



SPE^{®1} ISSUES CALL FOR PAPERS FOR NINTH-ANNUAL AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

TROY (DETROIT), MICH. – The organizing committee for the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** (ACCE) today announced the dates, theme, and location for this year's show and issued its annual *Call for Papers*. Now in its ninth year, the ACCE has become the world's leading forum for automotive composites and draws exhibitors, speakers, and attendees from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia / Pacific as well as North America. The event returns **September 15-17, 2009** at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Mich., U.S.A.

Those interested in speaking at this year's event should submit abstracts by March 27, 2009 to the review committee via ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com. Full papers or presentations are due May 29, 2009. Authors who submit papers (not presentations) in the proper format by the due date will automatically be eligible for consideration for the conference's *Best Paper Awards*, which will be presented during the event's opening ceremony.

The ACCE typically draws over 400 speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees from 14 countries on 4 continents with fully one-third indicating they work for an OEM involved in ground transportation or aerospace/aviation. Interestingly, over the past few years, the types of transportation OEMs represented at the show have continued to broaden beyond traditional automotive and light truck, to include agriculture, truck & bus, heavy truck, and aviation. This trend may indicate greater interest in technology sharing among transportation OEMs and suppliers.

Held annually in suburban Detroit, the ACCE 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. The show is sponsored jointly by the SPE Automotive and Composites Divisions.

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. For more information on the Society of Plastics Engineers International or other SPE events, visit the SPE website at www.4spe.org, or call +1.203.775.0471.

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