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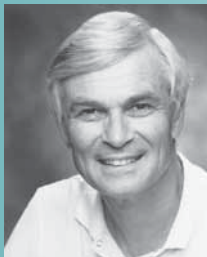
### **Pamela Allison**

Pamela is currently a Technical Consultant for Buckman Laboratories (Pty) Ltd SA, where her activities include odour abatement projects for paper mills, conducting Legionella Audits and Risk Assessments of cooling water systems, water recycling and re-use, slime control on paper machines and other technical topics. She previously held the position of Technical Manager for Buckman, where she headed up their Research and Development, Quality Assurance, Environmental Management and Technical Services departments. She has written and co-authored several technical papers on a variety of topics in papermaking and industrial water treatment, and holds a BSc Hons (cum laude) from the University of Natal.



### **Dr Michael D Birkett**

Mike Birkett is a Chartered Scientist, Chartered Chemist and Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry has a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Salford, UK. After working for 17 years in the research department of a dyestuffs and organic chemicals company in the UK, Mike moved to South Africa in 1982 and joined Mintek (Council for Mineral Technology) where he did research work on electrochemical processes for the mining industry. In 1984 Mike joined the Sappi Technology Centre where he has been for the last 24 years. Currently Mike is the Manager of the Chemical Sciences Department at the Sappi Technology Centre in Pretoria.



### **Dr Günter Gerischer**

After 36 years of teaching and research at the Department of Wood Science at the University of Stellenbosch, 25 years of which were spent as a Professor, Gunter has written over 100 scientific publications. He has a BSc Forestry (US), MSc Wood Science (US) and a PhD Wood Science (US), with 5 years of industrial experience within the paper industry. Gunter is currently retired and operating a small offset printing business for the printing of corporate stationary.



### **Bob Heimann**

Bob graduated from Wits University with a BSc in 1962, and has since worked at Usutu Pulp Company, Stanger Pulp and Paper, Carlton Paper and as a Research and Development Chemist at Wiggins Teape Converters, Johnson and Johnson, DRG Sellotapes and Pratley Polymers. Bob's current employment with Pratley Polymers deals with research in the field of thermosetting resins and bonding of low surface energy polymeric materials in which field he holds patents.



### **Casper Nice**

Casper is a Chemical Engineer with an MSc in Woodscience. He has worked for Mondi for 20 years, in which time he was also the Technical Director for Mondi South Africa. He is presently self-employed as a freelance consultant and owner member of three closed corporations.



### **Dr Bruce Sithole**

Bruce is currently a Principal Scientist and Group Leader at FPInnovations-Paprican Division (formerly called the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada), Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada. He holds a bachelors' degree from the University of Sierra Leone, a masters' degree from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and a PhD degree from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada. After postdoctoral work at Health and Welfare Canada and the National Research Council in Ottawa he joined the Pulp & Paper Research Institute of Canada in 1987. His research interests in wood chemistry, deposit control, wet-end issues, and environmental effects of additives have resulted in over 80 publications including 4 book chapters. He consults and gives lectures on these topics and has supervised graduate students at Carleton University and the University of British Columbia.

# THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

## Policy

Technical papers submitted for publication in TAPPSA Journal are subjected to a peer review process. The review ensures that the papers meet the following criteria:

- (a) The technical content of the paper is pertinent to the pulp and paper industry
- (b) The presentation of the paper is suitable. Technical results and conclusions must be presented in a well structured way, including figures and tables. English language must be used in the paper in comprehensible style.
- (c) The paper must not be of a promotional nature.
- (d) The paper is original and contains new ideas, concepts, methods or data and is capable of enhancing the technical knowledge of the reader.
- (e) The technical quality of the paper is suitable. The technical approach and methods of deriving results must be valid. The results must be discussed in a balanced way. Related work must be acknowledged, including literature references.

## Procedures

- 2.1 Authors submit potential publications to the Executive Director of TAPPSA.
- 2.2 The TAPPSA Executive Director ensures that the paper complies with the criteria listed in (a), (b) and (c) above and signs the check list. If the paper does not comply with the criteria then it is rejected. The TAPPSA Executive Director notifies the author of the decision. The paper may be resubmitted by the author after amendments are made.
- 2.3 If the paper complies with the criteria the TAPPSA Executive Director sends the paper to a selected member of the Editorial Board of TAPPSA Journal to coordinate the review.
- 2.4 The selected Editorial Board member selects two reviewers with expertise in the topic of the paper. The reviewers may be editorial board members or selected from a list of known experts. If a reviewer is an Editorial Board member then another Editorial Board member must coordinate the review.
- 2.5 The paper is sent by the coordinator to the two reviewers together with the TAPPSA Guide for Reviewers.
- 2.6 Reviewers complete a report on the paper using the TAPPSA Guide for Reviewers. The reviewer makes a recommendation whether the paper is accepted for publication with or without amendment or is rejected. The reports are sent to the review coordinator. Reviewers must not discuss the paper with each other.
- 2.7 The review coordinator ensures that the two reports are consistent and completes the review completion form. Should the review reports conflict then the review coordinator must resolve the conflict (the use of a third reviewer may be required)
- 2.8 The review coordinator sends the review completion form and the reviewers' reports and recommendations to the TAPPSA Executive Director.
- 2.9 The TAPPSA Executive Director notifies the author of acceptance, rejection or need to amend the paper before publication.
- 2.10 If the recommendation of the reviewers is that the paper needs to be amended before being accepted for publication, then the author must resubmit the amended paper to the TAPPSA Executive Director.
- 2.11 The TAPPSA Executive Director sends the amended paper and the Review Completion Form to the review coordinator for final acceptance.
- 2.12 The review coordinator must complete the review of the amended paper (with the reviewers if necessary) and send the completed Review Completion Form to the TAPPSA Executive Director.

If the review coordinator and the reviewers believe the paper is still in need of amendment, a report is compiled by the review coordinator and attached to the Review Completion Form. The author is then required to amend the paper, which must then be further reviewed according to this procedure before publication can be recommended.

## Reference

Authors' requirements can be downloaded from [www.tapps.co.za](http://www.tapps.co.za).