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To help you make the best use of your time while there, we have in this issue continued the preview begun in last month's. Even more preview information can be found in our Web Exclusive article at mpw.plasticstoday.com. And, as if that is not enough, check out NPE2009 Central at our interactive web portal, PlasticsToday.com, to get up-to-date news on flight and hotel costs, conference news, and more.

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