

# Key Benefits of Rubber Division ACS Membership



Since its inception during the dramatic expansion of the modern rubber industry nearly 100 years ago, the Rubber Division, ACS has delivered exceptional value and service to industry professionals and become an indispensable resource.

With membership dues of just \$55 per year for U.S. members (less than 15 cents per day) and \$70 for non-U.S. members, joining the Division is an investment that pays big dividends through exclusive, members-only savings and benefits:

## Free Online Subscription to the Industry's Premier Journal

You'll stay informed on the latest rubber industry issues, trends and events through your free online subscription to *Rubber Chemistry and Technology*, the leading industry journal on rubber science and technology research.

Published five times a year, the journal covers current developments in rubber recycling, thermoplastic elastomers, tires, compounding and processing, testing and analysis, silicone elastomers and more, and offers access to articles dating as far back as 1928. (Print subscriptions are also available at a discounted member rate.)

"The technical symposia offered by the Rubber Division sets a high standard for the rubber industry, providing an invaluable avenue for education and the exchange of ideas. The academic focus of the papers is unparalleled and will continue to serve as the foundation for future research in the field of elastomeric materials." —*Keith Thomas, President, R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.*

## Authoritative Answers & Expert Research Assistance

As a member, you enjoy exclusive access to scientific, technical and management information at members-only discounted rates from the Rubber Division's Librarian.

This indispensable, full-service resource for all technical and business information on rubber and other polymer science information is located within the Science & Technology Library, Auburn Science & Engineering Center at The University of Akron. With one phone call, you'll have rapid access to:

- More than 115,000 volumes and serials;
- Over 1,100 subscriptions and 90 electronic databases;
- Professional researchers to help locate articles, conference papers, patents and book chapters;
- Free book loans;
- Document delivery within 24-48 hours.

- Simple inquiries and referrals are free and Rubber Division members receive significant discounts on fee-based library services (see below).

## Substantial Savings on Professional Events, Services & Resources

Rubber Division, ACS membership entitles you to valuable discounts on technical publications, meeting registration fees, library and research services, courses, workshops and seminars. Your savings include:

- \$100 to \$155 discount on registration or admission to technical meetings, expositions and educational or technical seminars and workshops;
- 10% discount on all technical and business publications offered by the Rubber Division;
- \$100 refund for each rubber technology course taken;
- Discounts on Library and Information Services:
  - \$55 discount on educational symposia
  - \$45 discount on literature searches
  - \$20 discount on individual meeting papers
  - \$25 discount on article photocopies

## Educational Opportunities to Advance Your Knowledge and Your Career

As a member, you can choose from an extensive array of online and on-site educational programs, technical symposia and workshops to stay at the forefront of the industry and enhance your skills. Online courses such as our Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Rubber Technology offer the convenience of learning from your home or office while earning continuing education credits.

"I received the bulk of my polymer education from Rubber Division meetings and symposiums, both from attending and organizing." —*Dan Hertz, President & Technical Director, Seals Eastern Inc.*

## FREE Members-Only Website

In the exclusive, members-only section of the Rubber Division's website at [www.rubber.org](http://www.rubber.org), you can search the complete archives of the *Rubber Chemistry and Technology* journal, find detailed updates on Rubber Division committee activities, keep up to date on member news and monitor Career Center and Workforce Recruitment and Development initiatives.

## FREE Online Membership Directory

With our comprehensive, searchable, online directory – available only to members – you'll find it quick and easy to locate and network with fellow scientists and engineers in academia, government and private industry, and keep your own contact information current.

## Powerful Networking Opportunities

Membership in the Rubber Division, ACS aligns you with nearly 3,000 other rubber and affiliated industry professionals from over 1,200 organizations worldwide. You can expand your circle of contacts, customers and friends at national meetings and expositions and participate in Division committees. You'll also enjoy networking opportunities at joint events with other industry organizations, such as the Society of Plastic Industries, Rubber Manufacturers Association, Asphalt Associations and more.

"Participating in Professional organizations are a great way to network and build relationships. After a four-year absence from the rubber industry, my previous experiences in ACS paid dividends when I reentered the business. Being involved in Rubber Division and local group activities allows me to continue current friendships and build new ones." —

*Brian R. Barks, Regional Sales Manager, Tecnoflon, Solvay Solexis, Inc.*

## Increased Visibility in the Marketplace

Position your company as an industry leader by taking advantage of sponsorship and advertising opportunities offered specially to members of the Rubber Division, ACS. Choose from four levels of annual sponsorships; exclusive Rubber Expo sponsorships; specialty conference sponsorships and additional event opportunities. The Rubber Division has teamed with *Rubber World* and *Rubber and Plastics News* to bring you high-impact advertising opportunities in the Show Daily, Show Planner and Show Guide at annual expositions.

## Opportunities for Professional Recognition and Scholarships

The Rubber Division regularly presents prestigious, globally recognized awards to accomplished members who are leaders in the rubber industry and affiliated industries. Science & Technology Awards include the:

- Charles Goodyear Medal
- Melvin Mooney Distinguished Technology Award
- Fernley H. Banbury Award
- Sparks-Thomas Award
- Chemistry of Thermoplastic Elastomers Award
- George Stafford Whitby Award for Distinguished Teaching and Research
- Arnold Smith Special Service Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Certificate of Special Appreciation

In addition, the Rubber Division offers Undergraduate Scholarships and Rubber Technology Training Awards each year.

"The Rubber Division, which has been a career-long experience for me, began when my father, the President of H. M. Royal, Inc., told me that somebody should get out to Akron and get involved with the Division. The year was 1961, the first year I started to work, and I took a Rubber Technology course. Who would have ever thought after all the Rubber Group and National meetings, including the technical presentations, that I would be elected to be Chair of the Division. Why join the Division? The friends I have made and the knowledge gained sticks with me even in partial retirement and is just part of the story."

—*Toms Royal, RoyalT, LLC*

## **Career & Workforce Development Support**

As a member, you have unlimited access to the Rubber Division Career Center, the industry's most highly regarded online recruitment resource. You can post your resume, search jobs and sign up to receive e-mail notifications from interested employers. You also can bring new talent to your staff by accessing the most qualified and experienced pool of potential employees.

Division-sponsored initiatives to attract, educate, train and recruit talented and qualified students into the rubber industry and affiliated industries – and connect employers with the next generation of employees – include student guides, student chapters, student colloquia, career assistance, scholarships and internship/co-op program information.