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Dear Center for Friction Stir Processing members,

The 2009 spring Industrial Advisory Board meeting of the CFSP is fast approaching. The meeting will be held April 28-30 in Columbia, South Carolina, at the campus of the University of South Carolina. You will shortly receive registration and hotel information.

We will have the presentations from all the universities on the CFSP website site (<http://cfsp.sdsmt.edu>) starting Monday, April 13. If you have trouble with your login information, please contact [Colleen.Gustafson@sdsmt.edu](mailto:Colleen.Gustafson@sdsmt.edu) or 605-394-1933

Based on the feedback from previous meetings, the Spring 2009 meeting will follow the format of the 2008 Spring meeting with a one day Technical Workshop (the 28<sup>th</sup>) and a 1.5 day (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) Program Management Review meeting.

We are again making the opportunity available for member companies to present brief (10-15 minute) presentations on work going on within their organizations or on FSW related issues of pressing concern. If you would like to make a presentation during the technical conference portion of the meeting, please contact Tony Reynolds ([reynolds@cec.sc.edu](mailto:reynolds@cec.sc.edu)) before April 7<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot: there will be limited availability. We would like to finalize the agenda and distribute to the IAB at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. If time at this meeting does not permit all the desired presentations to be given, we will make every attempt to schedule your presentation for the next meeting.

Thank you again for your membership in the Center. We value the contributions, both financial and technical, of each of our member companies.

We hope to see all of you in Columbia ....

Sincerely,

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