

IFAI names Janet Lane as head of IFAI/OFPANZ

Janet Lane, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Motor Industry Training Organization (MITO), was named Executive Director of IFAI/OFPANZ- the Industrial Fabrics Association's New Zealand Country Sector.

Kathy Mattson, IFAI Vice President of Member Services said, "This is wonderful news for OFPANZ since Janet has been very closely connected to the organization through MITO's apprentice program and will bring valuable years of industry knowledge and vision to benefit the association."

IFAI President and CEO Stephen Warner, said: "There is truly no other organization in the textile industry nor in many other manufacturing industries, that has attempted what we are doing to make IFAI an organization representing the global interests of those in the specialty fabrics industry." IFAI now has members located in 58 countries.

Like IFAI, OFPANZ's mission is "to promote, develop and protect the interests of the manufacture, trading, and marketing of all outdoor fabric products to recognized standards and quality."

OFPANZ (Outdoor Fabric Products Association of New Zealand) signed an agreement in October 2008 to merge its organization with IFAI. OFPANZ membership is comprised of the leading companies in New Zealand involved in the manufacture of end-products which use specialty fabrics, including lightweight structures, agricultural, transportation and protective products.

MITO coordinates apprenticeship training in the automotive and industrial textile fabrication industries in New Zealand. It also sets industry standards through the development of national qual-



Janet Lane, Executive Director of IFAI/OFPANZ with IFAI President and CEO Stephen Warner.

Obituary: Patrick J. Brennan, Vice President of Q-Lab Corporation



Mr. Patrick J. Brennan.

Patrick J. Brennan, 60, Vice President of Q-Lab Corporation, Westlake Ohio, died September 20, 2009. During his 30-year Q-Lab career, he became established as one of the few experts in the field of accelerated weathering and lightfastness. He was an active member of ASTM, ISO, AATCC standards making organizations.

An ASTM member since 1986, Brennan participated in committees on metallic coatings B08, sealants C24, paint and coatings D01, road and paving materials D04, roofing D08, textiles D13, plastics D20, building materials E06, corrosion G01 and weathering G03, and more than 50 sub-committees. He served as the D20.50 Sub Chairman from 1991-2006 and was honored with the D20 Award of Appreciation in 2000 and the G03 Group Chairman of the Year Award in 2001.

Brennan was an active member of AATCC for 23 years, participating in several research committees and as a member of the International Test Methods Committee. He was instrumental in changing Test Method 16 to a performance based standard. He was former chair of the Weather Resistance Test Methods and the Colorfastness to Light Test Methods committees, and served as the US expert for the ISO light stability and weathering committee for several years. He also served on ISO TC38 for textiles, and ISO TC61 for plastics from 1992-2005.

As the leader of Sales and Marketing at Q-Lab he oversaw the initial launch of the Q-Fog Cyclic Corrosion Chamber (1993), Florida and Arizona Weathering Research Service (1995) and Q-Sun Xenon Test Chamber (1998). Over the past quarter century, he has overseen the global expansion of Q-Lab into more than 60 countries including the opening of Q-Lab China and Q-Lab Germany.

Brennan published numerous technical papers on weathering and lightfastness and taught audiences around the world. His contribution to the science of weathering and lightfastness have been immeasurable.

ifications, promotes career pathways and provides a strategic leadership role to support education and training initiatives.

MITO is dedicated to supporting international partnerships. "MITO will work closely with OFPANZ and IFAI to ensure the strategic direction reflects their joint goals and objectives and that the OFPANZ Executive is well-supported to deliver on the annual business plan," says Lane. "There are tremendous synergies and we can help facilitate global opportunities," she added.

MITO has recently developed two new industrial textile fabrication qualifications, with strands in canvas fabrication, vehicle trimming and upholstery, as well as sailmaking.

The management contract with MITO means the New Zealand membership will be well-supported on an ongoing basis; and the Trade Expo and Annual Conference at the end of June 2010 in Auckland is likely to draw significant interest.

Courtesy: The Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI).

American Cotton Shippers Association elects new president

The American Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA), the national trade association of U.S. cotton merchants, announced the resignation of its President John D. Dunavant and the election of his successor Jordan Lea. Dunavant's action was a result of merger of Dunavant Enterprises with Allenberg Cotton Company.

The ACSA Board of Directors elected Jordan Lea of Eastern Trading Company, Greenville, South Carolina to succeed Dunavant. Lea had been serving as ACSA's First Vice President. The ACSA Board also elected Phil Bogel of Toyo Cotton Company, Dallas, Texas as First Vice President. Bogel had been serving as Second Vice President.

The ACSA Board action authorizes both Lea and Bogel to serve through the ACSA convention in May 2010 and then be re-elected to full terms as President and First Vice President. The ACSA Nominating Committee of Past President will nominate a new Second Vice President in the coming months. ♦