Exciting Learning Opportunities & New Member Benefit

Courses & Webinars Update:
Elastomer Training Center courses will continue to be available online only until further notice. We value the importance of educating and connecting the next generation of professionals in the rubber industry, so we offered FREE registration to Student Members in March and April. We have decided to extend this offer for the remainder of 2020!

New Member Benefit:
As a member, you already receive significant savings on our training opportunities. We decided to create even more value for you. All of our webinars and one new course (Communicating for Scientific Success) currently scheduled are now FREE for members!

Upcoming Courses:
All of our courses can be taken from the comfort of your home or office – remotely from any tablet, laptop or computer. Click on each course name for full details, descriptions and pricing.

- May 20 & 21 - Sponge Rubber 101
- June 11 - Essentials of Rubber Technology
- June 11 - Essentials of Silicone Rubber
- June 12 - Mixing and Testing for Compound Consistency
- June 12 - Setting Up a Rubber Molding Process
- June 17 - Rubber Explained NEW - Lowered Price!
- June 30 - Communicating for Scientific Success NEW & FREE for Members!

Upcoming Webinars:
Click on each webinar name for full details, descriptions and pricing.

- June 25 - General Considerations in Failure Analysis of Rubber and Elastomers
- July 23 - Social Media Marketing in the Rubber Industry
- August 27 - Basics of Polymer Testing & Processing (for non-technical employees)
- September 24 - Sales & Marketing 101 in the Rubber Industry

Contact Heather Maimone, Membership & Outreach Director, at hmaimone@rubber.org or 330-595-5546 with any questions about our courses or webinars.

Register For Courses Or Webinars
Don't let your vision be any less than 20/20 this year. Focus on achieving your goals at IEC!

The International Elastomer Conference provides many valuable learning and networking opportunities.

Click here to view information about IEC 2020 and COVID-19 details.

We are excited to bring our great industry back together at the International Elastomer Conference October 20-22, 2020 in Knoxville, TN! Registration opens mid-June, so keep an eye on rubberiec.org where you will be able to register for this event.

Interested in Exhibiting?
We offer a variety of booth sizes, one of which is sure to fit your company's needs.
Become an exhibitor and give your company the opportunity to:
- introduce new products, programs, technology and product lines.
- network with industry decision makers, current customers and potential customers.
- support sales efforts with direct, personal on-the-floor contact.
- obtain a multitude of qualified contacts in just days.
- reach an international audience - individuals from over 30 countries in attendance.
- reinforce your corporate image with current and potential buyers.
- meet your competition head-on.
- create a lasting impression, stand out from the rest and support your efforts by securing an exclusive level sponsorship opportunity.

Exhibit space is still available. Secure yours today!

Learn More About Exhibiting

Call For Abstracts For IEC 2020
- Accepting abstracts until May 29th

Share your research with the rubber community! We are still working on the development of the Technical Meeting and have decided to continue accepting abstracts submitted before May 29th. We seek proposals for technical presentations showcasing innovative research on the chemistry and technology of rubber and related materials. Featured symposium topics will...
include:

- Rubber Compounding for Performance
- Elastomers in Alternate Energy & New Mobility
- Advances in Reinforcements for Elastomers
- Elastomer Aging, Degradation & Flammability
- Machine Learning for Material Development
- Progress in Elastomer Synthesis
- Hydrogel Elastomers
- Elastomer Foams
- Thermoplastic & Specialty Elastomers
- Advances in Materials & Processes for Car & Truck Tires
- Rubber Testing & Characterization
- Sustainability
- New Commercial Developments
- Contributed Sessions – invited talks or topics not covered above

The Student Colloquium Presentation schedule is full; however, we will continue to accept Poster abstracts for the Student Colloquium until May 29th.

Thank You Rubber Division, ACS Corporate Members
Matexion – The Materials Connection Company, has been serving the rubber industry with honesty and integrity since 2006. The Brantford, Ontario based distributor maintains warehouse facilities throughout North America and is known industry wide for their commitment to providing quality, value and dedicated customer service. By partnering with world class suppliers, and providing product service and support to a wide base of rubber product producers, Matexion has grown at a rapid pace and continues to expand its strong brand portfolio.

In today’s new COVID-19 environment, Matexion has made rapid changes to its business methods in order to keep their valued team members working safely while still delivering high level products and services that customers require during this unprecedented time in history. By offering quality products produced primarily in North America and Europe, Matexion provides rubber producers diversity in their supply chain moving away from Chinese sourced materials to maintain a safe and uninterrupted material supply.

Company founder and President, Ron Norris, emphasizes that “Matexion is committed to becoming the best materials supplier in our industry. As it is integrated into our name, we strive to be the Materials Connection and supplier of choice for manufacturers across North America.” Norris wants to be clear that the entire Matexion team is empowered to do what is right and is responsible for the company’s drive to excellence reflecting Matexion’s culture and brand.

If you are looking for quality materials, or would like help with a project, Matexion would love to hear from you!

Contact Matexion
Ever wonder how becoming active within Rubber Division, ACS can benefit you and your company, what opportunities are available or what it takes to get involved? Click on the button below to learn about the requirements, expectations and commitment to be a volunteer, serve on a committee, be an Area Director, become a part of our Steering Committee and take the journey on the path to Chair of the division.

Learn All The Details

Share Your Stories Around The World

We believe that our members are the life-blood of this organization. Do you know that 30% of our membership base is from outside of the United States?! We have members from Argentina and Australia all the way to Pakistan, Malaysia and also corporate members from Sri Lanka!

Share your stories with us and we can share them around the globe! We are looking to continually engage our members, and one of the ways we know people are engaged is through PHOTOS.

Send me photos of your workplace (from home or the office), your employees participating in (virtual) 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.

Rubber: The Miracle Material - Bouncing Ideas

In a world where materials were limited to wood, leather, metal, and cloth, rubber was something new: a substance that was

50 Things That Made the Modern Economy

Rubber is an everyday substance with a controversial past. Tim Harford tells the story of the innovations that made it a hot property and the surge in demand that led
strong, soft, flexible, and waterproof, but completely undependable. Then along came a 33 year old hardware merchant named Charles Goodyear, who made it his personal mission to conquer rubber at any cost. Listen to this podcast series to hear the history of rubber.

Listen to this podcast on how rubber has been instrumental in making the modern economy.

Blast From The Past: Circa 1952

Pictured here is the 1952 Rubber Division, American Chemical Society Chair Waldo L. Semon. Waldo was the inventor of Poly-Vinyl-Chloride plastic in 1926. At the time, he was a research scientist working for BF Goodrich in Akron, OH and lived till he was 101 years old! Are there any members around today who knew Waldo or of him?

Thank you to all of our past Chairs and to our Committee Members. Click here to see the list of past Rubber Division, ACS Chairs.

Zoom is Now a Household Name

A team that plays together, stays together. Here’s a glimpse at one of our team meetings.

We wish you all well during this challenging time!

#WORD&Chuck
#workfromhome
#bradybunch
Even though our Spring Meeting was cancelled, we held our Committee meetings via Zoom. Our Executive Committee meeting (pictured above) had the highest attendance we've had in years! Zoom is changing the way organizations can conduct business . . . and we love it!

A Digital Collection Of Stories In History

From the famous, to the infamous, to the never heard of, *The Story Podcast* are the unknown backstories of people who have changed the world. History builds the present. Where we are today is a result of where we have been. Yet, some of the stories that got us here have
remained in the shadows. And the true stories of the people and inventions that have built our world are often lost to time. Our only hope for building a better future is to truly understand what got us to the present.

Click the button below to listen to the story of how an ex-slave and a famed business tycoon revolutionized agriculture and created a material we all use today. What will your story be?

Listen: The Chemist and the Tycoon on The Story

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP & RTTA WINNERS!

JAY KAUFMAN
Undergraduate Scholarship Winner

JAREESE
Undergraduate Scholarship Winner

CAMERON WEST
Undergraduate Scholarship Winner

PAUL PAVKA
Rubber Technology Training Award Winner

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Local Rubber Group Events
Engage locally! Attend one of our local rubber group/affiliated technical organization’s 2020 events. Here are a few of their events happening soon:

**Bourbon Trail Elastomer Group:** September 15 - Golf Outing, Cincinnati, OH

**Brazil Rubber Group:** September 23-24 - 18th Brazilian Congress of Rubber Technology, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Chicago Rubber Group:** July 16 - Chicago Golf Outing, Glen Ellyn, IL; August 12 - Wisconsin Golf Outing, Lake Geneva, WI; September 17 - Fall Technical Meeting, Top Golf

**Detroit Rubber Group:** July 21 - Golf Outing, West Bloomfield, MI;

**Energy Polymer Group:** May September 15-16 - Fall Educational Symposium, San Antonio, TX; September 17 - Fall Technical Meeting, San Antonio, TX

**Fort Wayne Rubber Group:** June 10 - Social Night & Brewing Event, Fort Wayne, IN; June 11 - Golf Outing, Syracuse, IN; September 10 - Fall Technical Meeting, Fort Wayne, IN

**Los Angeles Rubber Group:** September 3 - Basic Rubber Technology Course (First 10-week Session Begins), Cerritos, CA

**Mexico Rubber Group:** July 9 - Course: Extrusion, Calendering and Molding of Rubber Compounds, Rubber Chamber Auditorium; August 27 - Course: Rubber Compounding Part II Reverse Engineering; Rubber Chamber Auditorium

**Michigan Rubber Group:** July 31 - Fishing Outing, Grand Haven, MI; September 3 - Golf Outing, East Lansing, MI; September 9 - Technical Meeting, Frankenmuth, MI

**MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group:** September 10 - Fall Meeting, West Conshohocken, PA

**New England Rubber & Plastics Group:** August 4 - Scholarship Golf Outing

**Ohio Rubber Group:** June 16 - Golf Outing, Brookfield, OH; August 31 - Golf Outing, Silver Lake, OH; September 29 - Technical Meeting, Twinsburg, OH

**Southern Rubber Group:** June 22-24 - Summer Technical Meeting, St. Simmons Island, GA

**Twin Cities Rubber Group:** August 6 - Golf Outing; September 17 - Tech Session

Rubber Division, ACS team members are always willing to participate in your local rubber group events. Contact Membership & Outreach Director, Heather Maimone, at hmaimone@rubber.org if you’d like to have one of us in attendance at your event or board meeting. We will do our best to attend in person or remotely!

Click on the link below to see all 2020 Rubber Group and industry events made known to us. You can search our calendar by keyword, save individual events to your calendar or subscribe to this calendar to keep up on all events as they are added.

[Full Calendar Of Industry Events](#)

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**Rubber Zone Member Site And Mentor Match**

We will soon be rolling our new version of your member login portal. Be on the lookout mid to late June for information you’ll need to know. We are excited to 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!

MENTORS - we are still looking for seasoned people in our industry to enroll as mentors for our younger generation of members. We are
also looking for people to enroll as mentees.

Please contact me if you are interested. Your information is valuable and you are important to us and the industry!

Enroll As A Mentor Or A Mentee

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 savings within each tier available, corporate members also receive the following benefits:

- Discounted exhibit space pricing at the IEC
- Exclusive corporate member registration kiosk at IEC
- Discounted exhibit space pricing at IEC expo
- 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

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 who view our website daily. Contact Gretchen Cermak for more information.

Log in to your member account.

Get a sneak peek of The Rubber Zone.

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

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