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- SBE's 1st Conference on Accelerating Biopharmaceutical Development Loews Coronado Bay Resort, CA (March 19–22)
- AIChE Spring National Meeting in Houston, TX (April 22–26)
- 3rd Global Congress on Process Safety Houston Hilton, adjacent to George R. Brown Convention Center (April 22–26)

OBITUARIES

Michael M. Abbott, 68, Troy, NY
Cruzan Alexander, 88, N. Oaks, MN
Robert Amero, 89, Clifton Park, NY
Richard Bartel, 70, Overland Park, KS
Jack Battle, 93, Houston, TX
Emerson Beeler, 97, Margate, FL
Irwin Bernstein, 78, Oceanside, CA
Charles H. Blouch, 84, South Jordan, UT
John Burton, 93, Washington, NJ
Richard Caldwell, 91, Midland, MI
Lloyd M. Carter, Jr., 77, Knoxville, TN
Albert Cholette*, 88, Sillery Pq, Canada
Robert Cornforth, 92, Houston, TX
Jack Dart*, 94, Potomac, MD
Robert J. Delargey, 92, Humble, TX
Richard E. Dudley, 75, Houston, TX
Edwin L. Ekholm*, 81, Houston, TX
Phillip Fineman, 86, Idaho Falls, ID
William T. Harbin*, 98, Newnan, GA
Harry M. Iwata*, 86, Baltimore, MD
Dwight Johnson, 85, Grinnell, IA
Harold L. Lawler, 87, Tulsa, OK
Albert Lewis, 80, Mentor, OH
Albin H. Litty, 83, Morristown, NJ
Frank J. Lockhart*, 90, Long Beach, CA
James Malone, 85, Boynton Beach, FL
Martin M. McCormick, 87, Kansas City, MO
Eugene M. McEachin, 86, Homosassa Springs, FL
J. E. Mitchell, 89, Grand Lodge, MI
Charles E. Olson, 65, Burke, VA
Luther Peery, 89, Palm City, FL
Walter Read, 93, Sarasota, FL
J. D. Ross, 85, Edmonton, AB, Canada
Glenn D. Rucker, 86, Signal Mountain, TN
George Sarvadi, 82, Kingwood, TX
M. Bob Schlesinger, 89, Pittsburgh, PA
Jack Schoenfeld, 83, Riverside, IL
Arthur Schwartz, 89, Indianapolis, IN
Theodore Sigman, 74, N. Miami Beach, FL
Fred W. Trumpy, 77, Pensacola, FL
Robert C. Werner, 91, Zelenople, PA
James Westwater*, 87, Champaign, IL
John Williams, 94, Norristown, PA

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AIChE's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, Nov. 12 – 17, 2006
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The 2006 Annual Meeting will emphasize the globalization and diversity of industries that the chemical engineering profession serves. The event will include 16 topical conferences and over 670 sessions, covering: alternative fuels, water conservation, drug delivery, product design, fuel cells, advances in chemical processing, bioengineering, nanotechnology, sustainability, hydrogen storage, sensors and more. [Here are the highlights:](#)

Government and Industry Leaders Roundtable Discussion, Sunday 3:00 PM–5:30 PM, November 12th, (1–2 hr)
AIChE is hosting a roundtable of corporate and government leaders, drawn from around the world, who will share their views on the future of chemical engineering and the qualifications chemical engineers need to succeed in today's global business environment.

AIChE Honors Ceremony, Sunday, November 12th, 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Join your colleagues in honoring the recipients of the 2006 Institute and Board Awards, to be covered in next issue.

Annual Business Meeting, Monday, November 13th, 7:00 AM–8:00 AM AIChE President John Chen will preside and provide an overview of 2006. President-Elect Larry Evans will describe his plans for the year ahead, and other officers will present.

Annual Meeting of the American Electrophoresis Society (AES) will be held in conjunction with AIChE's Annual Meeting and with the Systems Biology Topical Conference on bioinformatics and functional genomics.

Danckwerts Lecture, Monday, November 13th, 11:00 AM–12:15 PM AIChE and IChemE together with Chemical Engineering Science are co-sponsoring this year's event, which will be presented for the first time ever in the U.S. The recipient is Doros N. Theodorou, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Chem Eng Dept., National Technical Univ. of Athens, will discuss the fundamental basis applications of new methods and algorithms for *hierarchical modeling of polymeric materials*.

58th AIChE Institute Lecture, Wednesday, November 15th, 11:15 AM This year's Institute Lecture will be presented by Dr. Carol K. Hall, Alcoa Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at North Carolina State Univ. Dr. Hall will be discussing her scientific underpinnings for neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's — the presence within the brain of plaques containing ordered protein aggregates called fibrils. Dr. Hall and her team were able to create a computer model that simulates how amyloid fibrils form — a step that may lead to discoveries of how to slow or halt the disease process.

HERBERT EPSTEIN (1959 – 2006)

Herbert Epstein, 47, Houston, TX, will never be forgotten by the AIChE community. This recently departed member's distinguished service to our organization, particularly in the areas of professional development, technical programming and career development, brought to fruition many of the programs that our members value most. As Chair of the AIChE Professional Development Committee in 1995 and 1996, Herbie helped create the Resume Roundtable and Employment Peer Review programs, which continue to help younger, as well as more-experienced, engineers find new or more challenging employment. Herbie also played a key role in establishing Topical Conference Meetings and received the Institute's Lappin Award in 2005 for service to technical programming. Herbie earned a BSChE from the University of Michigan and an MSChE from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Koch School of Chemical Engineering Practice. His position as Operational Excellence Portfolio Leader for Shell Global Solutions gave Herbie the perfect opportunity to put to work all the management and professional skills honed in his many and varied AIChE governance positions. Indeed, Herbie's interests in the professional development of chemical engineers was a sustaining interest of his over his entire career and caused him to remain an active and productive member of the Professional Development Committee. After his position as Chair Herbie was a man of boundless enthusiasm, energy, optimism, and generosity. He worked selflessly on behalf of his family, his friends, and his profession. All those who had the opportunity to know him will miss his quick laugh, his lightness of gait, his infectious spirit, and of course, his professional advice. The chemical engineering community has lost a true friend and a tireless advocate for the profession.

JOHN C. JUBIN, Jr. (1915 – 2006)

John C. Jubin Jr., 89, of West Chester, PA, formerly of Lake Placid, NY, and Wallingford, passed away Monday, September 18th, 2006, at the Chester County Hospital. Jack was the husband of Marie H. Jubin. Jack graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1938. He achieved more than 67 years of leadership and technical contributions in chemical process development and design with Atlantic Refining, Arco Chemical and Lyondell Chemical Co. Many of the processes Jack worked on were major commercial successes, most notably the co-product processes for manufacturing propylene oxide, which is a building block in producing polyurethane materials. He was teacher of many chemists, chemical engineers and technicians at Lyondell and its predecessor companies. In 1990, a scholarship fund was set up in his name by Arco Chemical and RPI. In 2004, Jack was recognized by the AIChE with the Process Development Practice Award for his lifetime achievements in chemical process engineering. Condolences to the family may be sent to Carol Nevullis, 1253 Merrill Drive, West Chester, PA 19382, or C.nevullis@comcast.net.

MICHAEL M. ABBOTT (1938 – 2006)

Michael M. Abbott, 68, Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY, died May 31, 2006, of pancreatic cancer. Michael began his long affiliation with RPI in 1956, as a freshman, and earned a BSChE in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1965. After a four-year stint with Exxon, he returned to RPI as a Research Associate and was appointed Associate Professor in 1974, Professor in 1986, and Emeritus Professor in 2002. For 11 years prior to retirement, he served as Associate Chairman of Chemical Engineering. Professor Abbott had a passion for teaching, and his repertoire was broad, as exemplified by his long-time association with the capstone course in Process Design. In 28 years as a teacher, his classrooms held more than 4,200 students in some 94 course offerings. His teaching grade-point-average of 3.7/4.0 made him one of RPI's preeminent faculty members. Recognition came through a number of awards; he was particularly proud of the 1994 Rensselaer Alumni Association's first Teacher Award, and the 2000 Trustee's Outstanding Teacher Award. Professor Abbott's specialty was thermodynamics, and a major personal mission was to make the subject comprehensible to students. Moreover, he was a recognized authority on thermodynamics, co-authoring four books (in seven editions), most notably *Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics* (with J.M. Smith and H.C. Van Ness). He also co-authored the "Thermodynamics" sections of *Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook* (6th, 7th, and 8th editions) and the *Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology* (3rd and 4th editions). Our profession will miss him dearly.