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SPE® ACCE (AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXPO) ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS, SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS FOR 2026 EVENT: “COMPOSITES: ADVANCING MOBILITY”

Troy, (DETROIT) MICH. – The SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Expo (ACCE) team is announcing its Call for Papers, Sponsors & Exhibitors for the 26th annual event Sept. 9 - 10, 2026 at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace in Novi, Michigan. “Composites: Advancing Mobility” is the theme for the 2026 event.

Papers and presentations at the event will highlight key industry advancements in categories including; Lightweighting, Performance and Design Improvements, Sustainable Solutions and more. New Technologies in process and targeted for the future will also be featured.

This year’s ACCE will once again feature two paths for contributions to the technical program, *Peer Reviewed Papers with a Technical Presentation* and a *Technical Presentation* only. Those who submit both a *Paper* and a *Technical Presentation* on time, will be eligible for a “Best Paper Award” that will be presented at the conference. Abstracts are due April 24, 2026 and Technical Content is due June 26, 2026. The official portal for Abstract Submissions will be available in February. For more info regarding the technical program, please contact Teri Chouinard at intuitgroup@gmail.com. Additional Info on Presenting/Sponsoring/Exhibiting and more is available via <https://speautomotive.com/acce-conference/>.

“The 2025 ACCE highlighted how composites are accelerating innovation across electric, autonomous, and sustainable transportation,” said Dr. Mike Siwajek, Vice President of Research and Development at CSP and ACCE 2026 Co-Chair. “In 2026, we’re building on that momentum and honing in on advancing mobility — showcasing how composite materials enable the next leap forward in performance, efficiency, and design. As the mobility landscape evolves, composites continue to be the driving force behind the solutions that will shape the future of transportation.”

“As we focus on advancing mobility, composites continue to unlock new possibilities for lighter, safer, and more energy-efficient transportation,” said Dr. Hendrik Mainka, Principal Program Lead and Head of Volkswagen Group Innovation Hub Knoxville and ACCE 2026 Co-Chair.

“Across global mobility programs, we see composite development accelerating in areas such as thermal management, structural integration, and sustainable material systems,” said Sara Simon, Global Sector Manager for Composites & Thermosets at NETZSCH and ACCE 2026 Technical Program Co-Chair. “ACCE 2026 will highlight where the industry is truly investing and how these projects are shaping the future landscape of mobility.”

“As we sharpen our focus on advancing mobility in 2026, composites remain central to solving the technical demands of next-generation transportation,” said Dr. David Jack, professor of Mechanical Engineering at Baylor University and ACCE 2026 Technical Program Co-Chair.

The 2026 ACCE technical program will include technical presentations on current and future industry advances. Before acceptance for a podium presentation, authors must submit either an archival scientific paper conforming to the conference guidelines or a technical presentation ready for archival. The archival papers or presentations are due June 26, 2026. Authors who submit scientific papers will be considered for the conference’s Best Paper Awards, which are presented during the event’s opening ceremony and announced through multiple outlets within the SPE. A template for papers can be downloaded from the SPE ACCE website online via <http://speautomotive.com/acce-forms>. Inquiries about submitting abstracts, scientific papers, and technical presentations can be sent to intuitgroup@gmail.com.

About ACCE: 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 currently attracts over 400 attendees from across the globe. Since 2001, the Automotive and Composites Divisions of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE®) have jointly produced the ACCE to educate the industry about the benefits of composites in transportation applications.

ACCE Sponsors are Leaders in the Automotive and Composites Industry. Their support enables the production of a first-class event with complimentary passes for Automotive and other Transportation OEMs to attend and learn about how composite technologies benefit their vehicles. Early Bird Sponsors to date for ACCE 2026 include: Dieffenbacher, Molding Products, Action Composite Technology, ALTA Performance Materials, Mitsubishi Chemical Group, Avient, Fmtec Solution and AOC.

A Variety of Sponsorship and Exhibit Options offer companies and organizations the opportunity to support the event and promote their products and services to a very targeted and interested audience. Student Poster Competition and Scholarship sponsorships are also available. All sponsorships include passes to the event including access to all keynotes, panel discussions, technical sessions and daily networking opportunities. Sponsorship also includes corporate exposure on SPE ACCE websites, advertising, publicity, social media, signage throughout the event venue and more. Companies interested in supporting the event with sponsorship and showcasing their products and services should contact Teri Chouinard at intuitgroup@gmail.com and go to www.speautomotive.com/acce-conference for more information.

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