
This Is . . . This is a summary of the 92nd TAC meeting and related meetings held in Galveston, Texas, February 26 through March 1, 2007.

Attendance & Participation Here are the attendance and participation statistics for the meeting:

- 84 Total Attendance including Project Team meetings, Project Development Committee meetings, and TAC meeting.
- 41 Member companies represented
- 6 Potential Members:
 - Salah M. Al-Kahtani and Tinus G. Van Zyl / Sipchem
 - J. Karol Argasinski / Solvay Solexis
 - Steven Linnemann / RL Industries
 - Joseph Million and Kang Xu / Praxair
 - Ike Shank / Ashland
 - Zamaluddin Ali / PETRONAS
- Special Guests:
 - Roland Goodman / API
 - Mike Soboroff / Department of Energy
- Speakers
 - Masao Nakahara / Asahi Kasei
 - Mark Sagrans, Attorney / DuPont (by teleconference)
 - W.B.A. Sharp / SharpConsultant & MTI Fellow
- 40 Forum Questions Submitted and Discussed

Risk Based Inspection Conference The Second MTI Risk Based Inspection Conference held prior to TAC 92 was very successful with about 90 attendees. It included speakers from several global companies, U.S. companies, U.K. and U.S. government agencies, and academic speakers.

Chemical Safety Board William Wright from CSB, the Chemical Safety Board, reviewed the activities and investigations of the Board at the RBI Conference. CSB is the federally appointed board that investigates accidents in the chemical and refining industry.

ENNA / MTI Collaboration Dr. Masao Nakahara / ASAHI KASEI Engineering discussed the Japanese CPI initiative to improve the safety and reliability of their plants and the collaboration agreement between MTI and the related Japanese organization ENAA.

Export Control

Mark Sagrans, Attorney/DuPont gave a brief introduction to United States' export control regulations with an emphasis on their potential impact on MTI activities.

Evolution of TAC Project Management Process

W. B. A. Sharp, SharpConsultant and MTI Fellow, discussed the 30-year evolution of MTI's TAC organization. He noted that because the technical and business environments in which MTI companies work are constantly changing, the MTI TAC organization must also continue to change.

International Attendance at MTI February Meetings

Attendees from 14 countries participated in the MTI meetings this week. These countries included Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, India, Japan, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, and the United States. A total of 28 foreign attendees from 21 different companies were present. Twenty-two of the 28 foreign participants were MTI members, and 6 were Non-MTI members.

Project Team Meetings

Over 30 Project Teams met prior to the TAC meeting. Work is progressing on a large number of projects that are projected to be ready for funding approval during the June and October 2007 TAC meeting. Here is a list of those projects.

Potential Project	BOD Mtg	Amount
"mh" Design for Inspection	June 2007	\$20k-1H07 \$25k-2H07
"mo" Thin Film Insulators, Phase I	June 2007	\$TBD
"mr" Scale up the Argonne Alloy-Metal Dusting Resistant Alloy	June 2007	\$25k-2H07 \$25k-1H08
"mu" Properties of Elastomers	June 2007	\$20k-2H07
"mv" Ceramic Fiber Insulation	June 2007	\$80k 2H07 \$50k 1H08 \$62k 2H08
"mt" direct measurement of Ti Hydriding	June 2007	\$25k 2H07 \$25k 1H08
"TBD" Rouging Phase II (follow-up to 167)	June 2007	\$25k 2H07 \$25k 1H08
"lb" 3. Welding Thermoplastic Structures	Oct 2007	\$20k2H07 \$35k-1H08
"mf" Revision of Pub 51 Cleaning of Process Equipment and Piping Manual	Oct 2007	\$20k-2H07
"mg" TAC Alert Bulletins	Oct 2007	\$20k-2H2007
"nb" Advanced Metal Dusting Resistant Materials	Oct 2007	\$50K-2H07 \$50K-1H08
