



At any conference, keynote addresses provide an important opportunity to help us see the “bigger picture” or alert us to emerging technologies and trends. This year at the **SPE® Automotive Composites Conference & Exposition (ACCE)**, we have added more keynote addresses than ever before. Our exciting lineup and tentative presentation titles include:

- **TUESDAY:**

- *Plastics are for Cars After All* – Dr. Michael Fisher, senior director - Technology, American Plastics Council
- *Potential & Benefits: India Sourcing, An Automotive Industry Perspective* – Avenash Salekar, director, Sourcing & Manufacturing Services Practice, TATA Consulting
- *New Developments in SMC* – Dr. Jeff Helms, manager, Paint Material D&R, Ford Motor Company

- **WEDNESDAY:**

- *Intellectual Property Protection* – William Abbatt, Esq., senior attorney / shareholder, Brooks Kushman P.C.
- *Construction of the McLaren Mercedes SLR Supercar* – Dr. Rob Backhouse, senior composite engineer – Body Structures, McLaren Automotive
- *Opportunities for Automotive Composites* – Rogelio Sullivan, team leader, Materials Technologies Group, FreedomCAR Project, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewables, U.S. Department of Energy

- **THURSDAY:**

- *Carbon-Fiber-Based Composites* – Nobuya Kawamura, group manager, Organic Material Department, Material Engineering Division, Toyota Motor Corporation
- *Advanced Composites use on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner* – Dr. Jim Griffing, associate technical fellow, Materials & Process Technology, Boeing

We hope to see you at this year’s show, which will be held September 12 -14, 2006 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Michigan, USA. Please see our websites for registration forms, hotel discounts, and other information on the event. There are still a few sponsorship and exhibition slots available to interested organizations. Please contact Teri Chouinard (teri@intuitgroup.com) for details.

The SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exposition traditionally draws a broad offering of sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, and attendees representing composite materials, processing equipment, additives and reinforcements, molders, trade associations, and media headquartered in the Americas, Europe, and Asia/Pacific. The diversity of organizations represented at this show emphasizes the global nature of the automotive industry and the increasing importance of the ACCE conference as a forum for automotive composites. This event provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion and networking about advances in the automotive composites industry – aspects sponsors and attendees alike indicate provide them with genuine value.

For more information about the SPE Automotive Composites Conference, please visit the Composites’ Division website at www.4spe.org/communities/divisions/d39.php, or the Automotive Division’s website at 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.