

San Antonio

**31st NPRA International
Petrochemical Conference:
Advance Program**

Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center
San Antonio, TX
March 26- 28, 2006



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The 31st NPRA International Petrochemical Conference continues to be the premier meeting on petrochemicals worldwide and offers a unique global networking opportunity. Sessions with widely known speakers cover key political, economic, and supply chain issues affecting the petrochemical industry.

The conference will be held in the San Antonio Convention Center located at the corner of South Alamo and Market Streets. This location is convenient to all hotels, with easy and quick access to city activities.

You should attend to meet old contacts and make new ones, to learn about new business opportunities, and to exchange ideas on the most pressing petrochemical issues. Be part of the International Petrochemical Conference which has become the global petrochemical community.

Mark your calendar today to assemble at the Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, March 26 - 28, 2006.

Saturday March 25, 2006

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration

Sunday March 26, 2006

9:00 am – 8:00 pm Registration

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Chemical Heritage Foundation /
NPRA Symposium on Entrepreneurship and
Innovation in the Petrochemical Industry

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception along the scenic
San Antonio River

Monday March 27, 2006

7:00 am – 2:00 pm Registration

7:30 am – 10:00 am Keynote Breakfast

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Spouse Tour

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Supply Chain Forum

Tuesday March 28, 2006

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration

9:00 am – 11:00 am Petrochemical Forum

11:30 am – 2:00 pm International Petrochemical Reception and Luncheon

Note: All afternoons will be open to allow maximum time for business meetings. Attire is business casual (no tie – coat optional).

Message from the IPC Program Chair



Doug Culpon
IPC 2006 Program Chair
Vice President
Huntsman Company LLC

On behalf of the NPRA Petrochemical Committee, I would like to invite you to attend the 31st NPRA International Petrochemical Conference in San Antonio, Texas, March 26-28, 2006.

The international petrochemical industry has experienced another eventful year. Companies have witnessed significant increases in profitability, accompanied by historically high feedstock costs, natural disasters in the United States, and a reversion to the 1970s by some in government who call for product price controls and windfall profit taxes. In addition, significant proposals under consideration would seek to require even more testing and reporting for industry products, as well as stepped-up safety and plant security measures. In the midst of these crosscurrents, the petrochemical industry basically remains a commodity business that is both highly competitive and increasingly global in scale.

For these reasons, and many more, NPRA's International Petrochemical Conference (IPC) remains the must-attend event of the year. In 2005, the IPC attracted 3,300 industry professionals from 49 countries and over 600 companies. Over 41% of those attending last year's conference were from outside the United States.

The 2006 IPC once again gives you the best opportunity anywhere to network with your international peers and conduct commercial business meetings in a single setting – San Antonio, Texas.

Our list of speakers continues the NPRA tradition of excellence. Our luncheon speaker will be General Colin L. Powell USA (Ret.) who will give us his insight into the role of diplomacy in the US government, presented in a most entertaining manner.

The Keynote Breakfast speakers are Mukesh D. Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, India and Volker Trautz, President & Chief Executive Officer, Basell Polyolefins. For the Supply Chain Forum, Howard Snaith, Director Marine & Chemicals for INTERTANKO, will give an overview of the revisions to MARPOL Annex II which will affect the

availability of double hull tankers which may cause some shifts in the market. Alan Braithwaite, Executive Chairman of LCP Consulting, will share his expertise on effective supply chain management. He has written and practiced extensively on the key principles of the supply chain.

The Petrochemical Forum will feature Dr. George Friedman, Chairman of Stratfor, a well respected private intelligence firm specializing in providing critical intelligence and insights on political, economic, military, and security events around the world. Dr. George Intille, Vice President of SRI Consulting, will present the worldwide oil and natural gas outlook, including LNG. Plus, there will be the opportunity to meet and network with industry representatives from all over the world.

We invite you to join us at the 2006 International Petrochemical Conference – a meeting that has become a must for all in the petrochemical industry. Join us in the convenient and familiar setting of San Antonio, Texas. We look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Culpon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

IPC Program Highlights

Sunday, March 26

Chemical Heritage Foundation / NPRA Symposium on Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Petrochemical Industry

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Room 103A

The topic this year is Marketplace Realities in a Changing World. The panel includes Dr. Werner Prätorius, President, BASF Petrochemical Division and William A. McMinn, Jr., Senior Founding Principal, The Legacy Equity Group, LLC.

Following the panel, the Petrochemical Heritage Award will be presented to Virgil Waggoner, a distinguished executive in the petrochemical industry for the last half of the 20th century

Welcome Reception

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
The grotto, outside along the scenic San Antonio River

Don't miss what is always the networking opportunity of the year!! Attend the welcome reception with over 3000 of your peers in the worldwide petrochemical industry.

Monday, March 27

Keynote Breakfast

7:30 am – 10:00 am
Ballroom A



Mukesh D. Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, India will present his viewpoints on the current conditions of the petrochemical industry in Asia, especially India.



The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center along the San Antonio River.

Photo courtesy SACVB.



Volker Trautz, President & CEO, Basell BV, Netherlands will present Basell's perspective on the petrochemical marketplace.

Tuesday, March 28

Supply Chain Forum

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Room 103A



Alan Braithwaite, Executive Chairman of LCP Consulting will share his expertise on effective supply chain management. He has written and practiced extensively on the key principles of the supply chain which can be applied to all sectors of our industry.

Petrochemical Forum

9:00 am – 11:00 am
Room 103A



Dr. George Friedman, Chairman of Stratfor, an intelligence firm specializing in providing critical intelligence and insights on political, economic, military, and security events around the world will give his viewpoints on stability in the oil regions of the world.

International Petrochemical Luncheon

11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Ballroom A



General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.)
General Powell, USA (Ret.) became the 65th secretary of State on January 20, 2001. Before becoming Secretary of State, General Powell served as a key aide to the Secretary of Defense and as National Security advisor to President Reagan. He also served 35 years in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Four-Star General and serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-1993). General Powell will present an entertaining program that includes insight into the role of diplomacy in the US government.



Captain Howard Snaith, Director Marine & Chemicals for INTERTANKO, will give an overview of the revisions to MARPOL Annex II and the affects that could occur in the chemical tanker marketplace.



Dr. George Intille, Vice President of SRI Consulting will present the worldwide oil and natural gas outlook, including LNG.

Spouse Tour: Shop 'til you Drop

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Don't miss the shopping excursion of the century at Texas' 3rd most visited attraction, the San Marcos Outlet Malls. With well over 200 brand name and designer outlets, and a new 70+ store expansion just opened in fall, 2005, this is a true shopping mecca. Ground transportation and lunch are included.

How to Register

1. Conference Registration and Tickets

Log on to www.npra.org and select "Meetings", "International Petrochemical Conference" then "Register Now" or complete the enclosed registration form. Registration includes admission to the Symposium on Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Petrochemical Industry, the Welcome Reception, the Supply Chain Forum, and the Petrochemical Forum. Order tickets for special events such as the Keynote Breakfast, Spouse Tour, and International Petrochemical Luncheon. Refer to the registration form for conference and ticket fees.

Note: Ticketed functions are open to registered attendees only. Be sure to register by February 10, 2006 to have your name included in the IPC attendee list in the Program Book. March 10 is the cutoff date to be listed in the registration supplement. Plus, you'll save \$100 if you register by February 24!

2. Hotel Reservations

Reserve your hotel on-line when you register at www.npra.org and receive an immediate acknowledgement of your reservation. Or, fill in the appropriate space on the enclosed registration form. Hotel reservation requests will be processed in the order received by the NPRA. Get immediate acknowledgement on-line but allow 3 weeks if submitted to NPRA. The hotels require a deposit equal to one night room rental plus tax to guarantee your room. The Hilton Hotel will charge the deposit upon receipt of your reservation in late February 2006. If no deposit information is provided within 30 days prior to arrival, your reservation

will be cancelled. Hotel-specific cancellation policies will be printed on your email registration confirmation from NPRA and should also appear on your hotel confirmation. February 24, 2006, is the cut-off date for making hotel reservations, cancellations or substitutions through NPRA or on-line. Beginning March 6, reservations, substitutions, or cancellations must be made through the hotel directly.

3. Spouse Registration

For just \$50, your spouse can join you at the Welcome Reception as well as the included business sessions. There is a separate fee of \$75 for the Spouse Tour on Monday, March 27.

4. Payment

Pay by credit card, check or wire transfer. If you register on-line but wish to pay by check or wire please be sure to include your system ID# and name with payment.

5. Travel

Continental Airlines (CO) is the official airline of the IPC. Book online at <http://www.continental.com/specials/group/meetingworks/reservations.asp> or call your travel agent or CO direct at 800.468.7022 and refer to Z code ZJRT and agreement code 3NB2CZ. CO offers zones fares and 10% off fares in all markets except travel between its hubs. Tickets purchased more than 60 days prior to departure receive an additional 5% off the discounted fares.

AVIS is the official rental car agency for the IPC. Call 800.331.1600 and refer to AWD#:B761399 to receive discounted rates.

6. Suites and Meeting Rooms

Contact Merla Zollinger at 202.457.0480 or email at merlaz@npra.org.

7. Confirmation

Your registration will be confirmed via e-mail if you provided us your email address. Otherwise, your confirmation will be sent via U.S. mail.

Cancellation Policy: Registration substitution/cancellations may be made on-line, faxed to 202.835.0467 or e-mailed to IPC@npra.org. Substitute conference registrations may be made in advance or on arrival with no penalty. Cancellations may be made by February 24, 2006 with no penalty. Written cancellations postmarked, faxed, or emailed between February 25 and March 10, 2006 will receive a refund of fees, less a \$50 processing fee. No refunds after March 10, 2006. No telephone cancellations.

Ticket Refund Policy: Refunds will be made on *individual tickets* purchased if request is received in writing by March 10, 2006. No Refunds after March 10.

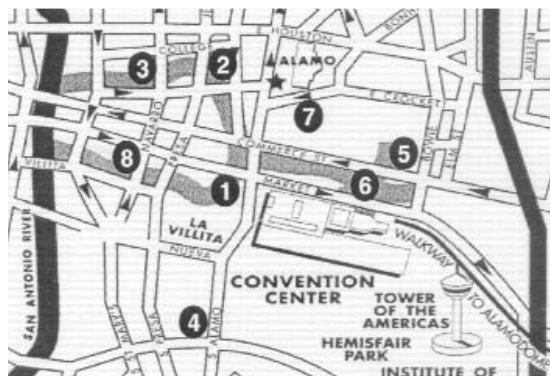
Refunds will be made on *Tables of tickets* purchased if request is received in writing by February 24, 2006. No refunds after February 24. Ticketed functions are open to *registered attendees* only. All individuals using tickets purchased as a table must be registered for the conference.

Spouse / Guest Policy: A guest is a spouse/significant other, friend or an adult child (18 years old or older) who is not in an industry-related occupation. A co-worker, an associate or spouse who works within the industry may not use the Spouse/Guest Registration category.

Fee Policy: Eligibility for member rates is based on membership information currently on file with NPRA. If your company is not currently a member, the non-member fees will be charged to your credit card.

Registration Policy: Those who are present at the site of an NPRA meeting and/or occupy a hotel room in the NPRA room block to conduct business with industry personnel gathered for that meeting are expected to register for that meeting and pay the registration fee, whether or not they attend a specific function.

IPC05 Hotel Options



Hotel	Hotel Code	Single Rate	Double Rate	On River-walk?	Blocks to Conv.	Phone Number
1. Hilton Palacio del Rio	HPR	\$205	\$221	Yes	< 1	210.222.1400
2. Hyatt Regency	HYR	\$209	\$234	Yes	2	210.222.1234
3. La Mansion del Rio	LMR	\$208	\$208	Yes	5	210.518.1000
4. Marriott Plaza San Antonio	PLZ	\$198	\$198	1.5 blk.	2	210.229.1000
5. Marriott Rivercenter	MRC	\$206	\$223	Yes	1	210.223.1000
6. Marriott Riverwalk	SAM	\$206	\$223	Yes	< 1	210.224.4555
7. Menger Hotel	MEN	\$145	\$145	1 blk.	2	210.223.4361
8. Westin Riverwalk	WES	\$209	\$219	Yes	2	210.224.6500

Registration Form: IPC06

Register on-line at www.npra.org

Register by February 24th and save \$100.

Step 1: Attendee Profile

Please fill out completely. Badges will be printed from this information.

Name

Title

Company

Address

Address

City

State

Zip

Country

Phone (Area/Country/City/Code)

Fax (Area/Country/City/Code)

E-mail

If this is not a permanent address change, check here.

Spouse Name (if attending)

Check here if you require special services.

Please attach a description of your needs.

Step 2: Meeting Registration

	By Feb. 24	After Feb. 24
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$ 350 _____	\$ 450 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember	\$ 695 _____	\$ 795 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse / Guest	\$ 50 _____	\$ 50 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Spouse Tour	\$ 75 _____	\$ 75 _____

Monday Keynote Breakfast

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 35 _____	\$ 35 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Table of 10	\$ 350 _____	\$ 350 _____

Tuesday IPC Luncheon

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 50 _____	\$ 50 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Table of 10	\$ 500 _____	\$ 500 _____

Total Amount Due _____

Name of Member Company

Not sure if your company is a member? Go to www.npra.org

Register by Fax:

Fax your form with credit card information to 202.835.0467

Register by Mail:

Mail your check to
NPRA
1899 L Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20036

Step 3: Payment Information

Payments to NPRA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Check Enclosed (US Dollars only)

Bank Transfer: Sun Trust Banks, Inc., Washington, DC
Routing #061000104 • Acct #206887906
SWIFT Code – SNTRUS3A
(Please include registrant's name.)

Credit Card

VISA MasterCard American Express

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

Name of person on card (Please print)

Signature (Required, authorizing charge & acknowledging cancellation/refund, fee, registration, & spouse policies)

Step 4: Hotel Reservation

Housing requests must be accompanied by paid conference registration to be processed.

Arrival Date

Departure Date

If no dates are indicated, we will assign arrival Sunday, March 26 and departure Tuesday, March 28.

Enter the three letter code from the hotel list for your preferred properties (hotel list is on facing page). Please fill in a different hotel for each choice and fill in all 6 choices.

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____
4th choice _____ 5th choice _____ 6th choice _____

Room Type: One Bed Two Beds

Number of People in Room: _____

Room Guarantee: AMEX VISA
 MasterCard Discover Diners

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

Signature

Special Requests: Smoking Non-smoking
 Disability Other

Fax suite requests to Merla Zollinger at 202.835.0467.
Register on-line to receive immediate acknowledgement of hotel. February 24 is the final cut-off date to reserve a room.
Contact the hotel directly with changes or cancellations beginning March 6, 2006.

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