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

**ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS, SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS FOR 2022 EVENT:**

**“COMPOSITES: THE KEY TO EV”**

**Troy, (DETROIT) MICH.** – The SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Expo (ACCE) team is announcing its Call for Papers, Sponsors & Exhibitors for their 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event September 7 - 9, 2022 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan. “Composites: The Key to EV” is the theme for the 2022 event. “Composites are playing a key role in the development of electric vehicles, said Dr. Leonardo Simon, professor, Chemical Engineering at University of Waterloo and returning ACCE 2022 -chair. “Lightweight composites are ideal materials for improving vehicle performance, reducing mass, extending range and compensating for battery weight,” continued Simon. “Polymer composites are also enabling lower emission vehicles, reducing carbon footprint and saving energy to benefit the environment now and in the future,” added Simon. “Thermoset and thermoplastic composites are the key to EV, Mobility & Sustainability.”

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 typically 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 technical program will be co-chaired by returning 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 co-chair Dr. David Jack, professor, Mechanical Engineering at Baylor University and returning 2020 and 2021 co-chair Dr. Alex Kravchenko, assistant professor, Composites Modeling and Manufacturing Group, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Old Dominion University, and new co-chair Dr. John W. (Jack) Gillespie Jr., director, Center for Composite Materials (CCM) at University of Delaware. “This year’s program will launch a new session/track of papers on Composites in Electric Vehicles and include presentations on how composites are enabling advances in mobility,” said Jack. “The technical program will also have an expanded track of papers on Sustainable Composites, said Kravchenko.

**The 2022 ACCE technical program** will include 80 – 100 technical presentations on current and future industry advances. In addition to the new category on Composites in Electric Vehicles, the presentations 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Final papers or non-commercial presentations are due June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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>. Inquiries about submitting papers can be sent to [ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com](mailto:ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com).

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