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2011 IAPD Annual Convention and Plastics Expo Held in Baltimore is a Success!

The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD) conducted its 55th Annual Convention and Plastics Expo on September 13-16 in Baltimore, MD, USA. Plastics professionals from around the world gathered to build partner relationships, attend speaker presentations and promote the plastics industry as a whole. More than 800 plastics professionals and engineers attended from all over North America and Europe, as well as from Australia.

Plastics distributors, manufacturers, fabricators, design engineers, as well as suppliers of related products turned the Baltimore Convention Center into a hub for the plastics industry with product displays and technical presentations. A variety of technical sessions conducted during the Plastics Expo on September 15 attracted visitors and exhibitors alike.

“The IAPD Convention and Plastics Expo is the best and most affordable resource in North America for anyone involved in using or distributing plastics,” said Howard Natal, 2010-2011 IAPD President. “Whether you attended the convention or not I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources this association has to offer. We work very hard on educational, environmental and other tools that help to improve business and the plastics industry.”

During the convention, the following individuals were elected to serve on the IAPD Executive Committee:

- President — Robert Bacon, Harrington Industrial Plastics LLC, Elkridge, MD, USA
- Vice President — Jane Saale, Cope Plastics Inc., Alton, IL, USA
- Treasurer — Kevin Short, Laird Plastics, Flower Mound, TX, USA
- Secretary — William Kistler, Bayer MaterialScience LLC, Sheffield, MA, USA

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors:

- Mitch Opalich, Cleveland Plastic Fabricators & Suppliers Inc., Euclid, OH, USA
- Peter Delgado, Curbell Plastics Inc., Cincinnati, OH, USA
- Wayne Gono, Regal Plastic Supply Company, Dallas, TX, USA
- Randy Kirkpatrick (second term), Artek Inc., Fort Wayne, IN, USA
- Steffen Oellers, Klöckner Pentaplast GmbH & Co. KG, Heiligenroth, Germany

Special awards were presented at the IAPD Annual Convention in recognition for service and dedication to the association. The most prestigious awards were presented to the following individuals and companies:

- *Paul Davis Award of Merit* — Patrick Foose, Harvel Plastics Inc., Easton, PA, USA
- *Pacesetter Award* — Don Williams, Piedmont Plastics, Charlotte, NC, USA
- *President's Award* — EPDA Board of Directors:
 - Steffen Ollers, Klöckner Pentaplast GmbH & Co. KG, Heiligenroth, Germany
 - David Ladyman, Vink Holdings Ltd., Weybridge, Surrey, England, UK
 - Bryan Heath, Robert Horne Sign & Display, Northampton, England, UK
 - Tan Ali, Nylacast Limited, Leicester, England, UK
 - Sumayyah Mahomed, Nylacast Limited, Leicester, England, UK
- *Excellence Award for Best Overall Environmental Program* — Laird Plastics, Boca Raton, FL, USA
- *Excellence Award for Best New Environmental Program* — Primex Plastics Corporation, Richmond, IN, USA
- *Education Circle of Champions*:
 - Cope Plastics Inc., Alton, IL, USA
 - Laird Plastics, Boca Raton, FL, USA
 - Piedmont Plastics, Charlotte, NC, USA
 - Port Plastics Inc., Chino Hills, CA, USA

Planning is well underway for IAPD's 2012 Annual Convention and Plastics Expo in Chicago, October 23-26.



Immediate IAPD Past President Patrick Foose of Harvel Plastics Inc. receives the prestigious 2011 Paul Davis Award of Merit from Gary Davis, Aetna Plastics Corporation.

This release and more is available in [IAPD's Press Room](#).

About IAPD

The International Association of Plastics Distribution, founded in 1956, is an international trade association comprised of companies engaged in the distribution and manufacture of plastics materials. IAPD members produce and distribute materials for a wide variety of engineering and high-performance applications in industries such as food processing and packaging, OEM parts and equipment, chemical processing, waste and water treatment, construction, MRO parts, agriculture, automotive, medical, pharmaceutical, aerospace, electronics, marine, signs and displays, and many more. An important part of IAPD's mission is to educate engineers, designers and specifiers on the various applications and sustainability of these plastic materials.

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