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ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS, EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS FOR 2020 (20th Anniversary) EVENT

DRIVING INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Troy, (DETROIT) MICH. – The SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Expo (ACCE) team is announcing its Call for Papers, Exhibitors & Sponsors for their 20th annual event September 9 - 11, 2020 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Mich. in the Detroit suburbs. “Driving Innovative Transportation,” is the theme for the 20th anniversary event emphasizing polymer composites as the leading technology driving innovation in automotive electrification, mobility and autonomy. The ACCE features technical sessions, panel discussions, keynotes, and exhibits highlighting advances in materials, processes, and equipment for both thermoset and thermoplastic composites in a wide variety of transportation applications. Networking breakfasts, lunches, and receptions enhance the value of the event that attracts over 900 attendees worldwide. The Automotive and Composites Divisions of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE®) jointly produce the ACCE to educate the industry about the benefits of composites in transportation applications.

The 2020 ACCE will be co-chaired by 2018 and 2019 ACCE co-chair Dr. Alper Kiziltas, technical expert, Sustainability and Emerging Materials, Ford Motor Company, SPE Automotive Div. vice-chair & education committee chair and Dr. Xiaosong Huang, lab group manager of Polymer Composite Systems in GM Global Research & Development, General Motors Company. “The 2020 ACCE will be the best one ever celebrating 20 years of educating the industry about the design versatility, structural strength and lightweighting performance benefits of composite material technologies for advancing innovative automotive applications,” said Kiziltas. “I am very proud to co-chair ACCE because our company benefits by learning about the new technologies presented and incorporating them into our vehicles to reduce mass, enhance styling and improve performance,” said Huang.

The 2020 ACCE technical program will include 80 – 100 papers/presentations on industry advances (30 min. each) organized into the following categories: Thermoplastic Composites; Thermoset Composites; Modelling; Additive Manufacturing & 3D Printing; Enabling Technologies; Sustainable Composites; Bonding, Joining & Finishing; Carbon Composites; and Business Trends/Technology Solutions. Paper abstracts are due April 17th, 2020 and final papers or non-commercial presentations are due June 19th, 2020. Authors who submit full papers (not presentations) in the proper format will be considered for the conference’s Best Paper Awards, which are presented during the event’s opening ceremony. A template for papers can be downloaded from the SPE ACCE website online via <http://speautomotive.com/acce-forms>. Abstracts can be submitted via email to ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com.

The technical program will be co-chaired by returning 2018 and 2019 co-chairs Dr. Leonardo Simon, professor, Chemical Engineering at University of Waterloo and Dr. David Jack, associate professor, Mechanical Engineering at Baylor University and new co-chair Dr. Alex Kravchenko, assistant professor, Composites Modeling and Manufacturing Lab, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Old Dominion University. “Our students benefit annually by learning about composite technology advancements as well as the scholarship opportunities,” said Simon. “The ACCE is the premier technical composites educational event of the year – there is nothing else like it,” noted Jack. “I am looking forward to supporting ACCE as technical program co-chair and honored to contribute to the growth and success of this great event,” added Kravchenko.

Exhibit and Other Sponsorships offer companies the opportunity to support the event and promote their products and services to a very targeted and interested audience. Exhibit options include 20 ft. x 10 ft. Premier Plus, 15 ft. x 10 ft. Premier, and 10 ft. x 10 ft. Associate sponsorships all including an 8 ft. skirted table-top, electrical drop, carpet, waste basket and high speed WiFi. Other non-exhibit sponsorship options offering opportunities for corporate exposure include Breakfast, Lunch, Coffee Break and Reception sponsorships. Student Program Scholarship sponsorships are also available. All sponsorships include passes to the event including access to all technical sessions and daily networking breakfasts, lunches, coffee breaks and cocktail receptions. Sponsorship also includes advertising in the ACCE program guide, logo featured on signage throughout the venue and posted to the SPE ACCE website with a link to your website. Companies interested in supporting the event with sponsorship and showcasing their products and services should contact Teri Chouinard at teri@intuitgroup.com and go to www.speautomotive.com/acce-conference for more information.

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