

AF&PA's 2004 Paper Week

Paper manufacturers, merchants, brokers, buyers, sellers, converters, consultants and industry suppliers from around the world converged in New York City, March 21-24, and took advantage of the ideal business conditions brought about by the American Forest & Paper Association's 127th annual Paper Week.

Over 1,000 representatives from some 200 companies were on hand at Paper Week 2004, which took place at the historic Waldorf=Astoria Hotel. The following photos are just a few of the people that attended this year's convention.



George Harad, Chairman/CEO, Boise Cascade Corp (incoming AF&PA Chairman) addresses Paper Week attendees in the Empire Room at the Waldorf during the Pulp & Paper General Session. Speakers include (l-r) John Wissman, Managing Director, Fisher International; Rod Young, President, RISI; Martin Glass, Senior Partner, EMGE & Co.; Carl Bjornberg, CEO, Myllykoski Corp., and L.H. Puckett, Sr. VP Coated & Supercalendered Papers Group, International Paper.



At AF&PA's Printing-Writing Executive Committee meeting, (l-r) Michael Jackson, VP Fine Paper Business, Weyerhaeuser; Celena Nuquay, Director Printing & Writing Papers, AF&PA; and William Blanker, Chairman, Esleeck Manufacturing Company, Inc.



Camelot Paper was well represented during Paper Week. At their suite in the Waldorf Towers: (l-r) Tim Pesole, William Annicella, Bob Carlisle, Martin Heneghan, and Andrew Cohen.



Charles Feghali, President, Interstate Resources stops by the South Lobby of the Waldorf after an AF&PA committee meeting. Mr. Feghali is chairman of AF&PA's Containerboard Executive Committee.

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Nexfor Fraser Papers conducted business from their suite in the Waldorf. (back row) Todd Dyer, Steve Efinger, Kevin Albert, Rich Murach, Tim Cronin, Gary Hutchison. (front row) John Muckenbeck, John Sero, John Pettit, John Cassidy.



Bernie Cornick (left) and Stuart Lurie (right) of Wilmington Paper Corp. have joined forces with William Schlenger (middle) to form a new venture, Worldwide Fibers LLC.



(l-r) Patrick Moore, Chairman, President and CEO, Smurfit-Stone Container; Steve Rogel, Chairman and CEO, Weyerhaeuser; and Henson Moore, President, AF&PA, got together in the Louis XVI Suite during PaperAge's Executive Papermaker of the Year award.



(l-r) Jack O'Brien, editor in chief of PaperAge, presents George Harad, Chairman and CEO of Boise Cascade Corp. with the Executive Papermaker of the Year award.



(l-r) Bill Reppen, Rose Ann Johnson, and Robert Srebalus from Midwest Converting gather in the South Lobby of the Waldorf. The company is celebrating its 5th year of operation.



From Ekman & Company: (l-r) James Peiffer, Xiomara Blanco, Jeffrey Hurst, and Cal Aycock from Ekman & Co. Inc. Ekman has just acquired KC International, a recovered paper broker.



(l-r) Alain Lemaire, Denis Jean, Mario Plourde, Suzanne Blanchet, Jacques Verreault, Marc-Andre Depin and Louis Lemaire from Casacades set up headquarters in the Waldorf during Paper Week.



Steve Mills of Fibercore arrives early in the South Lobby of the Waldorf to get a copy of the AF&PA Paper Week Convention Daily.



Henson Moore, President of AF&PA, introduces the Annual Luncheon's keynote speaker, Ari Fleischer. Mr. Fleischer didn't disappoint and entertained the crowd with stories of his experiences during his former days as White House Press Secretary for George W. Bush.



The Waldorf's Grand Ballroom was packed for AF&PA's Annual Luncheon. Here, the crowd reacts with laughter as keynote speaker Ari Fleischer recalls some of the lighter moments that took place during his time in the White House.



(l-r) Ray Barnes, Kevin Hale and Bob Keller of Kemira Chemicals enjoyed themselves at the Annual Luncheon during Paper Week.



M-real USA took advantage of business opportunities from their Waldorf suite during Paper Week. (l-r) Antti Makkonen, Mark Odger, Terry O'Hara, Jorma Sahlstedt and Flavio Froehli.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Paper Week is truly a unique event, and it has become an extra-special event for PaperAge. Since 1988, PaperAge has held its Executive Papermaker of the Year award in the Waldorf during the convention. During that time, we have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people—some of whom have played key roles in shaping our industry. In addition, 2004 marked the second year that PaperAge (O'Brien Publications) has published the AF&PA Paper

Week Convention Daily for AF&PA. This opportunity has put us in touch with virtually everyone that attends Paper Week.

For these two unique opportunities, we thank the American Forest & Paper Association for its conception and organization of Paper Week. As important, we thank the thousands of companies and people who, through the years, make their way to New York City and participate in the unparalleled event we call Paper Week.