Alumni Recognition

Kari Ebeling Honored

Distinguished IPST alumnus and friend Kari Ebeling passed away in February, 2012, after a long struggle with illness. UPM-Kymmene held a colloquium last year to honor Kari, who will be deeply missed. Kari received recognition for the outstanding contributions made from his research. Kari entered IPC’s 34th school year, and graduated with his Ph.D. in 1970. Upon graduation from IPC, Kari was awarded the Westbrook Steele Gold Medal Award.

IPST Past President Jim Ferris remembers Kari as an intelligent, respected student. Dr. Ferris commented that Kari was the student “most of us saw working in the lab early every single day of the week. “He was also “the one with the funny furry hat.” Jim remembered meeting Kari at a party. He said, “There were always parties, and Kari was usually there. He was the quiet guy in serious discussion with friends in the middle of the party. His friendliness to all was legendary, but the parties never kept him from getting back to the lab early the next morning.” Professor John Swanson was Kari’s advisor and a great motivator of his students. According to other IPC graduates, Professor Swanson never failed to mention the great work that Kari did in his work.

IPST Director Norman Marsolan recognized Kari’s years at IPC and North America during the colloquium. He shared stories from Jim Ferris, Dick Olson, Ben Thorp, Woody Rice, Tom McDonough, Steven Keller, Art Ragauskas, and Kathleen Bennett. Kari retired from UPM-Kymmene where he led R&D. We extend our sympathy to Kari’s wife Tuula.

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Miss Marilyn Hobart Kinsey, the first woman to receive a degree from the Institute of Paper Chemistry, chats with Kari Ebeling, this year’s winner of the Westbrook Steele Medal, during graduation activity Sunday. The Steele Medal is awarded to Ph.D. candidate at the Institute on the basis of excellence of thesis. Miss Kinsey received a Master of Science degree.
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Alumnus Laura Thompson Featured in TAPPI’s Paper 360°

"Clean It Up," an article by Ph.D. ’95 Alumnus Laura Thompson appeared recently in the TAPPI publication Paper 360°. The article describes the ecological initiative being carried out by Laura’s employer, Sappi Fine Paper North America. Laura currently works as Sappi’s Director of Technical Marketing and Sustainable Development.

The photo above shows Laura at the site of a river cleanup effort by the non-profit organization Living Lands and Waters, which is supported in large part by Sappi. Employees of the company often volunteer at such projects.

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Alumni Constitute the Institute Heritage Foundation

The Institute Heritage Foundation is the alumni association for graduates of IPC, IPST and of the Georgia Tech Paper Science and Engineering graduate program. The association’s objective is to serve alumni by engaging former students in active and effective partnerships with the IPST community and the industry. Governed by alumni, for alumni, the Foundation promotes mutually beneficial interaction between the alumni and the current student body and offers the opportunity to build Institute friendships that last a lifetime. The Institute is always looking for alumni willing to interact with students or with industry. See the IPST website (http://www.ipst.gatech.edu/alumni/heritage/index.html) for specific information on how to get involved. The Institute Heritage Foundation has immediate opportunities for those interested in leading association programs. Those interested should contact Norman Marsolan (norman.marsolan@ipst.gatech.edu).

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IPST congratulates its graduates to whom degrees have recently been awarded. Some are listed below, and others will be featured in future newsletters.

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