Register for 195th Technical Meeting

Join us April 30 - May 2 in Independence, Ohio and learn from experts in our industry, support the 2019 Charles Goodyear Medalist and other outstanding award winners as they are recognized for their achievements and contributions, network with the best minds in the business and more.

Attend our 25-Year Club luncheon to hear Sue Dollinger from The University of Akron. Seating is limited and the price to attend is $60, which includes lunch, open bar and dessert.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Tuesday, April 30; 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kim K. de Groh - Sr. Materials Research Engineer, Environmental Effects and Coatings Branch (LME); NASA Glenn Research Center

**25-YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON**
Tuesday, April 30; 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Seating is limited - price $60 per person
All are invited no matter how long you have been in the industry. Reservations are required.

**WELCOME RECEPTION**
Tuesday, April 30; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
All registered attendees are invited to attend. Reservations are not required. Enjoy some networking time with fellow attendees.

**5K WALK/RUN - PRESENTED BY H.M. ROYAL, INC.**
Wednesday, May 1; 6:30 a.m. Check-in
Runners, walkers, spouses and guests are invited to participate. You must register to attend.
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARDS BANQUET
Wednesday, May 1; 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Show your support of our 2019 Science & Technology Award winners as they are honored at this banquet. Price is $60 per ticket if not included in registration type - click here for pricing details.
Click here to view our 2019 Science & Technology Award Winners who will be honored at this banquet.

BUSINESS & AWARDS MEETING
Thursday, May 2; 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Please join us at the semi-annual Business & Awards Meeting of Rubber Division, ACS. It includes general business of the Division, plus presentation of additional Division awards.

View our Technical Meeting Info

Purchase a Table Top at our Technical Meeting
Table top exhibits are featured on Tuesday for attendees to visit during breaks, at lunch and during the Welcome Reception.

Interested in securing a table top to feature your company to our attendees?
• Cost for a table top exhibit is $500 and includes a 6-ft table, a chair and complimentary entrance for one representative to exhibit and attend the Welcome Reception (does NOT include registration for the Technical Meeting)
• Click here to view the Table Top Display Guidelines and Shipping Information

Purchase a Table Top
IEC Call for Abstracts for Student Colloquium

Does your company host graduate or undergraduate level co-op students or offer internship experiences? Rubber Division, ACS invites degree-seeking co-op students or interns to participate in our 16th Annual Student Colloquium, which is held during the International Elastomer Conference, October 8-10, 2019, in Cleveland, OH. Our goal is to provide a positive, highly visible venue highlighting both academic research and applied industry experiences of students throughout the US and the world. All graduate and undergraduate level students studying the chemistry, engineering, processing or manufacture of rubber and polymeric materials are invited to submit abstracts.

The Student Colloquium (Wednesday, October 9th) features:
- **FREE registration** for Student Members of Rubber Division, ACS
- Student Colloquium Breakfast networking event
- **Full day of oral presentations** by university students and co-op participants
- Concurrent **student poster session** on the Expo floor
- Access to the full 3-day **International Elastomer Conference**: 100+ papers in the Technical Meeting
- **Industry Expo** featuring hundreds of suppliers, distributors, compounders and manufacturers
- Entry to the **Career Fair** to meet prospective employers

Student Colloquium participants are eligible to compete for up to six monetary awards:

**Best Presentation Awards**
- 1st - $5,000
- 2nd - $3,000
- 3rd - $1,000

**Best Poster Awards**
- 1st - $3,000
- 2nd - $2,000
- 3rd - $1,000

Please share this information with all interested students, interns, or co-op participants at your facility. You may wish to distribute or post the attached flyer. We appreciate your support!

We are also accepting abstracts for our 196th Technical Meeting being held during the International Elastomer Conference. **Click here for all details and to submit an abstract.**

Abstract deadline for the Student Colloquium (presentations & posters) and the 196th Technical Meeting is April 12.
2020 Science & Technology Award Nominations

Rubber Division, ACS annually honors the best of the best with the most prestigious awards in our industry - our Science & Technology Awards. Nominations for these awards are due by June 30, 2019.

Science & Technology Awards:

Charles Goodyear Medal - Sponsored by Rubber Division, ACS

Melvin Mooney Distinguished Technology Award - Sponsored by Lion Elastomers

George Stafford Whitby Award for Distinguished Teaching & Research - Sponsored by Cabot Corporation

Sparks-Thomas Award - Sponsored by ExxonMobil

Chemistry of Thermoplastic Elastomers Award - Sponsored by Renkert Oil, LLC

Fernley H. Banbury Award - Sponsored by Endurica, LLC

NEW AWARD for 2020!!!
Bioelastomer Award - Supported by Versails Americas, Inc.

Learn About Nominating Someone & For Full Award Descriptions

Rubber Zone Member Site and More!

We will be rolling out our new version of your member login portal. With our new partner Higher Logic, we will be offering a whole new way for members to engage with others in the industry, develop a mentor relationship, share ideas and collaborate with each other!

We will be looking for beta testers to be included in our first phase of rollout. If you are interested in being involved in our testing group, please click the button below and email me back with your interest.

Join the Beta Testing Group
Attend IRC2019 in London this September

The International Rubber Conference highlights science and technology across the rubber industry in which delegates have the chance to discover the latest developments and network with professionals in industry from around the world. This year will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Thomas Hancock’s pioneering work with natural rubber in London. His early attempts to find a suitable solvent having failed, he used his knowledge of machines and experience as a skilled tool maker to develop a mechanical method of processing rubber. The full program will be available at a later stage and call for papers are now open. The IRC 2019 Technical Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts that discuss innovations in elastomers.
Featuring R.D. Abbott Co, Inc. (RDAbbott) - Tier III Corporate Member

RDAbbott is devoted to the advancement of elastomer technologies and connecting its customers to the best materials. It’s a full-service, materials science supplier staffed with rubber industry experts, equipped with comprehensive testing laboratories, and stocked with premium elastomer products in warehouses strategically located throughout North America.

But more importantly, it’s in the business of applied curiosity through collaborative problem-solving and technical recommendations.

RDAbbott’s product line encompasses an extensive best-in-class list of elastomeric polymers, rubber chemicals and dispersions, polymeric plasticizers, fillers, bonding agents, and testing equipment—all from respected manufacturers with trusted name brands. Its ISO-accredited laboratories specialize in formulation development and optimization, material testing, process engineering assistance, product characterization, and technical innovations.

But RDAbbott’s most prized asset continues to be its people—who help to bring connections, contributions, and commitment to the rubber industry at large. Learn more about RDAbbott by clicking their logo below.
Rubber Division, ACS Vicariously Visits Tire Tech

One of our established European Corporate Members, Rubber Consultants from the UK, has been helping to spread the word overseas about the benefits of Rubber Division, ACS membership and participation at the International Elastomer Conference (IEC). Rubber Consultants have just taken part at Tire Technology Expo 2019 in Hannover, Germany, one of the world’s most important technical conferences and exhibitions for the tyre manufacturers and suppliers to the industry. It attracts over 5000 attendees each year and the program for 2019 had 140 speakers covering themes including tire design, tire manufacturing technology, developments and advances in tire evaluation and performance.

Rubber Consultants have been involved with the Rubber Division, ACS for many years and are very well connected with clients all over the world. This meant they were ideally placed to explain to visitors to their stand first-hand just how our organisation can really help a business to grow.

Rubber Consultants’ David Cawthra said, “We were delighted that we could tell others in the industry just how much can be gained by becoming part of the world renowned Rubber Division, ACS organization. As we have been exhibiting at the IEC since 2012 we know that taking part can expose your products or services to a whole new potential customer base, not just from the US but internationally.”

He continued, "Many of our contacts are aware of Rubber Division, ACS but are maybe not so familiar of all it can offer. Certainly several comments from our clients referred to the excellent program that is compiled every year at the IEC and that it surpasses virtually anything else there is specifically for the rubber industry."

We truly appreciate the support Rubber Consultants exhibited by promoting Rubber Division, ACS to the Tire Technology Expo attendees and for spreading the word to new areas of the world for us!

Upcoming Local Rubber Group Events

Attend one of the local rubber group/affiliated technical organization’s events of 2019. Here are a few of the events happening soon:
Blue Ridge Rubber: May 16 - Spring Technical Meeting, Roaring Gap, NC
Chicago Rubber Group: May 13 - Spring Technical Meeting, Lake Geneva, WI
Detroit Rubber Group: May 8 - Spring Technical Luncheon & Board Meeting
Los Angeles Rubber Group: April 1 - Golf Tournament at Goose Creek Golf Club, Mira Loma, CA and April 2 - TIPS Meeting & Dinner Meeting; Knott's Berry Farm Hotel - Buena Park, CA
Mexico Rubber Group: April 11 - How to Improve Rubber Compounds Part I Course, Rubber Chamber Auditorium
Michigan Rubber Group: May 30 - Golf Outing, Lansing, MI
MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group: May 16 - Spring Technical Meeting, Exton, PA
New England Rubber & Plastics Group: April 2 - Spring Technical Meeting, central Massachusetts
Ohio Rubber Group: April 9 - Technical Meeting
Ontario Rubber Group: April 16 - Spring Meeting; Mississauga, ON

Full Calendar of Industry Events

Don't Miss All the Benefits You Could Receive By Joining Our Corporate Membership Program

Become a Rubber Division, ACS Corporate Member and experience the value for your company; save up to 35% on memberships! In addition to the benefits listed beneath each tier available stated below, corporate members will also receive the following benefits:

- Exclusive corporate member registration kiosk at IEC
- Group registration for IEC
- Logo displayed on signage during Rubber Division, ACS conferences
- Logo displayed in the IEC on-site Show Guide and Show Daily publications
- Corporate member lounge with coffee, tea and water for corporate members at IEC
- Opportunity to purchase one corporate table at the IEC welcome reception
- Housing info for events released to you early
- Opportunity for on-site corporate training at your company
- Complimentary hours of library research

Information about Corporate Membership
Library Services

As a member, you get premier access to our library services! Chuck Brady, our Technical Programs Manager, would be happy to help you find what you need.

Click here to see the fee structure for all library services. Contact Chuck Brady at 330-595-5543 or email him for assistance.

Looking for a New Career? The Perfect Candidate?

Don’t forget to visit the Careers section of our website to post your resume, view open positions in our industry or post a position for your company. This information will be seen by our members, along with numerous other companies and people in the industry that view our website daily. Contact Gretchen Cermak for more information.

Click here to login to your member account.

Thank you for your continued support of Rubber Division, ACS!

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