

Call for Papers: Michael E. Beard Conference: Asbestos Laboratory Issues

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Papers are invited for the Michael E. Beard Conference: Asbestos Laboratory Issues to be held January 31 – February 1, 2013. Sponsored by ASTM Committee D22 on Air Quality, the symposium will be held at the Hyatt in Jacksonville, Florida, in conjunction with the January standards development meetings of other ASTM International Committees.

Objective

The ASTM Johnson Asbestos Conferences have served as a forum for the discussion of asbestos issues in the summers of 1986, 1988, 1992, 2002, 2005, 2008, and 2011. These conferences have been a major contributor to the advancement and understanding of asbestos in a number of areas including monitoring technology. Unfortunately, there are members of the asbestos analytical community who are not able to attend a summer conference because that tends to be a very busy time for them. As a solution, the Michael E. Beard Conference was established as an "interim" Johnson Conference halfway between the summer Johnsons. To that end, we present the preliminary program for the "ASTM 2013 Michael E. Beard Conference: Asbestos Laboratory Issues".

This meeting is a two-day set of presentations on asbestos topics of interest to those who work in laboratories, those who use laboratory analytical data, and those who need to understand how to interpret asbestos analytical results. The meeting will be held on January 31 and February 1, 2013. The meeting will follow the policies established for the Johnson Conferences to encourage the presentation of the most recent work in the field and to allow open and frank discussion of new ideas and possible interpretation of the data. No proceedings from the conference will be published (although some form of extended abstracts is under consideration), and recording of presentations will not be permitted. The conference will be divided into four sessions: 1. Analysis of Soil, Vermiculite, Talc and Other Media, 2. Quality Assurance, Training, and Inter-laboratory Studies, 3. Issues Between the Laboratory and Field Operations, and 4. Interaction Between the Labs and NVLAP, Auditors and Government Agencies.

This ASTM-International Conference is dedicated to the memory of Michael E. Beard (1940 – 2008). Mr. Beard served for many years as the Chair of ASTM Subcommittee D22.07 on Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos. This subcommittee remains responsible for developing methods for monitoring asbestos in various media. One of Mike's most memorable contributions was in the long term stewarding of the ASTM Johnson Asbestos Conferences.

The Conference Co-Chairs are soliciting presentations to fill out the program. Each presentation slot is 20 minutes long. Each speaker is allowed 15 minutes for delivering the paper, with the remaining 5 minutes set aside for discussion. Those interested in giving a presentation in one of the sessions listed above should submit a title and short abstract to Jim Millette (jmillette@mvinc.com), Jim Webber (webber@wadsworth.org), Larry Pierce (fiberquant@abilnet.com), or Owen Crankshaw (osc@rti.org) by Friday, February 24, 2012 to be considered.

The language of the symposium will be English.

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