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## Carbon Fibers 2008 - Industry Still

**CompositesWorld Conferences** held its annual carbon fibers executive conference in Charleston, SC. The event, held at the Charleston Marriott Hotel, hosted about 150 attendees to discuss and learn about the market and applications for carbon fiber reinforcements. The program once again included a wide array of quality topics discussing products, new technologies and emerging opportunities for carbon fiber material suppliers and manufacturers. In all, there were two dozen presenters and discussion sessions, in addition to two pre-conference seminars were held on the first day of the program.

With regards to the aerospace and defense markets for carbon fiber, this event had much to offer. The two preconference seminars shed much light on the demand for carbon composites in the commercial transport aircraft market, in addition to forecasts and projections for the wider aerospace industry. The general session presentations covered a number of other relevant topics including the impact of oil and energy prices on carbon fiber production, new carbon fiber manufacturers; composites applications, recycling carbon fibers, carbon fiber production and processing equipment, among others.

situation for carbon fiber as well as the future prospect for growth of new carbon fiber composite applications.

**You can get more details on this and next's years High-Performance Fibers and Carbon Fibers events at CMR's online calendar of events at [www.composite-marketreports.com/Calendar.html](http://www.composite-marketreports.com/Calendar.html) or Ralph Jessie, conference manager, at (207) 221-6000, fax (207) 221-5848 or by e-mail to [rjessie@compositesworld.com](mailto:rjessie@compositesworld.com).**

### OIL COSTS IMPACTING CF MARKET

Dr. David Service, CEO of **Bluestar Fibres Company Ltd.** gave a very informative presentation updating similar presentations he had made at the Carbon Fibers events in 2001 and 2006. Bluestar represents one of the leading independent suppliers of carbon fiber precursor. *"The Impact of the Rising Price of Oil and China on the Carbon Fiber Market"* surveyed the cost relationships between oil and various feedstock materials

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Planning for the up coming **Carbon Fiber 2009** conference is underway. The event is scheduled to be held December 9-11, 2009 at the new Hilton San Diego Bayfront in downtown San Diego. CompositesWorld's Conference Director Scott Stephenson is recruiting speakers and participants. Following the same general format as previous Carbon Fibers conferences, this event will provide another lively forum to discuss the evolving supply and demand