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Conference Program

Registration & Coffee 8:00 - 8:30 am

Welcome & Opening Remarks 8:30 - 8:40 am

Dr. Philip Evans, Director, CAWP & Rich Christianson, Editorial Director, Wood & Wood Products Magazine

Opening Session (General)

The Power of Training and R&D in Wood Finishing
Philip Stevens, President & Founder, American Wood Finishing Institute. presets effective skills development strategies for industrial wood finishing, demonstrating how training and R&D positively impact the bottom line.

Move to one of two concurrent sessions 9:20 - 9:25 am

Session I Custom-Oriented Manufacturing

Time
9:25 - 10:10 am
Key Procedures for Achieving a Quality Finish
Bob Flexner, author of Understanding Wood Finishing and editor of Professional Refinishing Magazine, outlines easy methods for handling and preparing wood for finishing in woods, and how to blend woods of different shades and colors and spray gun adjustment and rubbing techniques for obtaining an attractive final appearance.

10:10 - 10:30 am
Coffee

10:30 - 11:15 am
Finishing Equipment - Ten Steps to Increase Efficiency and Profitability
John Patry, President, Kreamin Inc., describes how correct equipment selection, use and maintenance can result in better cost efficiencies in the finishing room.

11:15 - 12:00 am
High Performance Coatings and the Latest Trends in European Technology
Jaye Millar, President, Finishing Solutions, discusses the European approach to high-end custom oriented wood finishing, including style and product trends and technical performance.

12:00 - 1:00 pm
Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 pm
HVLP - Past, Present and Future
Bill Boxer of Modern Finishing Products gets inside HVLP technology, including how it works, the most suitable applications and selecting the right coatings and equipment for the job.

1:45 - 2:30 pm
Achieving Special Finish Effects
Mike Unbenhoffer, National Sales Manager, M.L. Campbell, discusses the methods, procedures and challenges involved in creating specialty effects.

2:30 - 3:15 pm
Organizing the Finishing Shop
Patrick Ruder, President of Redbud Ridge Custom Shop Inc. shares his experiences in organizing and maintaining the finishing room for peak efficiency, achieving color consistency, and learning from mistakes.

3:15 - 3:30 pm
Coffee

Session II Production-Oriented Manufacturing

Small Batch Sanding in a High Production Environment
Bill Beatty and Doug Washer, Application Engineers with St. Gobain Abrasives/Norton, highlight advances in abrasive technology, plus discuss machine setups and operation tips. They will also provide some best practices case histories on this important area.

Coffee

Trends & Innovations in Finishing Automation
Robert (Bob) Kostelnik, Finishing Product Manager, Stiles Machinery Inc., discusses the newer technologies in industrial finishing, including spraying, profile finishing and powder coating.

Modern Finishing Materials
Barrie Edwards, Research Chemist at Becker Acroma Inc., discusses the benefits and best uses for modern finishes such as high solid materials and water-borne finishes, including UV-cured materials.

Lunch

Flexible Manufacturing and its Impact on Finishing
Sepp Gmeliner, Project Manager, Schul & Associates, a furniture industry management consultantancy, describes how finishing processes can be adapted to facilitate the increasing popularity of high-volume, small-batch manufacturing.

Case Study: Powder Coating at Rivertone Technologies
Steve Vanderveen, Partner, Rivertone Technologies, explains why his company got involved in powder coating MDF two years ago, how the technology has evolved, and best applications and limitations.

Case Study: Steelcase Wood's New Green Plant
Patrick Ruider, Finish Division Manager and James Huey, Finish Lab Supervisor of Steelcase Wood, introduce their Grand Rapids plant and its commitment to environmental responsibility, explain how quality and productivity is achieved with a hybrid water-based finishing system, and discuss how fast color changes facilitate mass production.

Coffee

Closing Remarks 4:30 - 4:45 pm

Networking Reception with tabletop displays (cash bar) 4:45 - 6:30 pm

Who should attend?
- production department supervisors
- finishing department supervisors
- managers from millwork, cabinetry and furniture industries
- manufacturers of other finished wood products

Seminar Benefits
- Gain valuable insights into factors affecting cost, efficiency and quality of the wood finishing process.
- Learn from the experiences of others through case studies of successful manufacturers.
- Update your knowledge of materials, technologies and processes.
- Network with industry peers and technical experts.

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Registration

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