



SPE® ISSUES CALL FOR PAPERS FOR 8TH-ANNUAL AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

The organizing committee for the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** (ACCE) has issued its annual *Call for Papers* for peer-reviewed technical presentations and keynote addresses for its 8th-annual show. Authors wishing to be considered for inclusion in this year's program should submit abstracts as soon as possible and full papers (or slide presentations) by May 30, 2008 for peer review. Full papers (not presentations) in the proper format received by the deadline will be eligible for the event's *Best Paper Awards*. Final corrected papers or presentations in the conference format are due by July 31, 2007 to assure inclusion in the conference's annual proceedings, which is published on CD and given to all attendees. All abstracts and papers should be e-mailed to ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com.

Now in its 8th 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. This year's conference will be held theme **September 16-18, 2008** at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Michigan, U.S.A. This year's event theme, "**The Road to Lightweight Performance**," reflects the progress transportation OEMs, tier suppliers, and composites producers have made taking weight out and improving performance of vehicles by replacing metal and glass with lightweight, impact and corrosion resistant, polymer composites.

Last year's ACCE conference again drew over 400 attendees from 14 countries on 4 continents thanks to a continuously expanding program of technical papers, keynote speakers, networking receptions, and exhibit space. Once again, nearly **half of conference attendees identified themselves as working for transportation OEMs or Tier suppliers** – extremely desirable numbers for a show like this. The event 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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