



INDUSTRY UPDATE

SPE FastTrack training program offers plastics professionals intensive training options

Holland, Ohio — A new spring Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) FastTrack training program has just been announced. The topics have been designed to enhance injection molding, extrusion molding, blow molding and thermoforming knowledge levels regardless of plastics industry tenure.

First-ever course offerings include managing innovation; principles of sustainable business; single-stage reheat blow molding fundamentals; solving the plastic product design and development puzzle; medical device design and processing; materials and testing for thermoforming; permeation fundamentals; and optimizing sheet extrusion thermoforming while reducing stress.

Produced by industry thought-leader Plastic Technologies, Inc. (PTI), the SPE FastTrack training program will be held on May 7-10, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport. Participants can elect to sign up for the full four days or choose from an “ala carte course menu” to better suit their area(s) of interest.

“The course material has been designed so that it is of value to veterans, industry newcomers and anyone in between. For the veterans, we view this as an excellent refresher. For the newcomers, the information will help add to their knowledge base,” said Scott Steele, president, PTI.

Course tracks include: injection molding; extrusion; blow molding; thermoforming; industrial and medical part design; mold fundamentals and advanced injection molding; blow mold design, part quoting, snap/press fits and thermoforming optimizations; and managing innovation and sustainability

“The course material will be presented by subject matter experts. Instructors will not only be discussing current technologies, but they will also be offering their considerable insight on what they expect to be happening in the future,” Steele said. “Additionally, the small class size facilitates interaction and enhances the learning experience.”

Fees range from \$695 for a single day to \$2,390 for participation in a full four-day track. Discounts are available for groups of three or more. Fees include materials, continental breakfast, lunch and beverage breaks. To register, or for more information: www.ptifasttrack.com or call 419 867-5424.

About SPE

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is the premier source of peer-reviewed technical information for plastics professionals. Founded in 1942, SPE takes action every day to help companies in the plastics industry succeed by spreading knowledge, strengthening skills, and promoting plastics. Employing these vital strategies, SPE has helped the plastics industry thrive for more than 60 years. SPE has become the recognized medium of communication among scientists, engineers, and technical

personnel engaged in the development, conversion, and application of plastics. For more information, please visit www.4spe.org.

About Plastic Technologies

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