COMPANIONS' NIGHT … Tuesday, December 10, 2002

TOPIC: PECONIC RIVER SEDIMENT CLEANUP STATUS

SPEAKER: William Medeiros, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Meeting Location: Weeping Willow Cafe, Farmingdale, NY

Brookhaven National Laboratory is located near the headwaters of the Peconic River. The laboratory releases its treated sanitary waste to the Peconic River under a New York State permit. Brookhaven National Laboratory has proposed cleanup of the river to remove contaminated sediment resulting from historical releases to the river. Following community input and regulatory review and approval, cleanup of the river is scheduled to be initiated in 2005. The presentation will discuss the distribution of contaminants in the sediment and the conceptual plan for cleanup.

Program Schedule: Social hour … 6:00 pm, Dinner … 7:00 pm, Meeting … 8:00 pm.
Members … $22; Guests … $25; ASM 25 years … $20; Students … $12

Reservations - call John Coyle (631-589-6666, ext. 2619)

DIRECTIONS TO THE WEEPING WILLOW CAFÉ (via the LIE)

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ABOUT THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Skip Medeiros has a BS in Fisheries Biology from University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a MS in Marine Science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory for 20 years, studying a variety of environmental subjects. These include acid precipitation effects on aquatic systems, air pollution effects on crops, plankton productivity in the Bering and Chukchi Seas, and in the Atlantic Ocean off the Delmarva peninsula and in Flanders Bay. Currently he is the project manager in charge of Brookhaven's program to cleanup of the Peconic River.

WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER!

We're pleased to welcome into the Chapter:

Bryan Brown, Ambient Group Inc.  Harry Donas, NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection
Matthew Gold, Sulzer Metco

All new and transferred-in members are invited to dine free at a regular meeting of their choice. If you haven't already, PLEASE take us up on this offer, meet with other Chapter members and start networking.

Have you checked out our new Web site?

http://www.matscieng.sunysb.edu/asm

We're still building it but already you'll find information on the Long Island Chapter people, programs and events, plus links to ASM International HQ and other sites. Any and all suggestions for what you'd like to see there are welcome - contact webmaster-cum Chairman Henry White (email: hwhite@notes.cc.sunysb.edu).
Notes from the Chair

The first two meetings this year have passed and the average attendance stands at 40. Pictured above is Past Chair Carl Czajkowski (left) entertaining the crowd at the always successful annual wine tasting event. The second meeting, a joint event with the NY/NJ Metro Chapter, was held at the new, affordable and luxurious Stony Brook Manhattan Facility on Park Avenue, a "first" for us. It attracted an "all star" cast of metallurgical engineers, including our February speaker, Harold Michels, and 20 students to hear Richard Hoffmann’s lecture on “Restoration of the Infrastructure in NYC”. Both meetings marked an upward trend in attendance that we hope to continue throughout the year, offering members an increased chance to network within the materials field.

Also pictured above (right) is Robert Sherman, Chair of the NY/ NJ Metro Chapter who has been a regular attendee of the LI ASM Chapter events this year. This brings us to an important item that concerns the future development of our Chapter. The Executive Committee has been exploring the possibility of a merger between the Long Island Chapter and the NY/ NJ Metro Chapter. It would lead to a bigger Chapter (the NY/NJ Metro chapter has 620 members) but would this necessarily be better? What would be the REAL advantages from the point of view of the average member? Would an informal collaborative arrangement be just as advantageous? These and other questions are being considered by the Executive Committee. In the meantime, YOU, the regular membership, are invited to send in your opinions. How do you see such a change would affect you? Please let us know - your opinion IS meaningful. Please email (or snailmail) your comments to:

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