

Poster Presentations, An International Perspective



Carol Bois (Bois Consulting) studies one of 90 posters on display

The 90 posters presented at this year's conference included 16 international offerings. Posters were delivered by representatives from Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, India, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Romania, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, demonstrating clearly that environmental science and engineering is a field without borders.

Among the many international attendees who presented posters this year was Adnan Massadeh, Faculty of Pharmacy with the Jordan University of Science and Technology Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy. Dr. Massadeh made the trip to Amherst from Irbid, Jordan's second largest city, where he devised an elegant method for deducing environmental contamination levels based on the concentration

of pollutants contained in road dust samples. Massadeh analyzed the copper and zinc levels of dust samples from two of Irbid's heavily trafficked roads. He presented the results of the study, which suggest vehicle exhaust emissions and asphalt paving material as sources of the trace metal contamination, during the Tuesday evening poster session.

"The international presenters and attendees here at the Conference are representative of the tremendous activity we're seeing in the field of environmental remediation around the world," said co-Director Paul Kostecki. "We are very pleased to welcome them this year and hope to see ever increasing international representation in the years to come." ~



Where were you when the Red Sox beat the Yanks?

BELIEVE IT! Soils Conference celebrates 20th Anniversary at UMass Amherst and THE RED SOX BEAT THE YANKEES in New York to win the American League Championship Series and make history. "They got there with the most unbelievable comeback in baseball history," said ESPN, "shaming the New York Yankees."

On Wednesday October 20th, as conference-goers were settling into one last night of workshops and networking, the Red Sox were settling into their groove. After suffering a 19 to 8 drubbing by the Yanks in Game 3, the Sox turned the tide with a Game 4 victory on Sunday and never looked back.

Boston built up a head of steam with two more wins, then exploded in Wednesday's Game 7 with a stunning 10-3 victory that quieted the Yanks and sent the Sox screaming off to St. Louis where they would sweep the Cardinals and finally reverse the curse. Spontaneous celebrations erupted across New England. Hordes of UMass students poured out of their dorms to hail the champs and revile the Yanks.

In response to reports of raucous celebrating on campus that kept some attendees up all night, conference co-Director Paul Kostecki said, "We're happy to share our 20th Anniversary moment in the sun with the boys from Boston. Go Red Sox!" ~

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