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Cover Photo: Flue gas desulfurization (FGD) gypsum offers the agriculture industry a material that enhances soil quality, while promoting global sustainability. In this issue of *Ash at Work*, Chad Haynes, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Agriculture, explores "FGD Gypsum's Place in American Agriculture." Also, see page 55 for details on the upcoming workshop, "Agricultural and Industrial Uses of FGD Gypsum."



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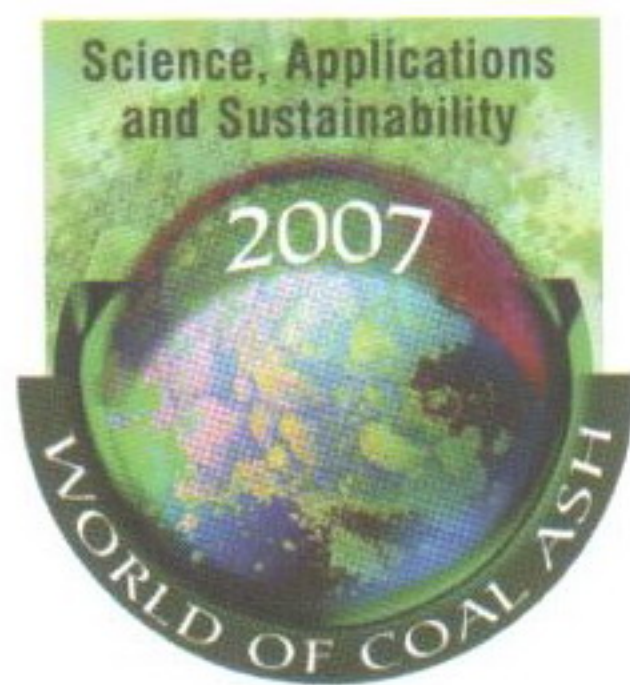
# WORLD OF COAL ASH CONFERENCE

## Another banner year in 2007

By Melissa Burke, American Coal Ash Association



**T**he World of Coal Ash Conference held May 7 to 10, 2007 attracted more than 500 guests representing 21 countries. This biennial event is organized jointly by the American Coal Ash Association and University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research. These organizations first came together in 2005, combining previously separate international symposia. The first WOCA was held in Lexington, Ky. This year's location was the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, near Cincinnati.



Distinguished attendees (left to right) William Wolfe, Ishwar Murarka, Behrad Zand, Tom Jansen and Ken Ladwig were joined at WOCA '07 by more than 500 guests from 21 nations around the world.





Catherine Vial of the U.S. Department of Commerce gave an overview of the opportunities for companies to expand trade and business relationships outside of the United States. Her plenary presentation gave an international perspective to the opening session.



Irina Putilov addresses the audience during a session on managing ash transport and handling. She, along with her father, Dr. Vyacheslav Y. Putilov of the Industrial Ecology Academy, represented the Moscow Power Engineering Institute. This was Ms. Putilov's second visit to WOCA.

Participants enjoyed an extraordinary variety of topics pertinent to the CCP industry. All levels of understanding from novice to expert were accom-

modated. The conference began with a heartily attended welcome reception and proceeded with an agenda comprised of four parallel sessions over three days,



John Sager (second from right), Dr. Tom Robl (second from left) of UKCAER and Dave Goss of ACAA congratulate representatives of the University of Puerto Rico who submitted three posters for the Poster Session. These posters were later selected for the Poster Award along with one submitted by Robin Guynn of Environmental Resources Management.



Dr. Rodney Andrews, acting director of the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research welcomes attendees to WOCA '07. The conference was jointly organized by UKCAER and ACAA this year and in 2005. Both organizations recognize the value and strength of this partnership and the value its diverse program brings to the Coal Combustion Products community.