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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The IoPP Ontario chapter started the packaging tutorial program in October 2008. This is a 10-week course with three hours of class time twice per month. These tutorials help prepare students for the multiple choice exam. Upon passing the exam and fulfilling some requirements, candidates can achieve the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designation.

We have had three new members join as board members, Simon Thomas and Ed Stanley (both from Apotex) and Nina Leshyk. Due to business commitments, Appio Fiorillo is no longer a board member.

I would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season. The Ontario Chapter is looking forward to seeing you out at our events next year.

Sincerely  
**Carol Zweep, CPP**  
President IoPP Ontario Chapter

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### **WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE IOPP ONTARIO CHAPTER**

- No new members this period

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW CPP'S OF THE IOPP ONTARIO CHAPTER**

- No new members this period

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### **Following CPP's have recently obtained Re-Certification**

- No recertifications this period

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## **NEWS AND HAPPENINGS**

### **IoPP sponsors “Barriers With Brains”, a GFTC symposium in the “Hot Topics In Food Packaging” series**

On October 21<sup>st</sup> 2008, the Guelph Food Technology Centre presented “Barriers With Brains”, a symposium on new barrier materials and food preservation technologies, featuring speakers from a variety of commercial and non-profit organizations.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Aaron Brody of Packaging/Brody Inc., gave an address identifying hot and promising trends, while suggesting where successful developments may lie. Scott Wilson of the Packaging Association of Canada (PAC) introduced the *PACsecure* program, which developed HACCP standards for the packaging industry. Next on the agenda was Dr. Joseph Hotchkiss, a professor in the Department of Food Science at Cornell University, who spoke about passive and active anti-microbial materials. Of particular interest was his explanations of surface treatments with anti-microbial properties.

Stanislav Solovyov, principal scientist at Multisorb Technologies, gave a thorough explanation of oxygen scavengers and how they can best be employed in film laminates.

From the NRC's Industrial Materials Institute, Research Officer Minh-Tan TON-THAT described how nano-clays in polymer nano-composites can enhance a variety of the base resin's properties, including gas barriers, mechanical strength, clarity, and resistance to high temperatures.



**Dr. Aaron Brody and Carol Zweep by the IoPP's display**



**Marc de Niverville and Olu Oyelowo manning the IoPP's display**

David Hamill, Regional Sales Manager for Winpak Ltd., contributed insight into the use of oxygen scavengers, and discussed how the protective properties of flexible laminates can be enhanced in other ways.

Advances in biodegradable materials were discussed by Christopher Tom, Account Executive at Innovia Films, clearing up much of the confusion that surrounds the definitions of degradation properties as well as the actual base materials used for the degradable films. Ending the day was Rick Marshall, President of Gridpath Solutions, who presented the theory and practice behind high-pressure pasteurization.

During the breaks between presentations, attendees were free to visit tabletop displays shown by the GFTC, IoPP, PAC, and Mocon Inc.

Attendees agreed that it was a very educational day, providing a wide perspective on current and developing food preservation technologies that we will all benefit from.



**IoPP Ontario Chapter Board Members at the Ontario Chapter Meeting and Christmas Dinner**

**L to R: Simon Thomas, Nina Leshyk, Olu Oyelowo, Carol Zweep, Martin Downey, Jason Berg, Virginia Carroll, Paul Pinheiro**

## Updating Contact Info

Remember to update your contact information so that the Ontario Chapter and the IoPP National can continue to inform you of upcoming event, information, or even to remind you to renew your membership.

Updating your contact information is easy to do. Just follow these steps:

- Go to IoPP website - [www.iopp.org](http://www.iopp.org)
- Login with your membership number.
- Click on the icon called "update profile".
- Update all your important info and press save.

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## CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS & REPORTS

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You are invited to the **IoPP Packaging Summit '09**, the Institute's marquee conference. In its fourth year, the Summit will be held **May 19-20, 2009** at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, IL, a quick cab ride from Chicago O'Hare Airport.

1. If you'd be interested in doing a presentation on one of the 2009 event's focus topics, click here

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to go to the "call for presentations" site. You'll find everything that you need there to submit an idea for a presentation.

2. If it makes budget sense to register before the end of the year, click here

[<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001F0w3Jx4i65D5gjGpxAzdliPbzMbuqxQVXBjUzPfqij3qz6JelLp16zlapqnwd85SsEWp8-c4fMxTHwLxLmuTw7ulUTba9CUzEvQCLCbG75kB0btatrjdP902gMEnh7lke9CDu9jJs4c10vQsPZI7X9Gwkcflhk9>]

to go to the IoPP Packaging Summit '09 home page to start the process.

If you have any questions, email [summit@iopp.org](mailto:summit@iopp.org) [<mailto:summit@iopp.org>] or call IoPP's Education hot line 630-696-4010.

Sincerely,

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