

Next year, the Safety and Health Division and Area 11a Programming Committee will celebrate 40 years of sharing the latest information in process safety and loss prevention at the 2006 Spring National Meeting in Orlando.

Since the first Loss Prevention Symposium (LPS), the gathering has been one of the most important ways for engineers interested in chemical plant safety to network and learn about a wide variety of safety, health, risk management, and loss prevention topics.

Ted Ventrone of the Cyanamid Organic Division, and subsequently founding editor of *Process Safety Progress*, recently remembered the first LPS: "The acoustics were not too good and the air conditioning miserable. That could have killed the idea right then, but the agenda was filled with great topics by terrific speakers. The audience must have been mesmerized with the thought that we have to continue these meetings."

Nearly 40 years later, the LPS continues to be a highlight of the Spring AICHE meet-

Loss Prevention Symposium Celebrates 40 Years of Learning and Sharing in 2006

ing. In 2005, the symposium became a part of the first Global Congress on Process Safety, which also included the 20th Annual CCPS Conference and the 7th Process Plant Safety Symposium. The Global Congress was a great success, and will be repeated in 2006 in Orlando.

The 2006 LPS will feature sessions on loss prevention — past present and future; fire, explosion, and reactivity hazards; combustion equipment hazards; hazards of alternate energy technologies; mechanical integrity; and case histories (always one of the most memorable presentations at every LPS).

The CCPS Conference will focus on process safety in a global economy, including transportation, custom and toll manufacturing, international trends in regulations, security, and inherently safer technologies. The Process Plant Safety Symposium topics include safety culture, risk assessment, safety instrumented systems, and facility siting. Plan on attending, and bring along a couple of colleagues so your company doesn't miss anything in any of the parallel sessions!

Visit www.shdiv.aiche.org for more information.

Loss Prevention Logo Contest

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Loss Prevention Symposium, the Safety & Health Division invites you to enter a special logo contest. While the monetary award is modest, the winner will receive recognition in 2006 and in the years to come.

For more information: www.chem.mtu.edu/org/aiches&h/meetings/LOGO2006.PDF.

AICHE Responds to National Energy Challenge

Amid a new national energy policy and growing energy demands worldwide, AICHE will launch a series of initiatives that will use chemical engineering expertise to address energy problems.

AICHE is forming a commission on energy challenges, charged with developing recommendations for specific actions AICHE can undertake to address this complex and multi-faceted issue.

An Energy Forum featuring experts in the field will be held Sunday, October 30, 3:30–5pm, at the 2005 Annual Meeting, co-hosted by the AICHE Fellows and Executive Committee. The forum will allow members and non-members alike to share their thoughts on AICHE's role in energy policy and technology issues. Next year, AICHE will hold a special Critical Issues session on energy challenges at the 2006 AICHE Spring National Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Information about the Commission's activities and the open energy forum at the Annual Meeting can be found at www.aiche.org/new/energy. Comments and suggestions may be directed to energy@aiche.org.

AICHE-ACS Management Conference Investigates the Importance of Innovation

Is innovation a necessity or a luxury? What forms can innovation take and how can we measure success? How can innovation be achieved in the era of globalization and collaboration with suppliers, customers and competitors?

The AICHE-ACS Management Conference, "Innovation — The Engine for Growth," November 2–4, Cincinnati, Ohio will explore these and other questions about the purpose and promotion of innovation.

Over the course of this three-day meeting, you will examine innovation success stories. You'll discuss innovations inside and outside the organization. Consider domestic and international possibilities. And weigh options that exist both upstream and downstream in the supply chain.

Management conference speakers are innovators themselves, at the heart of industry. This year is no exception; Keynote speakers include Miles Drake, VP & CTO of Air Products, and Tom Connelly, Sr. VP and CS&TO of DuPont. The conference chair is Louis Hegedus, Senior Vice President R&D, Arkema, Inc.

The Management Conference is co-located with the 2005 AICHE Annual Meeting. All registrants for the Management Conference will automatically be registered for the Annual Meeting at no extra charge. Member discounts apply and early bird registration is available until September 26.

For program and registration information, visit: www.aiche.org/conferences/management. For information on the collocated AICHE Conference, visit www.aiche.org/annual.

Remembering a Past President and Safety and Health Division Chair

W. KENNETH DAVIS of San Rafael, CA passed away on July 29, just days after his 87th birthday. Born in Seattle, he grew up in Berkeley, where he attended the University of California before earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Davis served as an energy official in both the Eisenhower and Reagan administrations, and was a lifelong advocate for the peaceful use of nuclear energy. In 1954, Davis became the deputy director of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. A year later, he took over as head of the reactor development division, which was crucial to the birth of the civilian nuclear power industry. In 1958, he joined Bechtel Corp., where he served as vice president of nuclear reactor development, travelling the world promoting atomic power and helping Bechtel become a world leader in energy development. He eventually returned to Washington, D.C., in 1981, where he served as the deputy secretary of energy.

In 1993, Davis received the Henry DeWolf Smyth Nuclear Statesman Award from the American Nuclear Society and the Nuclear Energy Institute. He was a former president of AIChE and the Atomic Industrial Forum, and was a member and fellow of many other professional societies.

Davis is survived by his second wife, Ann; two daughters, Gail and Kerry; son, Warren; and five grandchildren.

WALTER SILOWKA of Allentown, PA, passed away August 14 after a 13-year fight with leukemia. He was 57 years old. He earned a BS from the University of Delaware and a MS from Lehigh University, both in chemical engineering.

Silowka worked for Air Products and Chemicals for more than 31 years. His positions with the company over the years included process design engineer, section manager, senior process engineer, director of process technology, corporate engineering, director of process safety and reliability, EH and S director of process safety, systems, standards and industrial hygiene. He recently retired from the company on June 1, 2005.

Silowka served as a director of AIChE's Safety and Health Div., and progressed through the leadership ladder (second vice chair, first vice chair, and, in 2005, chair of the Div.). Despite his serious illness, he made a heroic effort to attend the 2005 AIChE Spring National Meeting in Atlanta, where he chaired the executive committee meeting of the Safety and Health Div., and served as master of ceremonies for the Division's dinner.

Silowka was a key contributor to CCPS' Risk Assessment Subcommittee, which wrote the 2nd edition of the book "Guidelines for Chemical Process Quantitative Risk Analysis" and "Guidelines for Consequence Analysis of Chemical Releases".

Silowka is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Lara; and sons, David and Jeffrey.

OBITUARIES

David Beinhoff, 64, Downers Grove, IL
 Edwin Bertsche, 90, N. Augusta, SC
 Robert Brand, 83, Woodcliff Lake, NJ
 W. Kenneth Davis,* 87, San Rafael, CA
 Robert Diekman, 83, Highland, IN
 Jack Godsey, 85, Manhasset, NY
 Edward Grohse,* 90, Port Jefferson Station, NY
 Steve C. Harmon, 40, Broken Arrow, OK
 Sam C. Hite, 83, Terre Haute, IN
 Theodore Horzella, 78, Los Angeles, CA
 Melbourne Jackson*, 90, Moscow, ID
 Ralph Landau*, 89, New York, NY
 Marvin R. Paullus, 90, Northfield, IL
 Ephraim Scheier, 44, Houston, TX
 Walter Silowka, 57, Allentown, PA
 Lawrence E. Stout, Jr., 79, St Louis, MO
 William R. Taylor, 87, Indianapolis, IN
 Helmut E. Thierfelder, 83, Conshohocken, PA
 Richard T. Trelfa, 87, Lisbon, NH
 Hai Wang, 53, Lansdale, PA
 Edward Wolffe, 80, Church Creek, MD
 Frank W. Woodfield, 87, Richland, WA
 Wallace Kelly Woods, 93, Salem, OR

AIChE-ASME Forge Partnership

A growing number of AIChE members work across engineering disciplines and collaborate with diverse colleagues, especially in emerging fields.

Indeed, interest in research and technological advances extends beyond traditional discipline borders. In response to this increasing need, AIChE and ASME have created a formal partnership to offer joint membership discounts to their members.

Under the agreement, AIChE members will receive 33% off ASME dues. Joint members will receive member discounts on ASME meetings, publications, and other products and services—the same deal applies to ASME members for AIChE offerings.

"We are excited to join with ASME in creating this significant additional member benefit, offering engineers in both disciplines the ability to pursue opportunities across both organizations," said John A. Sofranko, AIChE executive director. "This could be especially significant in frontier areas like biological engineering, sustainability, and nanotechnology."

"We see this joint membership agreement as an opportunity to reach out to all engineers and more effectively serve the engineering community," said Virgil Carter, executive director of ASME.

AIChE and ASME seminars, conferences, publications illustrate a number of shared interests, specifically: bioprocessing, computers, design and manufacturing, environmental engineering, heat transfer, management, nanotechnology, nuclear engineering, power, fuel cells, pressure vessels and piping, reliability, tribology, and more.

In the coming months, members will receive more information from ASME on their products and services. For more information on ASME membership and offerings, visit: www.asme.org/member/.

Corrections from the AIChE article, "AIChE Members Inducted in as ASEE Fellows" (August 2005, p. 62):

- ASEE is the acronym for the American Society for Engineering Education.
- Thomas Regan is Emeritus Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park
- Joseph Shaiwitz is Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering at West Virginia University