



ISO/TC 61 on Plastics



Greetings from Warren D. Ketola, Chairman, US Technical Advisory Group (US/TAG) to ISO/TC 61

Dear International Delegates to ISO/TC 61,

The US/TAG to ISO/TC 61 and the entire US delegation wishes you and your families a warm welcome to the ISO/TC 61 meeting in Orlando, Florida from 20-26 September 2008!

The US has been an active participant in the important work of ISO/TC 61 since the committee's inception. The US/TAG coordinates US involvement in the ISO standards development process. Since 1993, ASTM International has administered the US/TAG under Subcommittee D20.61 of ASTM International's Committee on Plastics. Subcommittee D20.61 is responsible for US review and balloting of all standards developed by ISO/TC 61. The administration of the US/TAG to ISO/TC 61 is funded by contributions from US industry and by individual members of the US/TAG.

We wish to thank Dr. Michael Fisher, Chairman of ISO/TC 61, for his support and encouragement of the decision to host the 2008 meeting in the USA. In addition, we would like to thank the meeting staff at ASTM International for their tireless work in making this meeting a reality. Finally, we would especially like to thank our sponsors for their generous support, without which this meeting would not have been possible:

- **US/TAG Fund**
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Please join us in showing your appreciation to these organizations and their representatives during the meeting.

Products made from plastics play a critical role in many areas such as healthcare, transportation, packaging, and construction that increases the quality of our lives in many ways. The work of ISO/TC 61 is especially important for continued technical development and facilitation of international trade in the plastics industry. We encourage the members of ISO/TC 61 to work together to develop new and improve existing international standards that will benefit industry, regulators, and society at large.

I look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren D. Ketola". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Warren D. Ketola
Chairman, US/TAG to ISO/TC 61