



# 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](http://www.idfl.com)
- On-line access to your reports
- On-line sample submittal form

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