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# Newsletter

## **2002 – 2003 Kick-Off Event**

**Topic:** Informal Social Gathering and Discussion of IGTI Technical Committees

**Invited Lecturer:** *Mr. Michael Davi*  
Member – International Gas Turbine Institute division of ASME

*Pinhead Susan's*  
28-40 North Broadway, Schenectady, NY

**Thursday, September 19, 2002**  
6:15 pm to 8:45 pm

**Cost: \$17.00 (Non-Members \$20.00)**

technical support, including development of multi-project agreements, contractual amendments and launching each project as it transitions seamlessly to the specific project management teams. One hundred and two (102) GE gas and steam turbines, covering nineteen projects, in thirteen states have been brought into commercial operation by DENA over the last three years, making DENA the largest generator drive customer in a three year period in the history of GE Power Systems.

Mr. Davi's formal education includes a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MS in Industrial Administration from Union College complemented with over a dozen GE corporate courses in Leadership, Management and Marketing. He is an active member of the International Gas Turbine Institute (IGTI) division of ASME and serves in key positions with both the Electric Power and Environmental/Regulatory Affairs Committees of IGTI.

## **2002-03 SEASON KICK-OFF EVENT**

On Thursday, September 19, 2002, the Hudson-Mohawk Section of ASME will host its annual social event at Pinhead Susan's from approximately 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. There will be a cash bar and dinner (Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken ala Susan, or Susan's Sizzler, salad, ziti or potato, vegetable, coffee, and dessert) for \$17.00 per member (\$3.00 non-member).

Learn how the IGTI committees are organized and how you can get involved. Mr. Michael Davi, member of the International Gas Turbine Institute division of ASME, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Davi is active in organizing the 2003 IGTI Turbo Expo to be held in Atlanta. Turbo Expo is an annual technical conference and trade show for the gas turbine industry. IGTI is one of the largest divisions of ASME.

### ***About the speakers:***

Michael A. Davi has held a variety of positions with GE Power Systems and other GE businesses over the past 26 years. The positions include assignments with Apparatus Service, Gas Turbine Combustion Development, GE CR&D, Knolls Atomic Power Labs, and Application Engineering. Currently he is in what began as a newly established role of Strategic Customer Manager as a dedicated "front end" (Inquiry to Order) contact for all of the Duke Energy North America (DENA) projects. In this position, Michael is responsible for coordinating all DENA commercial and

### ***Event/Meeting Details***

New members and students are highly encouraged to attend. After all, a major benefit of your membership is networking opportunities. So, get your money's worth! Come to the social and network! The technical program will start at approximately 8 PM.

### ***Directions:***

From I-890, take the Erie Boulevard Exit and follow Erie Boulevard to Liberty Street (Amtrak Station). Turn right onto Liberty, go under the railroad bridge and take an immediate right into the public parking lot. Pinhead Susan's is across from the parking lot on Liberty.

Please RSVP to Fred Willett by Tuesday, September 17 ([Fwillett@pti-gt.com](mailto:Fwillett@pti-gt.com)).

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## Section Chair's Message

September marks the start of another program year for our section. I have the privilege of assuming the chairmanship from Paul Kehoe, whose work over the last few years has greatly strengthened our section.

We have many excellent program ideas on tap and need just a little help to turn them into successful programs. Volunteering for the Program Committee is a great way to get involved with your local section and make contact with your engineering colleagues. Volunteers should call me at (518) 347-0271.

I'm hopeful that we will see an increase in section membership this year. Our membership has declined over the past few years, perhaps the result of forced relocation of some of our members. The large number of non-members attending the Madison Wind Farm tour last year gives me reason to hope that there are many potential new members in our area. I encourage you to invite your colleagues to our meetings, where they can learn more about the benefits of membership. I plan to initiate some form of recognition/appreciation for successful recruiters.

One of my goals as section chair is a 100% web-based newsletter. Mailing costs are our #1 expense. My vision is to use the section web site exclusively for the dissemination of section news. With the money saved, we can subsidize monthly programs, pay travel expenses for out-of-town speakers, and offer more to our members.

One final point of interest: everyone who has succeeded me in an ASME Hudson-Mohawk volunteer role has done a much better job than I did. With this history, I feel confident in assuring you that the next person to hold the chair will do a superb job.

Welcome to the 2002-2003 program year. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our meetings.

Fred Willett

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## Section Newsletter

The newsletter will be posted at:  
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