

Pressure Vessels and Piping Division Newsletter

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A Message from the PVP Division Chair



Artin A. Dermenjian

The ASME 2008 Pressure Vessels and Piping (PVP) Conference in Chicago, July 27–July 31 was attended by more than 900 professionals from over 30 countries.

These attendees represented a number of domestic and international utilities and power companies, research and development groups, and government and private organizations affiliated with pressure vessels and piping technologies.

The theme for 2008 PVP conference was *"Nuclear Power Plant Renaissance; Change in Paradigm."* A total of 598 peer-reviewed papers were presented in over 180 conference sessions. The speakers for the Monday Plenary Session were:

- **Laura A. Dudes**, Deputy Director, Division of Engineering, Office of New Reactors *"New reactor Licensing: Design Reviews and Engineering Issues,"* and
- **Anthony R. Pietrangelo**, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Nuclear Energy Institute *Planning for Success; "Reasoned Expectations for New Nuclear Plant Construction."*

ASME president **Tom Barlow** and the ASME Executive Director **Tom Laughlin** also attended this 4 day conference.

The true intent of PVP conferences, no matter where we come from, industry or academia, is to bring us together as one. It has been and continues to be the Focal Point where Engineers Dealing with Pressure Vessels & Piping technology can Exchange their ideas through a Common Technical outlet. Each year, hundreds of volunteers are involved in organizing technical conferences, offering technical tutorials, authoring technical papers and contributing to the publication of the Pressure Vessels and Piping journal, engaging students and early career engineers through our student paper competition program.

We will continue to develop stronger national and global communities by stimulating the development, acquisition and dissemination of the technical knowledge, by networking and sharing the knowledge with industry and academia to ensure the vitality and strength of the Pressure Vessel and Piping community. Over the years our **"Commitment to Purpose,"** and **"Passion to Improve,"** have enabled us to move the Pressure Vessel and Piping Division to the **"Next Level of Excellence."**

With these objectives as our basis, the 2009 PVP conference will mark another giant step for our division. It will be the first time since the birth of the Division, 42 years ago, that the annual Pressure Vessel and Piping conference is going to be

held overseas. We are looking forward to another successful conference next year in Prague, the Czech Republic, under the leadership of our colleagues, Dr. Luc Geraets, as the Conference Chair, and Dr. Young Kwon, as the Technical Program Chair.

You are all invited to join us and be part of this unique experience. Best wishes to all and I'll see you in Prague.

Best Wishes
Artin A. Dermenjian

PVP-2009 Prague, Czech Republic July 26–30, 2009

Message from the Conference Chair



Luc H. Geraets

The ASME Pressure Vessels and Piping Division is the sponsor of the PVP-2009 Conference with participation by the ASME NDE Division.

The Conference will be held in the gorgeous city of Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic.

The PVP conference continues to be the outstanding international technical forum for the participants to foster their knowl-

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edge-base by being exposed to diverse topics and exchange opinions and ideas both from industry, regulators and academia in different topics related to Pressure Vessel and Piping technologies. PVP is looking forward to fruitful technical exchanges from participants in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Americas and the Oceania islands.

The theme of the PVP-2009 conference is "Sustainable Energy for the Third Millennium."

More than 150 sessions for papers and panels are planned, as well as workshops, tutorials, NDE and Software Demonstration Forums, and the renewed and amplified Student Paper Competition.

In addition to the technical program, we have planned exciting social events beginning with a guided walk in downtown Prague on Sunday afternoon, the conference-wide reception on Monday evening, and two separate site seeing tours for families and guests: on Monday, a panoramic tour of Prague will include the main railway station of Prague, Estates Opera, National Museum, Wenceslas Square, Prague Congress Centre, Vyšehrad, Old Town Square, the Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge and the Prague Castle, ending by a lunch in the typical Czech restaurant *Vojanuv Dvur*; on Tuesday, we will visit *Konopiste castle*, an original French Gothic castle from the 14th century reconstructed at the end of 19th century for *Frantisek Ferdinand d'Este*, successor to the Austrian-Hungarian throne; we will be charmed by the pleasant atmosphere and enjoy exceptional food prepared on open fire or garden grill at the *Stodola Restaurant*; the Conference Special Event on Wednesday evening will offer you a unique opportunity to visit the magnificent Art Nouveau *Municipal House*, to attend a *private classical music concert* in one of its beautiful Halls, and to share typical Czech drinks and food in the fa-

mous *Plzen Restaurant* in the basement of the House.

Come and join us in Prague; we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Luc H. Geraets
PVP-2009 Conference Chair

PVP 2009 Student Paper Competition

The PVP Senate will sponsor the first Student Paper Symposium and the 17th Annual PVPD Student Competition at PVP09 in Prague, July 26–30, 2009. Students across the globe will compete for \$2,000 prize money for the winning papers in each of two categories—BS/MS student papers, and PhD papers. In each category, the first runner up winner will receive \$1,800 and the second runner up will receive \$1,500. Students identified as Competition Finalists will receive \$1,000.

This competition builds on our students' successes at PVP08 in Chicago. Nine student finalists were recognized at the Honors Luncheon from China, India, Korea, Japan, the UK and the US. The quality of papers was so high that the Senate will increase the number of student finalists at PVP09. In addition, the PVP Technical Committees will encourage students in their respective fields to submit papers to the PVP09 competition.

We are expecting record participation. Please encourage your students to participate. Full details of the competition can be found at <http://www.asmeconferences.org/pvp09> under Call for Papers and Student Paper Symposium and Competition. We look forward to seeing you at PVP09 in Prague.

Judy Todd
PVP Senate

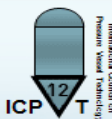
Dr. Sam Zamrik Inducted Academy of Distinguished Alumni at University of Texas at Austin



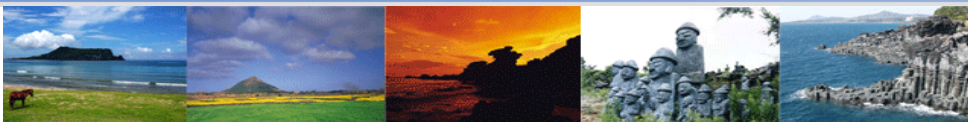
Sam Zamrik

Dr. Sam Zamrik has been inducted into the 2008 Department of Mechanical Engineering Academy of Distinguished Alumni, in the Mechanical Engineering

Hall of Fame category at the University of Texas at Austin. He received this award based on contributions in furthering the engineering profession, interest in the Department of Mechanical Engineering program development, and the role model and encouragement of students. The award was presented on October 24, 2008. Please join us in congratulating one of our PVP alumnus on this great honor!



The 12th International Conference on Pressure Vessel Technology
September 20-23, 2009
Phoenix Island Resort, Jeju Island, KOREA



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Fun & Memories at PVP-2008 in Chicago, Illinois



Opening Session: Plenary Speaker Laura Dudes



Roast of Outgoing Division Chair Jim Cory



Awarding of the PVP Medal to Dr. Arturs Kalnins



Winners of Student Paper Competition with Organizers M. K. Au-Yang and Judy Todd

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