

Report on Delaware Valley Chapter meeting held on September 10, 2008

It is with pleasure that I would like to submit the summary of events that took place at 5th Delaware Valley Chapter meeting on September 10th, 2008. The meeting was held at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, 725 Village Road West, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550 between 9:15 AM to 4:30 PM. The meeting started with the attendee's registration. Mr. Kiran Singh, Treasurer registered the participants. In parallel breakfast and networking sessions occurred. After the registration, Dr. Ranjit Sarpal, President of the Delaware Valley Chapter greeted the attendees and introduced the board members to the audience. Afterwards, Dr. Thomas Jennings, President of ISLFD gave opening remarks. Dr. Ranjit Sarpal acted as the moderator for the morning session. Mr. Jim Agalloco, from Agalloco & Associates gave first talk under the topic "Validation of Lyophilization: A Contemporary Look". The second speaker Mr. David Clayton, from SP Industries presented on "Freeze Dryer Common Problems". The meeting broke for lunch between 12:30-1:30 PM.

Dr. Zhongping Huang acted as moderator for the afternoon session. Post lunch, Dr. Robert Sever from Praxair Inc. presented on "Controlling the Freezing Step for Lyophilization". Afterwards Mr. David Clayton, from SP Industries continued on "Freeze Dryer Common Problems". Mr. Kiran Singh, Treasurer gave the closing remarks. The meeting finished at ~4:30 PM.

Prior to the meeting, the vendors were approached to display at the meeting. No vendor accepted the invitation due to their prior commitment to PDA society meeting. A total of ~40 participants attended the meeting. Mr. Kiran Singh, Treasurer plans on submitting a detail on the society financials.

Immediately after the Chapter meeting, the office bearers held a meeting to discuss the current state of the Delaware Valley chapter and future course of action. The officers plan on meeting during Christmas, 2008 to plan for the 2009 meeting.

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