



## IDFB MEETINGS HELD IN PARK CITY, UTAH

### Deer Valley's Stein Eriksen Lodge was the Site of IDFB's 2006 Annual Meeting

The International Down and Feather Bureau (IDFB) held its annual meeting in Park City, Utah June 3-6, 2006.

Park City, Utah is a ski and summer resort 30 minutes from downtown Salt Lake City. Park City was a venue for many sports in the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Stein Eriksen Lodge, site of the meeting, is near the top of the mountain at 2,500 m (8,200 feet).

The event consisted of various board and technical meetings -- plus great food and spectacular weather.

### Special Events & Tours

University of Utah Isotope Center  
IDFB members saw the technology that can determine country of origin for feathers and down.

IDFL Laboratory Tour  
The testing and research labs of IDFL were opened to IDFB members during the meeting.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir Visit  
IDFB members were special guests at a live television broadcast of the renowned Tabernacle Choir.

### 2007 IDFB Meeting Edinburgh, Scotland

IDFB will hold its next meeting June 2007 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jerry Hanauer** has retired as President of IDFB after many years of service as a champion of both IDFB and the industry. Many thanks to Mr. Hanauer.
- **Stephen Palmer** is the new President of IDFB. Mr. Palmer is also chairman of the American Down and Feather Council.
- **Yao Chen** was named as the new Chairman of the IDFB Technical Commission.

### IDFB FACTS

- IDFB was founded in 1952
- IDFB has members in more than 25 countries.
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### Steam Conditioning is now the Official IDFB Fill Power Method

The final official version of the Steam Conditioning Fill Power method was approved by all committees and boards during the 2006 Park City IDFB meeting.

The reference for the new steam method is IDFB Testing Regulation - Part 10-B.

### IDFB Supervisory Board Meeting Reports

#### Japan Market - Down & Feather Products

- Mr Hiroshi Aso, Japan Down Products Corp. Assoc.
- 5-year sales - steady trend for down bedding.
- Average price per quilt is increasing.

#### China Feather and Down Market

- Ms. Yao Xiaoman, Vice Chairman CFDA
- Great increase in finished product exports.
- Stable growth of goose/duck flocks since 1999.
- Domestic down garment sales up 30% in 1 year.

#### USA Down & Feather Market Report

- Joe Crawford, Vice President, PCF
- Price pressure from large USA retailers.
- Increasing commodities prices.
- Quality problems result from price pressure.

#### European Down and Feather Market

- Jürgen Habertag, Vice President, IDFB
- Economic recovery helps stabilize sales.
- Globalization & avian flu are potential problems.

#### ADFC Label Compliance Program

- Joe Crawford, ADFC Compliance Committee
- Program covers all products sold in USA.
- Products tested for compliance with USA-standards.
- Non-compliant products are reported to manufacturers, retailers and government agencies.

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