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Thanking Our Volunteers

by Piero Salvo, 2008 NASTT Chairman

As we hit the midway point of the summer, I hope you are enjoying your summer. This report is about reaching out and getting involved — in other words, volunteering. NASTT's success has been greatly due to the participation and enthusiasm of our members.

As a result of the time and knowledge given by our members, we can fulfill our mission to provide top-notch educational courses and resource tools to the trenchless industry. À mes collègues francophones votre participation dans nos groupes de travail est toujours la bienvenue. Nous avons trois Québécois sur le conseil d'administration de la NASTT, un de ces trois et le président de l'organisation et nous avons un quatrième qui agit comme président de la conférence International qui aura lieu à Toronto en 2009.

NASTT's annual No-Dig Show is just one example of how a group of members,

the Program Committee, come together to make our conference a huge success. It is because of their efforts that the quality of No-Dig's technical sessions truly sets us apart. Their spirit of volunteerism plays a major role in that achievement. Thank you all.

The 2009 Program Committee recently met to review 200 abstract submissions for the International No-Dig Show, scheduled for March 29 - April 3, 2009, in Toronto. Thank you to these hardworking members for their contributions for making No-Dig a rewarding and educational experience for all those who attend.

In addition to No-Dig, NASTT offers a suite of Good Practices courses focused on various trenchless methods — pipe bursting, sewer laterals rehab, cured-in-place-pipe lining, horizontal directional drilling and new installation methods — all of which are carefully reviewed by the

International No-Dig Show 2009: A Global Trenchless Experience

The 2009 International No-Dig Show will be truly special as NASTT is proud to co-sponsor this worldwide event with the International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT), March 29 – April 3 in Toronto.

Members of the Program Committee met June 29 in Toronto to review abstract submissions and to develop the technical paper program. Nearly 200 high-quality abstracts were submitted for consideration, surpassing the number of abstracts received in previous years.

This outpouring of interest indicates strong growth in the trenchless technology industry — not only here in North America — but also from around the world. International papers from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Taiwan, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom will be presented, showcasing innovative new ideas in the global trenchless marketplace.

Conference organizers predict that overall participation in the 2009 International No-Dig Show will reach record numbers, especially with the international delegates in attendance.

The exhibition area has increased in

size from previous North American No-Digs and already 50 percent of the booth space is reserved. Several top industry manufacturers have stepped forward to sponsor the international No-Dig Show, and more are coming.

"With eight months to go, people are getting excited about the International No-Dig Show," said Joe Loiacono, program chair, "and this is only the beginning. Come see for yourself. Join us in Toronto, March 29-April 3, and experience this truly global event." For more information, visit us at www.nodigshow.com.

WESTT Regional No-Dig Conference Slated for Oct. 13-14 in Sacramento

As underground utility work continues to be of main interest on the West Coast, the Western Society for Trenchless Technology (WESTT) will provide valuable information and solutions for many of these infrastructure needs during its fourth annual Western Regional No-Dig Conference and Exhibition scheduled Oct. 13-14 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento, Calif.

Again this year, attendees can expect a quality educational program and exhibits at the Western Regional No-Dig Conference,

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NASTT Education Committee for non-commercialism and consensus-based and comprehensive information. We are constantly looking to develop additional courses and will be looking at requesting proposals for the development of a grouting and coating good practices course before the end of the year.

The NASTT Good Practices courses are held 20 to 25 times a year throughout North America. This would not be possible without the volunteerism of our NASTT instructors, who are continually giving back to the industry of their time, knowledge and expertise.

Our regional chapters provide an excellent forum for providing training on a local level at chapter events. I invite you visit our Web site, www.nastt.org, to look at the various regional shows and courses been held across North America.

As you can see, many of our members

have already realized the value of the volunteer experience at NASTT — whether it is by participation in their regional chapter, on the NASTT Board of Directors, by actively working on the No-Dig Program Committee, instructing a course, or by presenting and publishing a paper for the No-Dig Show.

I ask our current volunteers to invite non-members or new members to become involved in our organization. We are currently at 1,100 members and getting stronger each day. I am excited to share with you that NASTT will be traveling to Mexico's National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities (ANEAS) Annual Convention and Exhibition in Guadalajara, Nov. 3-7. Our goal is to reach out to Mexico's utility leaders and increase their awareness of the benefits of trenchless technologies and NASTT, to encourage new membership and training opportunities. Quiero agradecer a los voluntarios de

México que nos han ayudado recientemente. ¡Muchas gracias!



Piero Salvo

If you are interested in participating in this outreach to Mexico, please e-mail NASTT executive director Mike Willmets at mwillmets@nastt.org. For example, if you have knowledge or access to a Spanish translation service and are familiar with engineering terms, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

As always, we welcome your enthusiasm in becoming a part of our growing organization which is a result of an active and dedicated group of volunteers. I hope you will take the time to review the opportunities for volunteer participation, and that you will discover a way to contribute to our profession through NASTT!

plus all the networking opportunities available to meet face-to-face with industry leaders. Conference-goers can learn from and participate in more than 15 paper presentations designed especially for public officials, engineers, utility company personnel, designers and contractors. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered.

Leading manufacturers and suppliers are slated to fill the exhibit area with the latest technologies, products and services. The conference program is arranged so that exhibit hall hours do not conflict with the presentation time slots. Attendees will have plenty of time in their schedules to meet with the 20 sponsoring companies that will be exhibiting to discuss in greater detail the current technology and products they have to offer.

"I am excited about being a part of this year's event!" said Jennifer Glynn, chair of the WESTT Board of Directors. "This year, we are changing things up a bit and won't be offering a trenchless technology short course. Instead, our chapter is pleased to announce a post-conference site tour of a local large scale microtunneling project in the Sacramento area. Stay tuned for further details."

Attendees who register on or before

Sept. 12, receive a discounted early bird rate to attend the conference. A special discount rate is also available for members of NASTT, as well as multiple attendees who register from the same organization. Conference exhibits and sponsorship packages are also offered (platinum, gold, silver and bronze).

Visit the conference Web site at www.nastt.org/westt for conference details and to register online.

NW Chapter Hosts Alberta Trenchless Conference, New Installation Methods Course & Tunneling Tour, Nov. 12-14 in Edmonton

The Northwest Chapter of NASTT and the Tunneling Association of Canada are set to host the 11th annual 2008 Alberta Trenchless Conference, Nov. 12-14, in Edmonton, Alberta.

On Nov. 12, NASTT will offer its New Installation Methods Good Practices course that addresses a number of trenchless methods commonly used to install new pipe and pipe casing. These methods include: auger boring, pipe ramming, pipe jacking and the pilot tube method.

Attendees are invited to network during the welcome reception later in the evening of Nov. 12 at the Mayfield Inn, where all the conference events will take place. Complimentary food and refreshments will be served.

On Nov. 13, conference-goers are encouraged to arrive early for breakfast while visiting the trade show exhibitors. The technical program will begin immediately following and run throughout the day. Technical presentations will cover various trenchless topics including tunneling, horizontal directional drilling, boring, lining, flow bypassing and other related subjects. All conference delegates will receive an electronic copy of the technical presentations.

TAC is hosting a tunnel tour on Nov. 14. Conference delegates will be transported from the Mayfield Inn to an active tunneling project for an in-depth tour of the site.

For more information, please visit the Alberta Trenchless Conference page of the NASTT-NW Web site at www.nastt-nw.com.

Correction to June Newsletter

In the June newsletter, NASTT regrettably omitted Michels Corp. as a Gold level sponsor of the 2008 No-Dig Show in Dallas.