Our 195th Technical Meeting Was A Success!

Thanks to everyone who attended our Spring Technical Meeting. We had over 200 attendees, over 40 technical presentations presented, and 14 table top exhibits. Rubber Division, ACS staff and committees worked hard together to provide the attendees with networking opportunities, a robust technical symposia and not to mention - delicious food. Congratulations to the Goodyear Medalist, Dr. Quirk, and all of the amazing Science & Technology Award winners!

Chuck Brady worked so hard at our technical meeting - look at the before and after the meeting picture of him!

Here Are Some Pictures From Our Meeting
Register For The International Elastomer Conference
October 8-10, 2019; Cleveland, OH

The International Elastomer Conference is the premier place where educators, customers, manufacturers and suppliers of materials, equipment, tools and services come together. This event is the one place, one time of year, where you find the best of the best of our industry all under one roof. It provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, observations, regulatory reforms and emerging scientific technologies, as well as learning, networking seeing current customers and developing new ones.

Visit rubberiec.org for all details about this conference.
Early registration pricing ends August 31, 2019.

Upcoming RD Training

All of the following courses can be taken in person at our Elastomer Training Center OR can be taken from the comfort of your home or office – remotely from any tablet, laptop or computer.

May 21, 2019 - An Introduction to Continuous Vulcanization
May 22 & 23, 2019 - Sponge Rubber 101
June 11, 2019 - Essentials of Rubber Technology
June 12, 2019 - Essentials of Silicone Rubber
June 13, 2019 - Mixing and Testing for Compound Consistency
June 13, 2019 - Setting Up a Rubber Molding Process

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

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**Rubber Zone Member Site And Mentor Match**

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.

MENTORS - we are looking for seasoned people in our industry that can enroll as mentors for our younger generation of members. Please contact me if you are interested. Your information is valuable and you are important to us and the industry!

Join The Beta Testing Group Or Enroll As A Mentor

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**Attend a Rubber Division Training Course at IRC2019 In London This September**
On Monday 2 September, we will be running 3 different technical training sessions, bringing together different sections of the rubber industry with global leaders in rubber technology. This is available for staff new to the industry, and for those who wish to better understand production processes and their influence on material properties.

The training courses are as follows:

**BASIC RUBBER COMPOUNDING**
This course is an overview of rubber compounding and testing. Compounding subjects include elastomers, fillers/reinforcement, plastifiers/process aids, antioxidants, and cure systems. Testing laboratory subjects will include process testing, physical properties testing, dynamic properties testing, and aging. Processing subjects will include mixing, milling, extrusion, and calendaring.

**PRICE:**
£450 + VAT (registration by 30 June 2019)
£600 + VAT (from 1 July 2019)

**USE OF RUBBER IN DESIGN OF ENGINEERING COMPONENTS**
Through theory and experiment you will be shown how rubber-based materials behave and how their properties can be exploited to deliver engineering functions. Bring your brain, sharpen your pencil and roll up your sleeves for a hands-on workshop.

**PRICE:**
£450 + VAT (registration by 30 June 2019)
£550 + VAT (from 1 July 2019)

**RUBBER-TO-METAL BONDING AGENT**
*Morning*
Sipipad® WEATHERSTRIP, FLOCK ADHESIVES, GLASS ENCAPSULATION ADHESIVES
*Afternoon*
Half-day training focused around LORD Corporation Chemlok® & Chemlok® substrate-to-metal bonding agents. Through theory and experiment, you will learn about elastomer bonding technologies and best practices. The training will help you to optimize your elastomer-to-substrate part design and manufacturing process to improve throughput and profitability.

**PRICE:**
£450 + VAT (registration by 30 June 2019)
£550 + VAT (from 1 July 2019)
Single half-day session:
£270 + VAT (registration by 30 June 2019)
£350 + VAT (from 1 July 2019)
Featuring ACE Products & Consulting - Tier IV Corporate Member

Known as rubber and silicone experts, ACE Products & Consulting is an ISO 17025:2017 accredited independent laboratory that provides exceptional quality in physical & analytical lab testing, consulting, and innovation across a wide range of markets. ACE’s compounding process improvements for raw material producers, compounders and fabricators around the globe give you the industry’s shortest lead times. This is a company that does what it says it’s going to do.

ACE is dedicated to doing business in ways that keep people as a top priority. The ACE team strives every day to put their core values into action. Every element of the business includes a focus on passion, determination perseverance, and the sense of urgency. From state-of-the-art analytical and physical testing services for polymer products to industry accepted test methodologies and expert consulting services, ACE focuses its energy on delivering happiness to every customer.

Outstanding service to the customer above all else is a core value for ACE. ACE sees customer service as the key component in their view of long-term success, making it fundamental to decisions that build strong and trusting relationships. The ACE team earns people’s trust by demonstrating integrity in every action taken and every decision made. For more information on their company, click the button below to be directed to their website.

Visit ACE's Website

Share Your Stories With Us

We believe that the members are the life-blood of this organization! We work to complete our mission on a daily basis, and continue to try to provide value to you, your employers, and the industry.

We are looking to continually engage our members, and one of the way we know people are engaged is through PHOTOS! We will be rolling out our new Higher Logic Member Platform, and I would like to feature fun photos of our members in the industry.

Feel free to send me photos of your workplace, your employees participating in events, other shows you attend, your colleagues having fun, etc.! Send them with a small caption and we will feature your photo in the newsletter and in our member portal over time (pictures will be posted at the discretion of RD staff).

If you have any other ideas of fun ways to engage our members, please email me and let me know! Here are some photos to start.
Charles Radar was Rubber Division, ACS Chair in 2000. He is also featured in the Rubber Mirror.

Congratulations Jacques!

Rubber Division Member Jacques Noordermeer was awarded the Royal Decoration in The Netherlands by the local mayor, on behalf of the King.

Here are details on Royal Decoration.

Rubber Division, ACS Director of Finance & Administration, Lakisha Barclay, on her graduation from Leadership Akron’s Diversity Board.

Rubber: It's Not Just Tires

Take 1 minute & 40 seconds out of your day to watch this exciting new video and then help spread the word about our extraordinary industry!
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**: July 18 – CRG Golf Outing; Village Links, Glen Ellyn, IL
- **Detroit Rubber Group**: June 20 – Fishing Derby; July 16 Golf Outing
- **Los Angeles Rubber Group**: June 7-9 - Summer Conference, TIPS meeting & Golf Tournament
- **Mexico Rubber Group**: June 6 – Rubber Compounds Engineering Course; July 25 - Hot to Improve Rubber Compounds Part II Course
- **Michigan Rubber Group**: May 30 - Golf Outing, Lansing, MI; July 26 - Fishing Derby, Grand Haven, MI
- **MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group**: May 23 – Spring Technical Meeting, Exton, PA
- **New England Rubber & Plastics Group**: August 6 – Golf Outing; Blackstone National Golf Club, Sutton, MA
- **Ohio Rubber Group**: June 18 - Golf Outing

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 Germak 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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