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IDFB Annual Meeting in Vancouver

In June 2002 the International Down and Feather Bureau (IDFB) held its annual meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

Mr. Siegfried Böhler, elected IDFB President last year, presided over the conference.

The following lectures were given in the public part of the Supervisory Board Meeting.

1. Canada's role in the International Feather and Down Business -- *Mr. Eric Nilsson*
2. Trends of the Chinese Market for Feathers & Down -- *Ms. Yao Xiaoman*
3. Development of the European Consumption of Bedfeathers and Down -- *Mr. Siegfried Böhler*
4. The US Market for Feather & Down Products -- *Mr. Steve Uretsky*
5. Japanese Down Market -- *Mr. Hiroshi Aso*
6. The Working Program of the IDFB Technical Commission -- *Mr. Stephen Palmer*
7. The Russian Association of Feather and Down Companies -- *Mr. Victor Gouchtchine.*

IDFB TECHNICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Stephen Palmer, Chairman, IDFB Technical Commission, directed this meeting.

Three motions were adopted:

1. *The NTU turbidity method was approved for IDFB use. The LaMotte 2020 is the official IDFB instrument for NTU.*
2. *The final text version of the specie method was approved*
3. *The tumble-dry conditioning method was approved as the "standard" conditioning method for fill power testing.*

Other topics discussed include:

1. *Biochemical Specie Testing*
2. *Quality Assesment/Recovery*
3. *IDFB Website*

IDFB LABORATORY WORKSHOP

During the IDFB Annual Meeting the following topics were discussed during a three-hour laboratory workshop.

1. *Review of IDFB Definition for Plumules*
2. *Review of IDFB Definition for Damaged & Broken Feathers*
3. *Tumble Dry Conditioning for Fill Power Testing*
4. *Review of Water Preparation for Oxygen and Turbidity Test*
5. *Turbidity/NTU Round Robin*
6. *Standard method for Average Feather Length Test*
7. *Standard method for Average Down Size/Mass*

IDFB Information

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IMPORTANT WEB SITES FOR DOWN AND FEATHER INFORMATION

Many excellent web sites exist that can help in understanding feather and down labeling standards and testing procedures.

www.idfb.org

The International Down and Feather Bureau (IDFB) has an excellent web site with a wealth of information about the history and status of the industry.

Mr. Siegfried Böhler is IDFB's president. Mr. Wilhelm Jaxtheimer, IDFB executive secretary, managed the development of the web site.

The European Down and Feather Association (EDFA) offers a great website on general and European topics such as EN label standards.

Mrs. Julianne Hedderich, EDFA manager, organized the development of this web site.

Ib Fagerlund of Denmark is the current EDFA president.

www.abflo.org

The Association of Bedding and Furniture Law Officials (ABFLO) has a great web site about the regulation of bedding products in the USA

William Cale, president of ABFLO, developed this site.

www.cfd.com.cn

The China Feather and Down Industrial Association (CDFIA) has a superb web site. The site is in both English and Chinese and includes links to many other Chinese enterprises.

Mr. Xu Yong is the Chairman of CFDIA and Ms. Yao Xiaoman serves as the Secretary-General.

www.idfl.com

Our company website includes a variety of information about down and feather topics including:

- Testing method descriptions.
- Virtual tour of IDFB office.
- Research studies.
- Labeling information.

Peter Lieber, a computer engineering student at the University of Utah, developed the IDFL website.

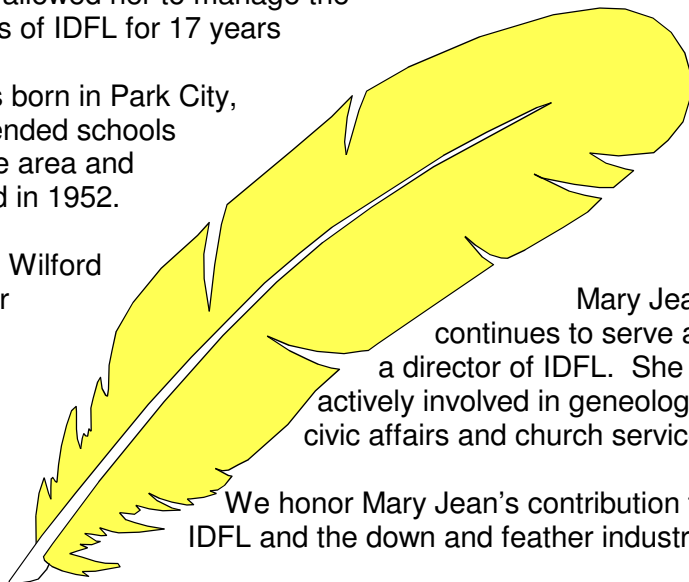
Spotlight -- MARY JEAN LIEBER

Mary Jean Lieber co-founded IDFL with her husband, Wilford, in 1978. Mary Jean's blend of analytical and business skills allowed her to manage the daily operations of IDFL for 17 years

Mary Jean was born in Park City, Utah. She attended schools in the Salt Lake area and married Wilford in 1952.

Mary Jean and Wilford celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March 2002

They have 5 children and 21 grandkids.



Mary Jean continues to serve as a director of IDFL. She is actively involved in geneology, civic affairs and church service.

We honor Mary Jean's contribution to IDFL and the down and feather industry.

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