



SPE[®] ANNOUNCES BEST PAPER AWARD WINNERS FOR 8TH-ANNUAL AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

TROY (DETROIT), MICH. – Organizers for the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** (SPE ACCE) today announced the winners of this year's **Best Paper Awards** for excellence in technical writing. The winning entries were selected from among all written papers (not presentations) submitted for peer review by the conference's deadline. Winning authors will be honored for their achievement during opening ceremonies at the show, which runs from September 16-18, 2008 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Mich.

In the category of **New Materials**, the winning paper – which will be presented in the conference's *Nanocomposites Session* on Wednesday, September 17 – was **NanoStructured Polymer Membrane for Fuel Cell Application: Computational NanoTechnology Approach**, which was authored by the team of Seung Soon Jang (presenter), Georgia Institute of Technology's School of Materials Science & Engineering, and William Goddard III, California Institute of Technology's Materials & Process Simulation Center.

In the category of **Composite Applications**, the winning paper – which will be presented in the conference's *Composites in Trucks Session* on Wednesday, September 17 – was **Case Study: Tough, Low-Mass Class A SMC** by the writing team of Edward Zenk, Navistar, Inc.; David Hearn, Core Molding Technologies; and Kevin Dinan, Robert Seats, and Cedric Ball, Ashland, Inc. Zenk, Seats, and Travis Horstman (Core Molding Technologies) will co-present the paper at the conference.

In the category of **Processing / Enabling Technologies**, a tie occurred between two papers that both will be presented in the *Enabling Technologies Session* on Thursday, September 18: the first paper was **An In-depth Study on Texture Characteristics & their Affects on Texture Performance** by Phil Maniscalchi of Mold-Tech; and the second paper was **Rapid Manufacturing for Highly Stressed Fibre-Reinforced Plastic Parts: Motorbike Dashboard and Support Made by Windform XT and SLS Technology** by the author team of Stewart Davis (presenter), Livia Cevolini, and Giampiero Testoni, of CRP Technology and CRP Racing.

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