



IDFL NEWS



International Down and Feather Laboratory and Institute
Serving down and feather industries worldwide for 25 years.

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IDFL CELEBRATES 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

IDFL Founded in 1978

Wilford and Mary Jean Lieber founded IDFL in September 1978.

Wilford Sr. began his work with down and feathers over 40 years ago. His involvement includes:

- Director of Laboratories for the State of Utah.
- President of ABFLO
- Developer of content test method (now used worldwide)
- Trained and consulted with hundreds of organizations on down and feather testing.
- Advisor to IDFB

Wilford and Mary Jean began with very few employees in 1978. Four are still with the company.

- **Wilford Lieber Sr.** continues as Chairman of the Board
- **Mary Jean Lieber** serves on the Board of Directors
- **Susan Morrow** is Corporate Secretary/Treasurer
- **Joyce Mikkelsen** serves as Training Manager.

Currently, **Wilford K. Lieber** is President of IDFL. He has been with the company for 10 years.

Other important contacts at IDFL:

- **Shauna Linde**, Testing Manager
- **Eneli Wood**, Testing Manager
- **Rachel Kasteler**, Internal Procedures
- **Kristin Lieber**, Accounting
- **Darren Corey**, Information Technology
- **Dee van Wagoner**, Receptionist

IDFL is open 6:00 -22:00 (MST) to accommodate the needs of our world-wide client base.

Please visit IDFL anytime during 2003 and help us celebrate our **25-year anniversary**.

FACTS ABOUT IDFL

- 65,000 samples received
- Over 250,000 tests performed
- More than 700 clients
- Samples from 45 countries
- 48 employees in Salt Lake
- Offices in Europe and China
- Member **IDFB** (International)
- Member **ADFS** (USA)
- Member **ASTM** (Standards)
- Member **CFDIA** (China)
- Member **EDFA** (Europe)
- **IDFB-Certified** Laboratory
- **DPSC-Qualified** Laboratory

Industry Meeting Report

Dates and selected topics are listed for recent industry and regulatory meetings:

ABFLO March 2003

- ABFLO is now "IABFLO" (International Association of Bedding & Furniture Law Officials)
- Globalization of Bedding Industry
- Need for consistent registration in USA states
- Proposed Flammability Standards for Bedding
- Labeling of 95/5 Feather Down Products

ASTM March 2003

- The ASTM Textile Standards Committees met.
- Update on Flammability Standards for Bedding
- Threadcount method clarification for 2-ply yarns
- Implementation of IDFB Testing Regulations.

ADFS / HFWA March 2003

- Program for evaluating member products
- Update on Flammability Standards for Bedding

EDFA April 2003

- Discussion of Fill Power Test Method changes
- Round Robin Test Results

IDFB Kyoto Meeting - June 2003

- Annual Meeting in Kyoto was cancelled.
- No meeting will be held in 2003.
- Next meeting will be in Moscow June 2004

Update on IDFL EUROPE

IDFL EUROPE has now been certified as an **IDFB-recognized laboratory** after successfully completing the IDFB round robin tests two years in a row..

IDFL EUROPE has officially been accepted as an associate member of the **European Down and Feather Association (EDFA)**

IDFL EUROPE received samples from 14 different countries during 2002.

IDFL EUROPE expanded testing capability in 2002 – more will be added in 2003.

IDFL online

IDFL continues its move to electronic forms of communication including:

- Expanded Web Site www.idfl.com
- On-line access to your reports
- On-line sample submittal form

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