

Dr. Douglas H. Davis Selected as Recipient of 2009 Hotbels BTU Award

The 24th Hotbels Glass Industry Seminar was held in Lexington, Kentucky, USA on April 22nd & 23rd and featured a number of informative presentations by glass industry suppliers. The seminar is sponsored by Hotwork-USA and Fosbel and is held each year to provide a forum for sharing innovations in engineering and technology throughout the glass industry. This year's conference was especially successful in light of the current economic environment; multiple representatives from 22 glass production facilities were in attendance, in addition to attendees from 23 organizations that supply products and services to the glass industry.

One highlight of each Hotbels seminar is the presentation of the BTU (Business and Technology United) award. This annual award was established in 2007 in order to recognize an individual who has contributed significantly to the glass industry and to Hotbels. In 2007 the award was presented to C. Philip Ross, President of Glass Industry Consulting International, for his contributions to the glass industry and particularly his valuable input in the development of Hotbels. In 2008 the BTU recipient was Michael A. Nelson, who was integral in advancing refractory technology for the glass industry during his more than 35 years of service with Corhart Refractories, as well as being a key contributor to many Hotbels seminars.

This year's BTU award was presented to Dr. Douglas H. Davis. Dr. Davis is Senior Glass Technologist for Toledo Engineering Company (TECO), where he is responsible for technical service in glass composition and raw materials. Dr. Davis holds a bachelor's degree in Ceramic Engineering from the New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred University, as well as a Masters and PhD from that institution. In addition to TECO, he has worked in the glass industry for PPG Industries and Johns-Manville, and also for Norton Company, a supplier of abrasives, FMC, who supplies soda ash for the glass industry and Envitco, a hazardous waste vitrification company. Dr. Davis' work has made a significant impact in many areas of the glass industry as well as Hotbels, where he has authored and delivered numerous informative presentations over the years.

To learn more about Hotbels glass industry seminars and the BTU Award, visit www.hotbels.com, or contact Hotwork or Fosbel via email at Hotwork@hotwork.com or Fosbel.inc@fosbel.com.



Left to right: George Kopser – Hotwork-USA, Chris Hoyle - TECO, Doug Davis – TECO, Nancy Davis, Tom Graham – Hotwork-USA, Bob Chambers – Fosbel