New Ways to Grow at IEC

International Elastomer Conference - October 8-10, 2019; Cleveland, OH

IMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE!
The International Elastomer Conference provides many valuable learning and networking opportunities. We have several new and exciting things happening at IEC this year. See them noted below.
Early registration pricing ends at the end of this month. Don't wait - register today!

Get Involved!
Tuesday, October 8th 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM & Wednesday, October 9th 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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? Attend one of these two sessions 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. Individuals who currently serve in these roles will be there to provide information, guide you and answer any questions you have.

WORDs Matter – How the Women of Rubber Division can Connect, Collaborate & Communicate with Confidence, Pre-conference Workshop
Monday, October 7, 2019 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This workshop is specifically designed for the women of rubber and will be an interactive session with substance and humor that will provide steps you can begin to implement, as well as longer-term areas of focus to help you reach your next level of excellence. The workshop will include a panel discussion and will also address the challenges and opportunities of women working in our industry. It will conclude with an opportunity to network and empower one another during a wine and cheese reception from 5-6pm. Click here to learn more.
Presentation Skills Workshop – Power Up Your Next Presentation
Tuesday, October 8, 2019; 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

This short interactive workshop is on engaging with your audience, strengthening communication skills and delivering effective presentations in today’s world. A panel discussion with experienced Rubber Division, ACS technical program speakers, focusing on best practices for communicating scientific information, will also be featured. This workshop will benefit anyone looking to communicate with confidence and improve presentation delivery skills, whether at work or at professional conferences such as ours.

Registration is required, however, there is no cost to attend. Click here to learn more.


Get a Career Fair Table at IEC for $100!

Don’t miss your chance to find the perfect candidate to join your team. Showcase your company at the Career Fair during IEC!

Rubber Division, ACS believes in helping to facilitate professional opportunities for growth in our industry. This is perfect way to do just that! Support our great industry and showcase your company to potential employees at the Career Fair taking place during our International Elastomer Conference.

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Huntington Convention Center; Cleveland, OH

Cost to participate as an exhibiting company at the Career Fair is $100 and includes one Thursday Expo admission badge for an individual managing your table at the Career Fair. There is no cost for attendees to visit the Career Fair.

*Additional expo badges for any other company representative can be purchased on-site. A table and two chairs will be provided and your company representatives will be able to meet with all students and professionals who visit the Career Fair.

Reserve a Career Fair Table
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!

MENTORS - we are 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

Thank You Rubber Division, ACS Corporate Members

Featuring ARP Materials - Tier IV Corporate Member

ARP Materials, Inc. is dedicated to helping their customers stay one step ahead of the competition! When deciding who to purchase your raw materials from there are many factors which should influence your decision. ARP Materials has devoted itself to truly understanding what drives their customers business and their decision making. As an ISO certified...
distributor of raw materials to the rubber and plastics industry, ARP Materials is focused on Quality & Consistency. By partnering with today’s leading raw material producers from around the world; ARP is constantly looking for the next generation of today’s leading raw materials. This allows ARP to bring their customer base the latest and greatest products their industry has to offer! In turn, allowing its customers to explore NEW untapped markets.

ARP’s Technical team allows them to offer expert advice on both formulation and processing. With over 100 years of combined technical experience, ARP is able to offer insight into today’s leading markets from Wire and Cable, Hose, CASE and Building products to Custom compounding.

ARP also focuses on making your life easier by providing real-time, accurate Reporting. They understand that you need to know where your materials are and when they’ll arrive. With the latest ERP/CRM software, they have systems in place that simplify the process from the time you order, until it shows up at your door! With 11 full-service warehouses strategically located throughout the US; ARP is able to stock material for JIT deliveries. If logistics management is a headache, allow ARP to provide delivered pricing so you can focus on your budget and profit!

Over the last several years, ARP Materials has continued to rapidly grow by keeping their finger on the pulse of the market and by maintaining the same values on which the company was founded. ARP Materials has focused on developing a diverse portfolio of suppliers and products to accommodate the many industries it now serves.

ARP Materials brings dedication that’s rare in today’s global economy, allowing them to consistently adapt, evolve, and improve the customer experience!

Learn More About ARP Materials
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 new 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! 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.

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, email me and let me know! Here are some photos and videos that I found on social media (which I will continue to do until the stories come flooding in!).

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ACE Products & Consulting threw a summer BBQ the day before the Ohio Rubber Group Golf Outing for anyone who was in the local area. Here is a picture of them having fun in the sun! That was a kind gesture and a good opportunity to piggyback with our local Rubber Groups.

With a little planning, how can you seize opportunities?

Making a Difference

WACKER Charleston team members supported the United Way by enjoying a cookout during lunch at the Charleston Piggly Wiggly fundraiser. Getting employees involved in community events is a great way to bring unity to your team.

How can you make a difference by utilizing the resources you already have in place?

We love to see you guys having fun at work. I know we featured RDAbbott last newsletter having a soccer game - but they can't stop having fun! So here's a picture of them making memories at their RDAbbott 2019 summer beach day, bbq and volleyball tournament.

Are you having fun in your workplace?

Share your pictures with us!
We are excited and proud to announce that our Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, Gabrielle Daniel, was one of the professionals selected for Akron's Diversity on Board Program! Upon graduation, the class will be poised with new knowledge, connections, and commitments to empower their service to the Greater Akron community. Congratulations on such an achievement, Gabbie!

Women of Rubber Division (WORD) helped out at the Ohio Rubber Group Golf Outing. $2000 was raised for the scholarship fund!

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 a woman who broke scientific barriers to do the impossible. Nobody could understand her vision, until she helped them see the future. Season 1 of The Story features twelve women trailblazers who changed the world.

What will your story be?

Listen to an Episode of The Story
RD Member Delivers the Plenary Talk at IRC in London

Rubber Division, ACS Member Judit Puskas was the plenary speaker on day two of IRC2019 in London; talking about *Natural Rubber Biosynthesis: Still a Mystery*. Judit did an excellent job and further confirmed why she was named our Goodyear Medalist in 2017!

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:

**Chicago Rubber Group**: September 19 – Fall Technical Meeting; White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville, IL

**Detroit Rubber Group**: September 16 – Board Meeting

**Los Angeles Rubber Group**: September 16 – GLTPC Sponsorship Tournament; Western Hills Country Club – Chino Hills, CA; October 2 – Technical Conference, Oktoberfest & Mini Expo; Phoenix Club – Anaheim, CA

**Mexico Rubber Group**: September 27 – 55 Years Anniversary Breakfast; Concamin Ballroom; October 17 – Course: How to Improve Rubber Compounds Part IV – Instructor: Jose Gazano; Rubber Chamber Auditorium

**Michigan Rubber Group**: September 11 – Technical Meeting; Frankenmuth, MI

**MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group**: September 12 – Fall Technical Mtg; Horsham, PA; November 14 – Technical Symposium; Lehigh University – Bethlehem, PA

**New England Rubber & Plastics Group**: November 12 – Fall Technical Meeting or Plant Tour

**Ohio Rubber Group**: September 24 – Technical Meeting

**Ontario Rubber Group**: September 16 - ORG Annual Golf Tournament; Milton (Hornby), ON
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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