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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CORDAGE INSTITUTE'S 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2010 Annual Conference of the Cordage Institute was held May 12-14, 2010 at the Marriott at McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale, Arizona. The productive and well-attended conference included a Business and Industry Meeting, the Annual Technical Seminar, and Technical Committee Meetings.

The membership elected Koen Van Goethem with I-Coats N.V. to his first two-year term on the Board of Directors. An introduction to Mr. Van Goethem is included on the next page. Andy Barker with Rocky Mount Cord Company and Sparky Christakos with Gladding Braided Products were reelected to the Board.

The Business and Industry Meeting included table top displays by Associate Members, and a lively roundtable discussion on how health care reform is affecting the businesses of Cordage Institute members led by Lyle Kelliher with Hooven Allison LLC.

Lauron Sonnier with Sonnier Marketing and Communications gave a well-received presentation titled "Stir the Pot! What it Really Takes to Grow Your Business."

The busy program for the Technical Seminar included new or returning member presentations from Gleistein Ropes, Tokyo Seiko Rope Manufacturing Co., TMT Laboratories, and Universal Fibers, as well as the following technical presentations:

- "Hidden Damage in Slings - Corrosion and Ultraviolet Light" by Dennis St. Germain with Slingmax, Inc.
- "HMPE Sling Configuration Strength Test & HMPE D/d Ratios" by John Flory with Tension Technology International and Dave Richards with the Cordage Institute

- "What's New in the Land of Coatings" by Koen Van Goethem with I-Coats N.V.
- "New Braiding Techniques and Old Tales" by Guido Grave with August Herzog

Check out photos from the conference on pages four and five.

Mark your calendar for the 2011 Annual Conference of the Cordage Institute on May 11-13, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs, Florida.

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MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBER

Below is a brief introduction to Koen Van Goethem, who was elected to his first two-year term on the Cordage Institute's Board of Directors.



Koen Van Goethem received his Bachelor's degree in Law and a Master's degree in Economics and Business from the University of Antwerp. He began his career in event management, working as a Management Assistant for City 7. He went on to work for Sarens N.V. as their Commercial Director and then as the Export Manager and the Business Unit & Development Manager for Govi N.V. Mr. Van Goethem now serves as the Managing Director for I-Coats N.V., a supplier of coatings and finishes to the rope and netting industry.

Active in the international community, Koen serves as the Belgian delegate to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and is a member of Eurocord. Married since 1999 to Laurence Neu, he has two daughters, Manon, age 10 and Elise, age 7.

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VOLPENHEIN TO LEAD SAMSON OFFSHORE AND COMMERCIAL MARINE EFFORTS IN ASIA

Samson announced the promotion of Kris Volpenhein to Asia Technical Sales Manager as of September 1, 2010. Mr. Volpenhein will provide focused technical and sales efforts to support Samson's offshore and commercial marine markets throughout Asia. Volpenhein has been part of the Samson research and development department for the last four years as both an application engineer and technical manager.

The role of technical sales manager is one that mixes both engineering expertise and sales responsibility. Volpenhein brings experience in rope design, application engineering, and troubleshooting unique application challenges to the position.

"Kris has been a strong leader in the technical department and has played an important role in our technical sales efforts with our existing offshore and commercial marine customers," says International Sales Director Craig Kelly. "His strong technical background, dedication and commitment to our customers clearly make him the ideal candidate."

He will be based in Singapore and will serve Samson customers in Australia and Asia. "At Samson, we provide a host of services to our customers from the design or line selection all the way through the life of the line to the point of retirement: The Samson Advantage. Having one of the Samson team living and working in the region will allow us to deliver The Samson Advantage to our customers throughout the area."

Volpenhein has a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

Please submit press releases and information on your company's key promotions and management changes to info@cordageinstitute.com

PHILLYSTRAN ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF ITS PRESIDENT, WYNNE WISTER

Phillystran, acquired by WireCo WorldGroup in January 2010, would like to announce the retirement of its President, Wynne Wister. We wish him well and thank him for his many years of service!

We are also excited about the upcoming changes taking place within the infrastructure of Phillystran! Effective immediately, Bob Lombardo will take on the role of Managing Director of Phillystran, Inc.

Bob has worked for Phillystran for more than 32 years. Since WireCo WorldGroup's acquisition of Phillystran, Bob has become a prominent part of the integration of synthetic rope products into WireCo's existing product lines. Please join us in congratulating Bob on his new role!

RICHARD CAPUANO JOINS FIBER-LINE AS SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Fiber-Line is delighted to announce that Rich Capuano has joined the Hatfield, Pennsylvania office in the capacity of Sales Representative for the Industrial Sector.

Rich brings over 20 years experience in global business development, technical sales and marketing. His expertise in product positioning, new product development, foreign agent negotiations and national advertising will be an asset to Fiber-Line's business strategies.

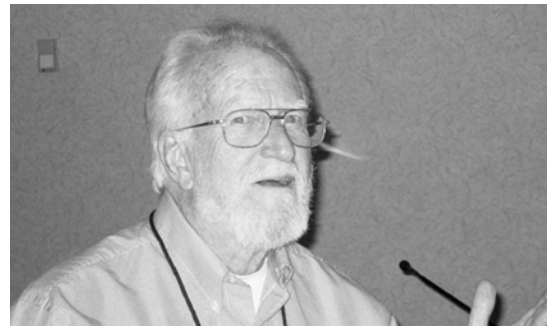
Rich graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. In addition, Rich has also earned his Master's degree in Business Administration from Providence College in Rhode Island.

His core responsibilities will be to use his expertise to promote and activate sales activities and provide a direct contact for various industrial customers. Rich resides in Bristol, Rhode Island with his wife Sonya and children, Alyssa and Brendan.

THE CORDAGE INSTITUTE'S 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Bob Thompson (right), President of the Cordage Institute, presenting Rich Miller with a plaque for his contributions on the Board of Directors



Dave Richards, the Cordage Institute's Technical Director, presenting during the Technical Seminar



First Time Attendees: (left to right)
Kenji Ichikawa - Tokyo Seiko Rope Mfg. Co., Yoshinori Matsumoto - Tokyo Seiko Rope Mfg. Co., Elizabeth Stoner - Kuraray America, Naoto Kanoko - Tokyo Seiko Rope Mfg. Co., Laurence Levy - ICF Mercantile LLC, Felipe Ramirez - DSM Dyneema, Peter Van Der Berghe - Bexco, and Aaron Vodnick - Cortland Cable Co.



First Time Attendees: (left to right)
Brian Desotell - Applied Fiber, Tim O'Rourke - Strider-Resource, Ivi Walther - Gleistein Ropes, Tracy Carrico - Southwest Ocean Services, Hank Hoshall - Whitford Corporation, and Klaus Walther - Gleistein Ropes



Left to right: Sarah Kelley - TMT Labs, Richard Campbell - Applied Fiber, Forrest Sloan - Kuraray America, and Fred Murdock - TMT Labs



Left to right: Terry Walker - Pelican Rope, Bob Thompson - Fiber-Line, John Shaw - W.L. Gore & Associates, and Laurence Levy - ICF Mercantile LLC

MARRIOTT AT MCDOWELL MOUNTAINS SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA



Sarah Kelley with TMT Labs presenting at the Technical Seminar



Dennis St. Germain with Slingmax presenting at the Technical Seminar



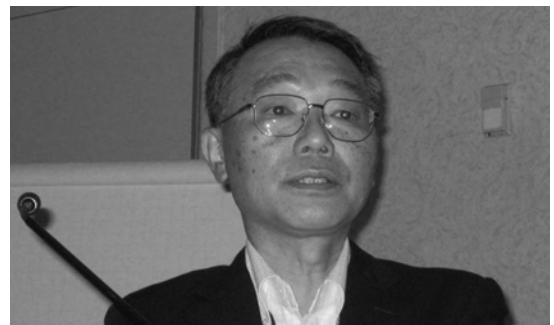
David Rouse with Universal Fibers presenting at the Technical Seminar



Klaus Walther with Gleistein Ropes presenting at the Technical Seminar

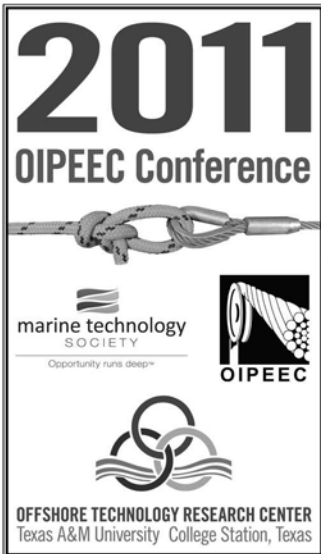


Guido Grave with August Herzog presenting at the Technical Seminar



Yoshinori Matsumoto with Tokyo Seiko Rope Mfg. Co. presenting at the Technical Seminar

**OIPEEC, MARINE TECHNOLOGY
SOCIETY AND OFFSHORE
TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER
ANNOUNCE JOINT CONFERENCE**



The next OIPEEC Conference and 25th OIPEEC General Assembly will be held in conjunction with the Marine Technology Society (MTS) Ropes and Tension Members Committee's 9th International Rope Technology Workshop at the Offshore Technology Research Center (OTRC) at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas on March 22-24, 2011.

"We are proud to report that OIPEEC already selected all

of the 'peer-reviewed' science papers for the conference and we expect great participation of US based research and field application professionals" stated OIPEEC President Knut Buschmann.

The theme of the conference will be the safe use of ropes with special reference to education, application, research, safety, and expertise.

For the most up to date information on the event, please visit the conference portal at www.oipeec.org/pages/conf11.htm

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PUBLISHES 11 NEW AND UPDATED
DOCUMENTS**

The Cordage Institute is happy to announce that the below documents have been approved for publishing:

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| CI 1305 | Standard: Polyester (PET) Fiber Rope, 12-Strand Single Braid Construction |
| CI 1310 | Standard: Nylon (Polyamide) Fiber Rope, High Performance Double Braid Construction |
| CI 1311 | Standard: Polyester (PET) Fiber Rope, 12-Strand Single Braid Construction |
| CI 1312 | Standard: Nylon (Polyamide) Fiber Rope, 12-Strand Single Braid Construction |
| CI 1503 | Test Method for Yarn-on-Yarn Abrasion Wet and Dry |
| CI 1903 | Standard: Aramid Fiber Rope, 4-Strand Construction, Reduced Recoil Risk |
| CI 1904 | Standard: HMPE Fiber Rope, 4-Strand Construction, Reduced Recoil Risk |
| CI 1906 | Standard: HMPE Fiber Rope High Strength, 12-Strand Braid Construction |
| CI 1907 | Standard: HMPE Fiber Rope Extra High Strength, 12-Strand Braid Construction |
| CI 1908 | Standard: HMPE Fiber Rope, 12-Strand Construction, Reduced Recoil Risk |
| CI 2100 | Guideline: Eye Splice, 3-Strand Fiber Rope |

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

International WorkBoat Show

December 1-3, 2010
 Morial Convention Center
 New Orleans, LA
www.workboatshow.com

Cordage Institute Technical Meeting

January 25-26, 2011
 Embassy Suites Philadelphia Airport Hotel
 Philadelphia, PA
www.cordageinstitute.com

9th Annual International Rope Technology Workshop (IRTW) & OIPEEC Conference

March 22-24, 2011
 Texas A&M University
 College Station, TX
www.oipeec.org/pages/conf11.htm

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators Spring 2011 General Meeting

April 3-6, 2011
 Hyatt Regency Waikiki
 Waikiki, HI
www.awrf.org

Cordage Institute Annual Conference

May 11-13, 2011
 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
 Bonita Springs, FL
www.cordageinstitute.com

Web Sling and Tie Down Association Annual Meeting

May 16-20, 2011
 Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa
 Ft. Myers, FL
www.wstda.com

CHINA EXPANDS DEEP-SEA AMBITIONS

China is setting its sights on exploring and exploiting the deep sea according to a report on <http://www.nature.com>. Until recently, the country's ocean research focused largely on coastal and offshore waters. But with its rapid growth, apparently has come a growing desire to have more influence in territory and international waters. China is investing heavily in deep-sea research and exploration program experts revealed at a meeting in Shanghai earlier this year.

The move will be reflected in the country's next five-year budget plan, beginning in 2011, with increased funding for oceanography, especially research and development of deep-sea technology, says Baohua Liu, a geophysicist at China's State Oceanic Administration (SOA). Liu will head a newly appointed deep-sea centre in Qingdao, Shandong province in eastern China. Construction will begin next year and is expected to take about three years. The funding boost is largely fueled by China's hunt for oil and minerals.

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