



Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exposition is scheduled for September 12-14, 2005 in Troy, Michigan, USA, at the MSU Management Education Center. This year's conference has expanded to take up the entire facility, providing space for more exhibitors, special displays, and large composite parts. An extra day has been added to the schedule, allowing for more keynote speakers and more panel discussions, while also providing increased networking opportunities. A cocktail reception on Tuesday evening provides further opportunities to meet exhibitors, attendees, and media. The theme for the ACCE this year is "*Composites: Providing Global Vehicle Solutions,*" and several of the 7 planned keynote speakers will address the evolution of composites in various geographies around the world.

Last year's very popular "*Future of Automotive Composites*" panel discussion will return with OEM and Tier 1 panelists on the afternoon of September 14<sup>th</sup>. A new panel discussion, "*Composites in the Specialty Vehicle Segment,*" will take place on the first full day of the conference this year. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions for participants of both panel discussions using several special suggestion boxes located in prominent places at the conference. In addition, 50+ papers are expected to be presented on topics such as:

- Advances in Long-Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics (LFT or LFRT),
- Enabling Technologies,
- Natural-Fiber Composites,
- New Composite Applications,
- New Composite Materials,
- New Composite Processes,
- Nano- and Biocomposites, and
- Structural Composite Applications.

The ACCE has become known as a must-attend event for the North American composites industry, although it draws exhibitors, speakers, and attendees from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia / Pacific as well.

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