

**29TH NUCLEAR AIR CLEANING
AND TREATMENT CONFERENCE**

CONFERENCE WELCOME

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Welcome to the 29th Nuclear Air Treatment and Cleaning Conference, sponsored by the International Society of Air Treatment Technologies, Inc. My name is Ronald Bellamy, and I am the Vice-President of ISNATT. I am honored and privileged to chair this 29th conference in a series of biennial technical meetings, which continue to provide an

outstanding forum for air cleaning experts from around the world to establish contacts, network, and exchange ideas, information, and technology. New and old issues will be raised and discussed, and issues resolution is a common theme of our conferences.

ISNATT has a group of volunteer officers, which at present also include James Edwards as President, Curt Graves as Treasurer, and Jim Kriskovich as Secretary. We have a Board of Directors that include Eric Banks, Julie Davis, Gerard Garcia, and Mark Pest. At our ISNATT business meeting today at 4:00 pm, we will entertain a slate of officers for the next two years. Our outgoing President Mr. Edwards will chair the meeting and is responsible for the nominating committee.

I am saddened by the need to speak for a moment about one of our members who has passed away. Randy Brinkley was a faithful attendee of our conferences and a very active member of the ASME Committee on Nuclear Air and Gas Treatment, who died on January 25, 2006. Randy had been employed by Westinghouse at the Savannah River Site for the past 15 years. He was a lifelong resident of Jackson, South Carolina. Randy was very involved in the First Christian Church of Jackson, serving as a Deacon, an Elder, a member of their board, the Sunday School Superintendent, and he sang in the choir. He was an avid fan of the Silver Bluff High School football team, coached Little League, served on the Jackson Town Council and was involved in the local agricultural club. Randy was a member of the ASME Field Test Procedures Subcommittee. His wife Vickie enjoyed attending these conferences with Randy, and I as well as many of

you enjoyed getting to know her over the past several conferences. Please remember Vickie and the Brinkley family and friends in your thoughts.

I ask that you silence your cell phones and pagers out of respect for the presenters, and if we receive any messages they will be at the Registration Desk. You should have all received a copy of a CD with all of the papers and presentations for your reference both here at the conference and in the future. As in the past, questionnaire sheets are available for your thoughts, comments and suggestions for future conferences. Anyone desiring to purchase a copy of the 26th, 27th or 28th conference on CD should see me.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities outside the formal presentations for interface with your colleagues. The breaks for these conferences provide an excellent opportunity for this interface. Our breaks are being sponsored by several of the corporations represented here:

Air Techniques International; Dave Crosby, Jan Fretthold and Eric Hanson

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Jardar Systems Inc; Steve Joyce

NUCON International; Lou Kovach, Curt Graves and Eric Banks

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Washington Group International; Glen Peterson and Walt Drosjack

These companies have also taken the opportunity to set up exhibits for all of us to look at during our conference breaks. A special thank you to each of these sponsors. Please express your appreciation.

We have a very ambitious agenda, filled with exceptionally interesting and timely papers and panel discussions. Our first keynote speaker this morning is Dr. Lou Kovach, ISNATT's first president. Dr. Kovach is truly one of the great pioneers in nuclear air cleaning both here and abroad and we are honored to have him in attendance. He will discuss 45 years of nuclear air cleaning activity. Lou has provided significant added value to the industry, and has served as a mentor to many of us during his distinguished career. The second keynote presentation will be a discussion of ASME CONAGT Activities; Past, Present and Future, by Mr. Richard D. Porco, Vice-President, Ellis & Watts. Mr. Porco is especially qualified to discuss this topic, having recently completed a very successful stint as Chairman of CONAGT, and now is serving on the ASME Board of Nuclear Codes and Standards. Following a break, we will continue our discussion of Codes by having a panel of present CONAGT officers, chaired by Mr. Thomas Vogan of Sargent & Lundy, who is the present Chair of CONAGT. Subcommittee chairs will present the status of various code sections and issues they are facing.

Lunch today will be provided by ISNATT and there is no luncheon program, so enjoy a New York Style Deli Buffet in the Sungarden and take the opportunity to interface with your peers.

Technical sessions this afternoon will discuss several power plant operational issues and some recent occurrences, and also the development of individual code sections by the responsible writers. Our formal agenda today concludes with an ISNATT business meeting, following we have a social event planned at the Great American Ballpark to see the Cincinnati Reds play the New York Mets. Note the coincidence of a New York Style Deli Buffet for lunch with the New York Mets being in town. Please pick up your tickets if you have not already done so, and there are still a limited number of tickets available in our group block.

Tomorrow there will be a continental breakfast in this location, followed by a session on laboratory issues. After the morning break, we will hear presentations on testing issues.

All attendees and others with you are invited to join us on Wednesday for a Cincinnati Riverwalk Buffet Lunch featuring local delicacies such as Cincinnati Chili, German specialities, and Graeter's Ice Cream, and a presentation on Emergency Preparedness: A Perspective on Hurricane Katrina. Our luncheon speaker will be Mr. Michael Beeman of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who was a first responder to Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Beeman is a nationally-recognized expert and any fans of C-Span will recognize him from several congressional hearings. He has also recently received a Presidential Award for his efforts. His video and slides are an amazing testimonial to the fury and strength of a hurricane, and are quite humbling. All are invited to what I am certain will be an exceptional and enlightening talk.

Following our working lunch on Wednesday, we will have a panel session, which may actually turn into a debate, on a timely and controversial topic, using actual cubic feet per minute versus standard cubic feet per minute for a specific ASME AG-1 code section. We will conclude the technical portion of our conference after a break with regulatory and standards issues.

ASME CONAGT activities are a large part of our overall program this week. There have been, and continue to be, subcommittee meetings, and the Main Committee meets Thursday. You are welcome to attend our Main Committee meeting Thursday, and consider becoming involved in committee work. Feel free to talk to any committee member, the ASME staff here, Oliver Martinez, staff secretary, the CONAGT chair Tom Vogan, or the vice-chairs Mark Pest and myself, for further details.

Please plan on a full day Wednesday, concluding with time for any followup discussions, presentations of emergent issues, and any rebuttals. We will review the accomplishments of this conference, receive any last-minute thoughts you may have, and discuss plans for future conferences.

Questions and answers, and discussions, are a key part of the information exchange we hope to achieve. Time will be allowed after each presentation for questions, and we can arrange for followup discussions if necessary. You are the key to a successful conference and we look forward to your active participation. Thank you for your attendance.

Before I introduce our first keynote speaker, are there any questions, comments or issues from the floor that we can address at this time?