

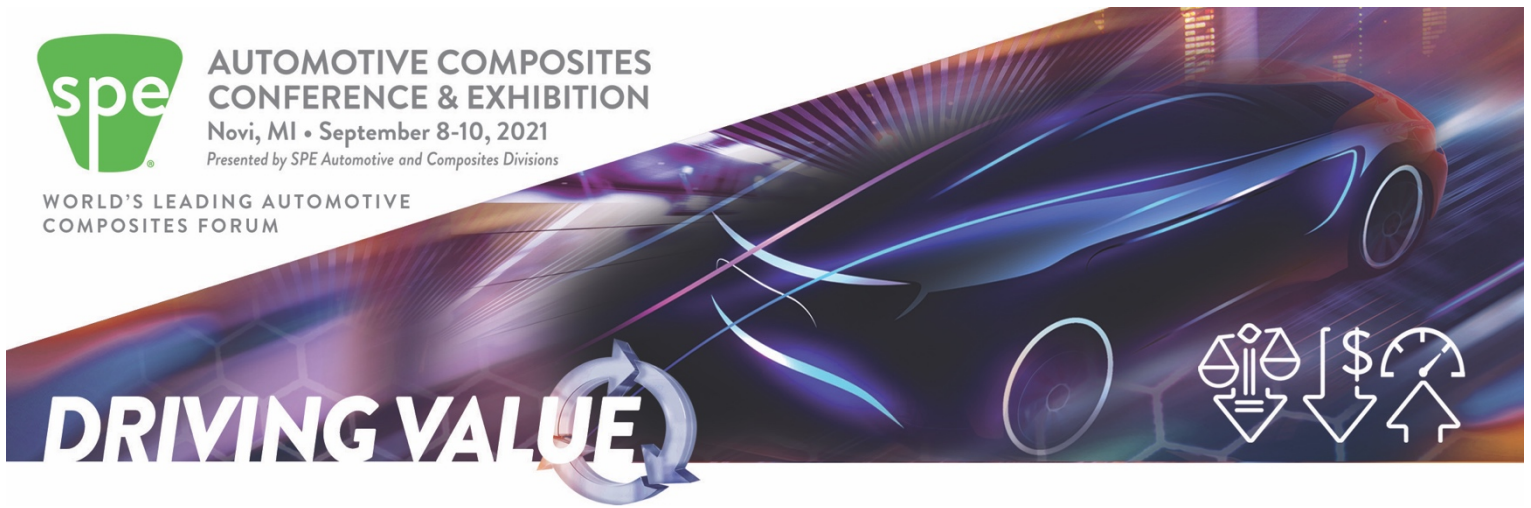


## AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Novi, MI • September 8-10, 2021

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# DRIVING VALUE

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**SPE® ACCE (AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXPO)**

**ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS, SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS FOR 2021 EVENT:**

**“COMPOSITES: DRIVING VALUE BY REDUCING WEIGHT AND COSTS & INCREASING PERFORMANCE”**

**Troy, (DETROIT) MICH.** – The SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Expo (ACCE) team is announcing its Call for Papers, Sponsors & Exhibitors for their 21<sup>ST</sup> annual event September 8 - 10, 2021 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan located in the Detroit suburbs. “Composites: Driving Value by Reducing Weight and Costs & Increasing Performance” is the theme for the 2021 event. 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 800 attendees from across the globe. 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 2021 ACCE will be co-chaired by 2018, 2019 and 2020 ACCE Technical Program co-chair Dr. Leonardo Simon, professor, Chemical Engineering at University of Waterloo; returning ACCE 2020 co-chair Dr. Xiaosong Huang, lab group manager of Polymer Composite Systems in GM Global Research & Development, General Motors Company; and Dr. Khaled W. Shahwan, senior technology leader – Advanced Technology & Pre-Development Programs, FCA US (Fiat Chrysler Automobiles). “We’re planning on ACCE 2021 being a live in-person event enabling personal networking with key automotive OEMS, top tier suppliers and other industry leaders which is an ACCE hallmark,” said Simon. “As our company continues to incorporate lightweighting, structural strength and innovative design technologies into our vehicles, I’m looking forward to attending a live event in 2021 to talk directly with suppliers,” said Huang.

The technical program will be co-chaired by returning 2018, 2019 and 2020 co-chair Dr. David Jack, professor, Mechanical Engineering at Baylor University and returning 2020 co-chair Dr. Alex Kravchenko, assistant professor, Composites Modeling and Manufacturing Group, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Old Dominion University. “The ACCE gives industry leaders, faculty and students the opportunity to present their automotive composites research and advance the industry while getting recognized for their contributions worldwide,” noted Jack. “It is an honor to continue to support the ACCE as technical program co-chair. I greatly value that ACCE supports students with scholarships and career opportunities as we develop the next generation workforce,” added Kravchenko.

**The 2021 ACCE technical program** will include 80 – 100 technical presentations on current and future industry advances. The topics are organized into the following categories: Thermoplastic Composites; Thermoset Composites; Modeling; Additive Manufacturing & 3D Printing; Enabling Technologies; Sustainable Composites; Bonding, Joining & Finishing; Carbon Composites; and Business Trends/Technology Solutions. Paper abstracts are requested as soon as possible and are due by April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Final papers or non-commercial presentations are due June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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](mailto:ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com)

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