



International Erosion Control Association

**Mid-Atlantic
Chapter**

Winter Newsletter 2005

President's Message

by Paul Clement

Welcome to our winter edition of the newsletter for the year 2005. This will be my last President's Message to the MAC/IECA newsletter. At the end of last year I left office, but I know that our new President, Bill Schelling, will do an outstanding job as the President of MAC/IECA 2005. Bill brings a wealth of talent and energy to the office and will provide the leadership required to make the organization a success. I would like to thank the MAC/IECA members for the excellent support I received during my year in office.



The year, 2004, was a year of firsts for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. In February 2004, the IECA conference (ECO4) was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This was the first IECA conference hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. At the conference, the MAC/IECA received the Rick Granard Award, the IECA's Most Outstanding award, for an unprecedented third consecutive year. This is the first "three peat" for the Rick Granard Award. In April 2004, the MAC/IECA held our first workshop in the District of Columbia. This event was co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter and the University of the District of Columbia. I had the honor of welcoming the over 150 attendees to the District of Columbia, Department of Health, Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Workshop and Trade Show. In September 2004, the MAC/IECA held the 11th Annual Conference in Martinsburg, West Virginia, our first annual conference in West Virginia.

I hope you had a chance to attend the 11th Annual MAC/IECA Conference in Martinsburg, West Virginia on September 14, 15 and 16, 2004. The conference was our first in West Virginia and I know it will not be our last. The support we received from the West Virginia Conservation Agency and the West Virginia Department of Highways was outstanding and our thanks go out to the staff from those organizations that provided assistance for the conference. Our members were greeted at the door by smiling faces and the hospitality shown by the staff made this conference a very special one. I would also like to thank the exhibitors and speakers that took time from their busy schedules to share their knowledge with us. The theme for this year's conference was, NPDES: From Problems to Solutions. The technical sessions provided valuable information to participants eager to learn the latest NPDES requirements,



**12th Annual Environmental Conference,
Workshop & Trade Show**

October 31-November 2, 2005

**Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland**

by Ed Stein

Attention all MAC/IECA Members, mark October 31 to November 2, 2005 on you calendars Those are the dates for the 12th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association Conference, Workshop and Exposition. The site is the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. This is our third event at the Clarion which has always been a huge success for MAC/IECA and 2005 will be no different. We will be able to accommodate up to 45 exhibitors in the Exposition Hall.

We already have made a good start developing groundwork for an excellent technical program but still have openings and need your help. If you are interested in presenting a Paper or Case Study at this Flagship event please contact Collin Burrell. Collins e-mail address is "collin.burrell@dc.gov". We will also be offering Erosion and Sediment Control Certification sessions for the states of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia

So far we've talked about the huge Exhibit Hall and what will be a dynamite Technical / Certification Program. Could we have possibly forgotten anything ?

MAC/IECA has always been recognized as the most successful IECA Chapter because of its hard work as well as to mix fun with the hard work. We have won every Rick Granard Award for Chapter Excellence so that is not an idle claim. I'm still wondering if we have forgotten anything?

OOPS, forgot the fun part !!! We kick off the Conference with the Annual Golf Tournament on October 31 at Eagles Landing, Ocean City's best course. I do believe our members need to pick up they're game or this will be a two day event. It's either that or Ice Pick the tires on the beer cart. Once the actual Conference starts on November 1, all social events will be planned by Don Hoey. When properly motivated, 4-6 bottles of Molsons Golden, Don will come up with some pretty amazing events that are guaranteed to put a big smile on your face.

We will be sending out more info as it becomes available.

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EC05 - Your Risk Management Protection

by Kate Nowak

Through your input, IECA knows which issues are important to your job:

NPDES Phase II – what it requires, how to comply, what triggers penalties, inspections Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans – how to write them, best ways to use them Erosion & Sediment Control BMPs – how to select & design, performance, costs, installation Storm Water Management – treatment wetlands, infiltration schemes, bioretention Construction Site Inspections – necessary documents, what to look for, BMP options Urban Stream Restoration – bank protection, habitat improvement, grade control

That is why you need to attend EC05. You are invited to EC05, February 20 – 24, 2005 in Dallas, an unique gathering where you'll get more than just information on these topics – where you'll get field-proven knowledge that can make your job easier, your business more profitable and your career more exciting. EC05 represents Environmental Connection 2005, and it is the showcase for IECA's 36th annual conference and expo. We promise you a selection of education and networking that will exceed your expectations.

For example, if you need more education about NPDES Phase II, one of today's most pressing regulatory topics, EC05 offers more than 40 hours of programming that can satisfy your professional development needs. Looking for ways to improve your storm water management practices? Come to EC05. Our storm water education includes six day-long training courses, more than a dozen technical presentations and the world's largest expo of innovative, cost-effective storm water and erosion control technology. You can earn continuing education units (CEUs), too, by attending any of our _ to full-day training courses.

EC05 will connect you to more than timely education. With our EC05 Partners, you will be able to meet with representatives from two dozen environmental organizations who can connect you to



new resources and career opportunities. Perhaps even more importantly, EC05 will connect you to a real community of dedicated professionals. You will be able to share ideas and trade experiences with about 2,000 of the world's top experts and practitioners.

You can easily learn more about EC05 by doing any of the following: 1) Visit our web site at www.ieca.org and click on the EC05 logo on the home page. 2) Call us at 1 800 455 4322 or contact us via email at ecinfo@ieca.org

To accommodate your budget and schedule, we offer daily conference passes. You can come for an afternoon, one day, two days or the entire week. The event takes place in downtown Dallas at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel where you can access all sessions and events under one roof without having to go outside. As an added benefit, you have access to a special discount rate at the Wyndham,. Just call 214-761-7500 or 800-wyndham to make your reservations by mentioning IECA. Finally, we offer a money back guarantee, so if you aren't satisfied with EC05, we will refund 100% of your registration fees.

I hope you will join us at EC05. Many companies and organizations have already registered. This is a great event that offers you relevant and useful education, valuable networking with your peers and an energizing environment that will motivate your career.

P.S. Again, we are confident you will receive abundant value at EC05. If you don't, your registration fee will be completely refunded...no questions asked!

“NPDES - From Problems to Solutions” 2004 Conference Wrap-Up

by Charles Riling

The first ever West Virginia hosted Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association was held at the Northern Gateway to the Shenandoah Valley on September 14th, 15th and 16th at the Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia. With 150 participants at the conference, they were greeted with an opening production showing numerous scenes of West Virginia's beauty. Ray Charles provided the opening background music with his stellar rendition of "America the Beautiful". This was followed by a brief welcoming to WV and the state's unofficial theme song by John Denver: "Take Me Home County Roads".

The opening session was filled with opening comments from the many partners that helped to make this conference a success. Mr. Bruce Julian provided the keynote address. Bruce is the Branch Chief of the Water Resources Programs for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington, D.C. His knowledge and in site to the complete realm of federal and



state programs involving the many aspects of water, watersheds, erosion and sediment control issues and the many programs that are available to local and state groups was very informative. Many thanks go to John Peterson for securing such a knowledgeable speaker.

After the opening session, the afternoon and the

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methods and products for erosion and sediment control, stormwater management and stream restoration. I had the opportunity to attend the field trip and found the experience to be well worth the effort. I hope more of our members will take advantage of the field trips at future conferences. The field trips are unique to the area where the conference is held and provide a "behind the scenes look" at erosion and sediment control. A special thanks goes to Charles Riling, WV MAC/IECA Representative, and his wife, Jane, for their efforts in making this event a success.

One of the goals set forth for 2004 was to increase our chapter membership. As of December 31, 2004, the MAC/IECA has a membership of over 140 members. This is a 22 % increase over 2003. Membership in the MAC/IECA provides a wonderful opportunity to network with your peers within the erosion and sediment control industry within the Mid-Atlantic Area. Including access to the regional distributors and manufacturers of erosion and sediment control products, equipment and geosynthetic products and to see demonstration of their products and equipment first hand; an opportunity to meet with educators and government officials in a friendly environment that is beneficial to all parties; an opportunity to mentor others and to receive mentoring from those more knowledgeable; and opportunities to outreach with your schools and communities. Let's make this the year to get involved with your environment. For more information, contact any board member or feel free to contact me. Our goal is to increase our membership to

over 160 for 2005.

Speaking of 2005, mark your calendars for the MAC/IECA 12th Annual Conference. This year's conference will be in Ocean City, Maryland on October 31 and November 1 and 2, 2005. It is guaranteed to be "Spooktacular". There will also be a one-day workshop in James City County (Williamsburg), Virginia in the 2005. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the workshop planned for 2004 did not happen; however, I have been assured that the workshop will happen in 2005. There are also plans for a Sediment Control and Storm Water Workshop in Johnstown, Pennsylvania for the fall of 2005. Be sure to visit our website at www.macieca.org often to obtain information about these, and other exciting events, under our Upcoming Events section.

Remember the chapter is currently expanding the website to provide even more information for our users. Our part time webmaster can now keep our members and others more informed with ease via the internet. Our users can download registration forms for workshops and conferences electronically and we also offer Internet links to our members to help promote their ideas and concepts. We plan to explore the options of advertisements on our website. The MAC/IECA website is the best way to stay current on all of the chapter events.

Thank you, for allowing me to serve as your President this past year and please welcome our new President, Bill Schelling. I am sure he will receive the great support I did from members like you. Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter. I am sure you will find it to be both informative and entertaining.



Mike Clowser of the WV Contractors Association addresses audience during opening session.

next morning was filled with three concurrent breakout technical presentations in four different sessions. The sessions included topics such as: Stream Restoration, Effective Basin Design, PAM for Erosion and Turbidity Control, Low Impact Development, and many, many more. In all, this conference had 32 different speakers. Upon my return to the "other job at the WVDOH", I heard numerous comments from various people within West Virginia that the technical sessions were so good that they wished that it would have been possible to attend all of them. With that note, I own a great deal of thanks and gratitude to the sole member of the Technical Committee – Mr. Robert Connelly. He was drafted to take on this chore against his will and did an outstanding job in putting the Technical Program and speakers together that made this conference a huge success. Robert's dedication and belief in this Chapter and its endeavors have once again come to the forefront. It is impossible Thank him enough for an outstanding job.

In addition to the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control tutorial being offer at this conference; we also offered the Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality tutorial for the first time ever. Mr. David Ward of CPESC, Inc. was the instructor for eight folks taking the CPESC tutorial and our own Mr. Charles Wilson had six people in the CPSWQ class. The exams for each were offered the following day. Mr. Wilson proctored five people taking the CPESC exam and an additional five people taking the CPSWQ.

Mrs. Barbara Elliott of the West Virginia Conservation Agency led a group of people on the field trip which included stops at the US Fish & Wildlife Training Center and the Freshwater Institute both located

in Shepardstown, WV. All that attended enjoyed both stops as well as taking in some of the wonderful West Virginia scenery on the trip.

The conference closed with a luncheon speaker on Thursday. Mr. George Mason is the Engineering Manager for the largest construction project currently going on in West Virginia – The Marmet Locks and Dam Replacement on the Kanawha River. Mr. Mason called me at 9am that morning that he was just leaving the project site. It is a 5 hour drive from Charleston to Martinsburg. He indicated that he was coming to make his presentation even if only 1 person remained. George arrived around 1pm. They were approximately 10 people left. All was really impressed with his presentation. Maybe we can get George in Ocean City. Many thanks to George for wanting to fulfill his commitment to the conference.

Oh, by the way. All the events of Thursday and Friday proceeded and came off without a hitch even with the threat of Hurricane Ivan that hit the Martinsburg area Friday evening.

There are many folks to thank when an event such as this is held. If it were not for the dedication of these people as well as their agencies, I would have been in big trouble. Please bear with me while I tell you a little about these people. The MAC/IECA had several partners involved with planning and putting this conference together and making sure it came off without a hitch.

The West Virginia Conservation Agency, the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the Contractor's Association of West Virginia provided unlimited personnel and support to making this first effort in West Virginia a complete success. The Conservation Agency and District handled the registration, field trip and numerous other operations flawlessly through-out the conference. A special thanks goes to Pam Russell and Jami Thompson of the Conservation Agency for handling and managing the registration not only prior to the conference but during it as well. I know that Scott Keefer told me that he was pleased to be able to enjoy a conference without worrying about registration. I want to thank Truman Wolf and Jim Moore for lending excellent, professional folks to make this conference one to remember.

Look for other articles within this newsletter regarding the conference.

MANY THANKS TO ALL

PA Workshop Announced

by Tanya Lelo

Mark your calendars now to attend a special workshop for engineers and Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control (E&SPC) plan developers co-sponsored by the Cambria County Conservation District and MAC-IECA, on Post-Construction Stormwater Management and BMP's. The workshop is scheduled for August 10, 2005, at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (PA) Conference Center.

This day-long workshop will feature guest speakers who will focus on timely topics relating to Post Construction Stormwater Management, BMP's and pertinent regulatory issues. Vendors are tentatively scheduled as well.

The workshop will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Space will be limited, so pre-registration will be required. Cost will be \$50 per person, or \$40 for MAC-IECA members. This includes registration, materials and handouts, a continental breakfast, cafeteria-style lunch, and refreshments. Overnight lodging will also be available. Additional details to follow. The list of guest speakers has not yet been finalized, but information will be available on the MAC-IECA website by Spring 2005.

For further information, contact Bobbie Blososky at Cambria County Conservation District at 814-472-2120.

2005 MAC IECA ELECTION RESULTS

by: Rob Lawson, Nominations Committee Chairman

Yet another year passes and we still produce one of the best chapter boards that can be found anywhere! The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is fortunate to have an abundance of talent and expertise, as it relates to our field, and 2005 will be no different. The torch of president will be passed from Mr. Paul Cement to long time member Mr. Bill Schelling. And with much pleasure, we are honored to have Mr. Dave Snyder elected to serve another term as 1st Vice-President. The well deserved 2nd Vice-president will be none other than Mr. Charles Riling, who was instrumental in making this years conference in West Virginia a huge success. Look whose back serving as Secretary, the "hardest working man in the erosion business", Mr. Ed Stein. Treasurer will once again be served by Mr. Scott Keefer, who always keeps us in the black.

Wow, what a line-up and remember you can serve on the board in other capacities like state reps for instance. Get involved and be a part of this (always)exciting chapter family!

2004 Annual Golf Tournament

by Bill Schelling

On September 14, we had our annual golf tournament to kick off the 11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association's Conference, Workshop and Trade Show held in Martinsburg, WV on September 15th and 16th, 2004.

Twenty-three (23) players made their ascent on the "Woods Resort" and all had a good time. We even had good weather to make the outing a more enjoyable time.

I would like to thank the following people for their prize donations:

- 1: John Peterson – KEMP Consultants
- 2: Tom Deloreto – Atlantic Construction Fabrics
- 3: Tanya Lelo – Clinton Co. Conservation District
- 4: Rob Lawson - North American Green
- 5: Matt Showan – Maccaferri Inc.
- 6: Joe Oricchio – Stormwater Management Inc.

Again, thanks to all these great people and their companies. If I omitted anyone else, please forgive me.

One of the companies above gave many hats. Did I say many hats? So many that the master of ceremonies at the evening social was beginning to make jokes about the hats. I have a little influence in that company, so maybe we can change that for next year.

Charles Riling (Mountain Willy) / Chairperson of the conference, was able to procure golf balls with our logo on them and golf towels with our logo on them as well. We used them for handouts to the players. They were very nice. Thank you also, Charlie.

I would also like to thank Charles "Butch" Wilson for co-chairing the golf. He made working on this committee a lot of fun. I understand he has already volunteered for next year's golf tournament in Ocean City.

GET IN THE GAME!

If you are not a MAC/IECA member, you should be! Don't be on the outside, looking in. Be a part of what the MAC/IECA is doing!

Be a part of the network of professionals devoted to sharing their expertise in the control of accelerated soil erosion. Not only can you learn, you can contribute your experiences to this effort.

As a member, you will be kept informed of important chapter events such as workshops, training programs, product demonstrations and the annual conference. You will receive the chapter newsletter and all other printed or electronic correspondence.

Is membership cost effective? You bet it is! You can recoup the annual individual chapter fee of \$15.00 by attending just one workshop or conference. For example, as a MAC/IECA member, you save about \$25.00 off a nonmember admission to chapter-sponsored workshops. You will save about 35.00 off a nonmember admission to our annual conference. (Please remember that you or your employer must be an IECA member for you to join the MAC/IECA.)

For further information please visit our website at www.macieca.org or call Dave Snyder, membership chairman, at 800-438-0027.



Results of the Membership Questionnaire

by Dave Snyder

The MAC/IECA mailed a questionnaire to its members and also handed out the same questionnaire to attendees of the 2004 MAC/IECA annual conference in Martinsburg. Also known as a Member Needs Assessment Survey, it asked for input about several topics in order to determine future chapter actions. Here are highlights from the responses:

When asked which one day workshop topics they would like to see offered, respondents had these five favorites (1 being most important):

1. Slope Stabilization
2. E & SC on Construction Sites
3. Stormwater Management
4. Streambank & Channel Stabilization
5. Vegetative Establishment

When asked which month(s) they would most likely attend a workshop, respondents generally liked most months except June and July!

Respondents overwhelmingly preferred classroom and field training to classroom training only.

Regarding technical sessions at the MAC/IECA annual conference, these topics were most popular (1 being most important):

1. Slope Stabilization
2. Stormwater Management
3. Streambank & Channel Stabilization
4. E & SC on Construction Sites
5. Regulatory Compliance

Responses to other questions often had a common theme: the desire for product demonstrations, on site field tours, hands-on workshops, etc.

The MAC/IECA will consider these responses when planning our upcoming events. The MAC/IECA 's Board of Directors sincerely thank those people who completed the questionnaires.

For more information, please contact Dave Snyder at (800) 438-0027.

Upcoming Events for 2005

February 20-23:

EC05-IECA's Annual Conference and Expo
Wyndham Anatole Hotel
Dallas, TX
Contact: www.ieca.org

February 23:

Urban Nutrient Management Workshop
Holiday Inn
Martinsburg, WV
Contact: Carla Hardy (304)538-7581
www.wvca.us/dl/carla/brochure.zip

March 23-24:

WV Equipment, Technology, Design
Exposition
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV
Contact: Pat Parsons (304)342-3976
www.wvexpo.com

August 10:

PA Workshop
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Johnstown, PA
Contact: Bobbie Blososky (814)472-2120

October 31-November 2:

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Contact: Ed Stein (410) 679-4441

Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association (MAC/IECA)

Newsletter Advertisement Form

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Please note articles and pictures should use the following format:

- 1 All articles submitted should be in MS-Word. Use Times New Roman, Font Size 11. Use spell check and grammar check. Website articles are acceptable if presented in the correct MS-Word format.
- 2 All photographs should be JPEG format. The resolution should be 640X480 or 800X600. All photos should be in color. All photos should include a caption (identify people).

Please complete the form and return with a check (made out to MAC/IECA) to **Mr. Charles Riling, Jr., 1119 Highland Road, Charleston, WV 25302..** Mr. Riling can be contacted at (304)558-9761 or criling@dot.state.wv.us for further information. You may pay for one or two issues at a time.

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