

A Letter from the President of IPSUSA Seminars, Inc.

To: IPS Members and the Energetic Materials and Devices Community

On June 1, 2021, IPSUSA Seminars, Inc. distributed its First Call for Papers for the 45th International Pyrotechnics Seminar, which will be held from July 10-15, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO.

As you all know, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have not been able to hold the IPS Seminars in the US since 2018. It is the intention of IPSUSA to host the 2022 IPS Seminar as an in-person meeting, as we have always done. We have no plans to utilize any type of virtual format for this Seminar. We believe strongly that we must return to in-person conference venues, because of the many benefits associated with these types of meetings that are not achieved in virtual settings.

This letter is essentially a **call for help and support** from the Energetics Community.

It is critical that the 2022 IPS Seminar go forward, as this venue is paramount to the future success of IPSUSA Seminars, Inc. as an organization. IPSUSA Seminars, Inc. suffered significant financial losses due to the cancellation of the 2020 IPSUSA Seminar. If we have losses for the 2022 venue due to cancellation of the Seminar, IPSUSA Seminars Inc. will not have adequate funds to go forward. It is quite possible that IPSUSA Seminars will be out of business and will no longer be able to host the IPS Seminars in the US.

Bottom line, the IPS Seminar in July 2022 is a "do or die" situation for IPSUSA Seminars, Inc.!

This is where your help and support comes in . . . please consider submitting an abstract for a presented paper or poster for the 2022 venue as soon as possible. If you can't present at the Seminar, please support it by planning to attend. If you have not received the First Call for Papers and associated registration forms, please contact our Seminar Coordinator, Linda Crouse, at lcrouseipsusaseminars@gmail.com.

Also, please pass this letter and the Call for Papers/Registration forms along to anyone who might be interested in presenting and/or attending the 2022 IPS Seminar. Thanks in advance for your support in helping us to have a successful 2022 Seminar.

Sincerely,



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