Bernardo Mello.*



*Jerry Marterer recognized by Jerry Cross & Walter Jones.*



*Nelson Lawson presents Safety Award to Phil Ulichney of Plasmine.*

Friday morning's session opened with our Association's annual business meeting. Included on the agenda were very interesting reports by the three Committee Chairmen, Nelson Lawson, Corey Schneider, and Jeff Redmond. Jerry Marterer presented his Chairman's Report and a financial report from Walter Jones. Jerry Marterer was presented with a gift and a plaque in recognition of his more than two years service as Chairman of PCA. The morning session concluded with the unanimous acceptance of the slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year recommended by the Nominating Committee. They are;

Jerry Cross – Eastman Chemical – Chairman  
 Mike Roberts – Georgia-Pacific – Vice Chairman  
 Jerry Marterer – Arizona Chemical – Past Chairman  
 Greg Adams – IFF – Director  
 Lee Godina – Resinall – Director  
 Corey Schneider – DRT – Director  
 Glen Varnadoe – Arr-Maz Custom Chemical - Director  
 Steve Violette – Plasmine Technology – Director  
 Brad Crocker – Hexion Specialty Chemicals – Director

Congratulations to all those elected to lead the Association in the coming year!

The Annual Meeting closed with a casual buffet lunch.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### CARGILL ANNOUNCES NEW VENTURE CENTERED AROUND GLYCERINE

Cargill Corp. and others have announced ventures centered around new products from glycerine. Cargill has formed a new independent subsidiary which will focus on providing an array of new products starting with renewable Propylene Glycol. Other companies announcing similar initiatives are ADM, Synergy Chemicals, Dow Chemical and Solvay.

Due to the strong demand for fats, oils and acids, the supply of glycerine has increased rather dramatically in recent years with a corresponding decrease in price. From early in 2003 to early 2007 vegetable based glycerine prices decreased from 70 cents to 35 cents per pound. The amount of glycerine used worldwide is estimated to be 160,000 metric tons and is growing at a compounded rate of 3% per year.

New products from glycerine currently under investigation include propylene glycol and epichlorhydrin.

## PCA ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



*Nancy & Jerry Cross.*



*The Inn at Harbor Town.*



*Jane Jones, Claudia Godina, & Marilyn McLean.*



*Sue Marterer, Sonya Roberts & Nancy Cross.*

### MEADWESTVACO EXPANDS

MeadWestvaco has announced a 40% increase in the throughput capacity of their DeRidder, LA tall oil fractionating plant. The expanded capacity is expected to come on stream in the third quarter of 2008. Completion of the expansion was originally scheduled for the third quarter of 2007, but was delayed due to shortages created by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

### WEYERHAEUSER AND CHEVRON TO CONDUCT JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY

According to a recent issue of "ICIS Chemical Business America", Weyerhaeuser and Chevron have signed a letter of intent to conduct a joint feasibility study on commercializing the production of biofuels from cellulose based sources.

The two companies plan to focus on developing the technology that can transform wood fiber or other nonfood sources of cellulose into economical clean burning fuel for automobiles and trucks. Possible feed stocks include a wide range of materials from Weyerhaeuser's existing forest and mill operations.

A joint announcement by the two companies "reflects their shared view that cellulosic biofuels will fill an important role in diversifying the nation's energy sources by providing a source of low carbon transportation fuel."

## REGULATORY

### EPA ANNOUNCES REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS

According to a recent article in ICIS Publications, the US EPA has announced a 4% reduction in emissions from chemical producer's facilities between the years 2003 and 2005. Data released by the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Section of EPA indicate that emissions of dioxins and mercury have been reduced by 23% and 9%, respectively.

### FEES FOR NEW PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS TO INCREASE

The US Environmental Protection Agency is seriously considering increasing the fees associated with bringing new compounds to market. Later this year it is expected that the EPA will triple the fee it charges for pre manufacturing notifications from \$2,500 to \$7,500. This increase is included in the Bush Administration's 2007 fiscal budget.

**PCA ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS**



Mike Roberts, Tommy Taylor & "JJ" Jalandar.



Felix Kerner, Yulia Khodov & Nik Khodov.



Yulia Khodov tries her hand at putting.



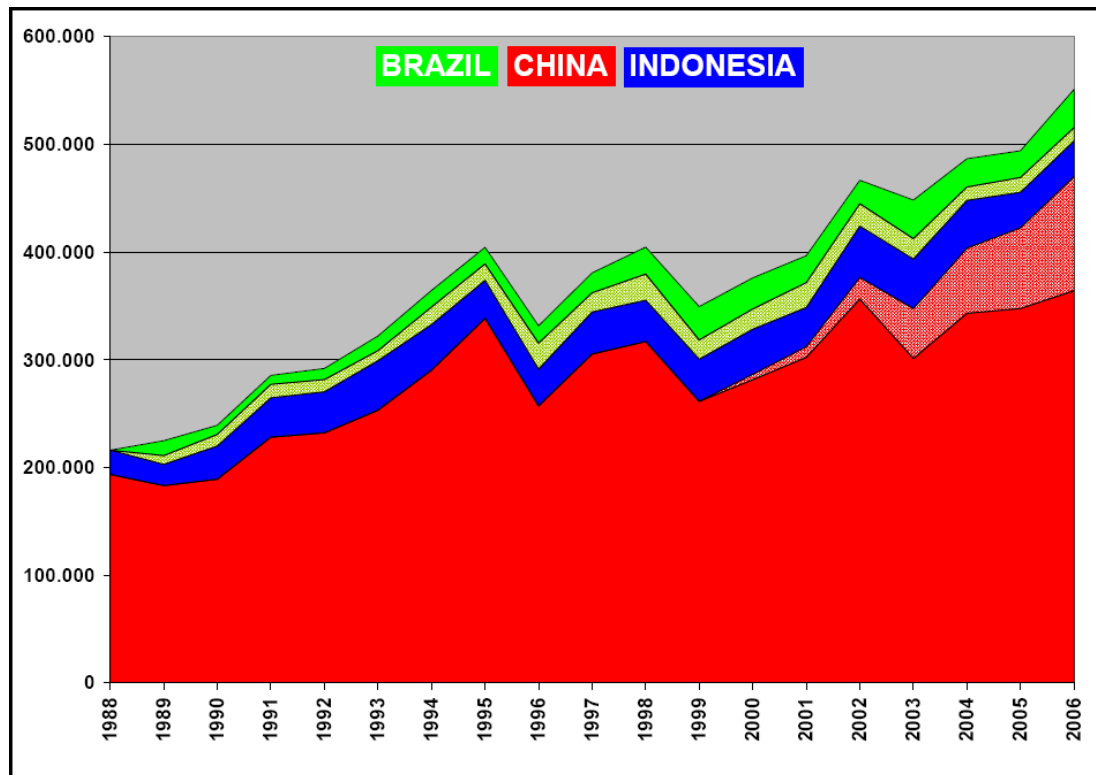
Ann Chamberlin & John Smith.

**WILL REACH GO BEYOND EUROPE?**

In a recent address to the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, a member of the EU Parliament representing Germany, warned that REACH legislation which has now been enacted in Europe may well spread to other countries in one form or another. He stated that "REACH – like" legislation may well appear in the US at the state and local government levels even though it has not been enacted on a national level. According to Mr. Lambsdorff, other non – EU countries are also taking a serious look at implementing legislation. Both China and Japan were cited as having a keen interest.

**STATISTICS**

**GUM ROSIN AND DERIVATIVES EXPORTS IN METRIC TONS PER YEAR**



**Sources:** Brazilian Customs: light green area corresponds to crude gum and solid green area to gum rosin. Chinese Customs: solid red area corresponds to gum rosin and light red area to rosin derivatives. Indonesian gum rosin exports represented by the blue area according to data presented during 2006 PCA International Conference. Data compiled and graph by Alex Cunningham.

## PCA ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



*Janice & Glen Varnadoe, Ann Chamberlin & Mary Gill.*



*Buffet Dinner on Wednesday evening.*



*Greg McLean awards golf "Medals".*



*Golf prizes are awarded.*



*Friday's business meeting.*

## PCA WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Pine Chemicals Association is pleased to announce that Mobile Rosin Oil, Inc. and Claremont Chemical Co. LTD have recently become members.

Located in Mobile, AL, Mobile Rosin Oil uses rosin and its allied family of products to serve a number of industries including rubber, paper, paint, preservatives, and lubricants. The company was established in 1924 as a producer of gum rosin. Today Mobile Rosin Oil has expanded into proprietary chemical manufacturing in order to serve a growing number of specialized client needs.

Claremont Chemical, located in Essex, England, distributes a wide range of products from the pine chemicals industry to producers of lubricants, adhesives, household products, paints, perfumery, and rubber compounding. The company was established in 1981.

## PCA UPCOMING EVENTS

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

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – 23, 24, 25 September, 2007 – US Grant Hotel – San Diego, CA

ANNUAL MEETING – 30 April, 1, 2 May, 2008 – Marriott Grand Hotel – Pt. Clear, AL

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – 28, 29, 30 September, 2008 – Intercontinental Hotel – Prague, Czech Republic.