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SPE® TO BESTOW “BEST PAPER” AWARDS FOR FIRST TIME AT '07 AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

Committee to Honor Excellence in Technical Writing for Papers Submitted in Materials, Processing / Enabling Technologies, & Composite Applications Categories

TROY (DETROIT), MICH. – For the first time in its seven-year history, the organizing committee of the SPE® ***Automotive Composites Conference & Exposition*** (ACCE) will bestow three “*Best Paper*” awards at its conference to recognize excellence in technical writing. The winning entries will be selected from among written papers (not slide presentations) submitted for peer review in the categories of *New Materials*, *Processing / Enabling Technologies*, and *New Composite Applications*. Winning authors will receive plaques commemorating their achievement during a special ceremony at this year’s conference.

Authors interested in presenting at the conference and competing for the awards should e-mail abstracts or complete papers or presentations to the review committee at ACCEpapers@gmail.com. **Abstracts** are due by **March 30, 2007** and the **first draft of papers and presentations** are due by **May 31, 2007** to allow time for peer review. **Final corrected manuscripts** in conference format are due no later than **August 1, 2007** in order to make the conference CD, which all attendees are given. An author’s guide and the conference paper template (in Microsoft® Word® software) are available at www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm.

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SPE Announces New Best Paper Awards to be Given at 7th-Annual ACCE Show
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Held annually in the suburbs of Detroit, the ACCE has become the world's leading forum for automotive composites. The event's success is attributed to the fact that it provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion and networking about advances in the automotive composites industry. Its global appeal is evident in the diversity of exhibitors, speakers, and attendees who come to the conference from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia / Pacific as well as North America and who represent transportation OEMs and tier suppliers; composite materials, processing equipment, additives, and reinforcement suppliers; trade associations, consultants, university and government labs, media, and investment bankers. Jointly organized by the Automotive and Composites Divisions of the Society of Plastics Engineers, International, this year's show will be held September 11-13, 2007 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Mich.

The mission of SPE is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics. SPE's Automotive and Composites Divisions work to advance plastics and plastic-based composites technologies worldwide and to educate industry, academia, and the public about these advances. Both divisions are dedicated to educating, promoting, recognizing, and communicating technical accomplishments for all phases of plastics and plastic based-composite developments, including applications, materials, processing, equipment, tooling, design, and development.

For more information about the SPE Automotive Composites Conference, visit the Composites' Division website at www.4spe.org/communities/divisions/d39.php, or the Automotive Division's website at www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm, or contact the group at +1.248.244.8993, or write SPE Automotive Division, 1800 Crooks Road, Suite A, Troy, MI 48084, USA.

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