



Growing Applications of Flexible Circuit Technology Subject of IPC International Conference



Providing timely information on the potential applications of flexible circuits, IPC will host the IPC International

Conference on Flexible Circuits on April 21–23 in Minneapolis.

Half-day workshops will be offered on April 21 and April 23, with a full-day technical conference featured on April 22. **Joe Fjelstad**, president of **Verdant Electronics**, will headline the technical conference with his keynote, “Flexible Circuit Technology — New Applications, Challenges and Solutions for the 21st Century.”

Other industry experts will join Fjelstad during the technical conference to present on a number of subjects, including design for manufacturability; high-speed materials considerations; embedded passive components built on flexible substrates; technology for flexible optical interconnectivity associated with electronic circuits; and assembly of flip-chip and SMT on flex.

In-depth, half-day workshops will cover topics such as flexible and rigid-flex circuit design principles and fabrication requirements; key flexible circuit technology; structures, applications, materials and manufacturing processes; and testing and design strategies on flexible circuits.

For more information on the conference or to register, visit www.ipc.org/flex-conference-2009 or e-mail PDCoordinator@ipc.org.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS Make Plans to Attend the 2009 Capitol Hill Day

The U.S. political climate has radically changes and requires major increases in advocacy efforts. Face-to-face lobbying is an effective way to express your concerns and influence legislation. Participate in IPC’s Capitol Hill Day on May 6–7, 2009, and you’ll get the chance to attend informational briefings with IPC staff on pending legislation affecting

your business, visit with members of Congress and engage in discussion with high-level government officials.

You’ll walk away from the event knowing that you’ve educated your legislators on tax and business concerns that benefit the future economic viability of your company.

To register and view more details, visit www.ipc.org/CHD or contact **Ron Chamrin**, IPC government relations manager, at +1 703-522-0225 or RonChamrin@ipc.org.

IPC CHINA IPC China Launches Electronics Manufacturing Annual Conference



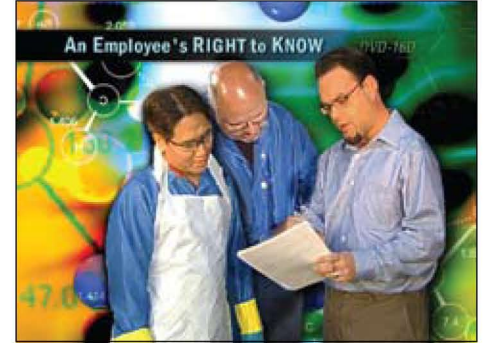
It’s no secret that China’s manufacturing industry is struggling along with the rest of the world marketplace. To help IPC members in Asia earn financial success, IPC China has launched IPC CEMAC (China Electronics Manufacturing Annual Conference). Held in conjunction with *electronica* & *Productronica China*, the event will take place March 15–19, 2009 at the Shanghai New International Expo Center.

The workweek-long conference will include IPC TGAsia technical group meetings, a designer certification workshop and exam, standards training, CIS training, a symposium on design, electronics assembly and testing, networking sessions and more.

For additional information on the conference, contact **Sophia Song**, IPC China marketing coordinator, at +86 21 54973435*603 or SophiaSong@ipc.org. You can also visit www.ipc.org.cn to view the complete conference agenda.

TRAINING

IPC Shoots New Video on Chemical Safety



IPC Video recently traveled to Fremont, Calif., to shoot a new safety video on chemical safety at **dB Control**.

Marg Drouin of **Cirtronics** served as technical content advisor on the script. *An Employee’s Right to Know* (DVD-16C) was videotaped during the two-day shoot and is scheduled for editing and release during the first half of 2009.

“Marketing Manager **Steve Olson**, Production Manager **Gary Spaulding** and Manufacturing Supervisor **Richard Martinez** welcomed us at dB Control headquarters and were invaluable in helping to make sure that we got all the footage we needed for the video,” said **Mark Pritchard**, IPC director of Media Training. **Vlad Di Natale** and **Thanh Nguyen** from dB Control also assisted during the project.

Pritchard added, “Everyone at dB Control was extremely cooperative in performing the various actions showing chemical safety in the workplace, especially when we’d ask them to do a scene over and over again. Our sincere thanks to dB Control for hosting the production of this new IPC educational video.”