

Polymer Valley News

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
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Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member and/or guest	\$30
Retired	\$25
Student	\$10

Social / Networking / Bar	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	Following dinner

Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, May 6 and can be made to Gary Taylor at 330-419-4380 or akronspe1@gmail.com

Please be sure to include the company affiliation of each attendee including dietary restrictions.

Awards Night

Monday, May 9, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Firestone Country Club

**452 East Warner Road
Akron, Ohio 44319**



Please join us for the last meeting of the season as we present various awards and scholarships



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Eric J. Amis

Dean, College of Polymer Sci. and Polymer Eng.

Vice Provost for Research, The Univ. of Akron, Department of Polymer Science

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Dr. Amis' biography

Coming Up:

➤ See you in
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Speaker Biography

Dr. Eric J. Amis
Dean, College of Polymer Sci. and Polymer Eng.
Vice Provost for Research, The Univ. of Akron, Department of Polymer Science

Eric J. Amis, Ph.D., is dean of the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering and has responsibilities as Vice Provost for Research at the University of Akron. He has a special interest in research engagement with industry.

Dr. Amis came to UA in 2014 from United Technologies Research Center, where he was Director of Physical Sciences since 2009. He led a team of 140 scientists and engineers responsible for research and development in advanced manufacturing, materials and chemical sciences, structural integrity, applied physics, and measurement science. In addition, he was responsible for developing external partnerships aligned with UTC strategies in advanced manufacturing.

Prior to UTRC, Amis spent 15 years in leadership roles at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory, including 10 years in the Polymers Division. Before NIST, he was on the faculty in chemistry at the University of Southern California for 11 years. His Ph.D. in chemistry is from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Amis is a member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering and a Fellow of the American Chemical Society, the Materials Research Society, the American Physical Society, and the Polymeric Materials Science and Engineering Division of the American Chemical Society. He has served as chair of the Division of Polymer Physics of the APS and of the Polymer Chemistry Division of the ACS, and he was Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Polymer Science: Physics for 11 years. His research interests are combinatorial and high-throughput methods for functional polymers or biomaterials, direct write and additive manufacturing, nanomaterial characterization, gels and networks, polyelectrolytes, and soft matter physics. He has 150 peer-reviewed publications and 55 H-index.



Map of Firestone CC



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For local questions please contact the officers at akronspeweb@gmail.com

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Goals for Akron Section SPE for 2015/2016

- We will partner with the Cleveland section to increase joint average monthly meeting attendance from 46 in 2014-15 to 49 by June 1 2016 by providing compelling diversified programming.
- Increase involvement with U Akron Student Chapter to increase student attendance at our Section Meetings and functions by 5% over 2014-15.
- Increase the use of social media including our website, Linked In and Face Book by creating a compelling story that will attract new members. This year will establish baseline for number of website hits.
- Increase new member recognition by 80% over 2014-2015 by personally contacting and welcoming them to our Society, both when joining and at first meeting they attend.
- Increase Section membership from 291 in 2014/15 on June 1 2015 to 294 on June 1 2016 by better promotion of SPE membership value on social media and by providing compelling events.
- Work closely with the Vinyl Plastics Division to host a very successful Vinyltec TOPCON in October 2015 and prepare for the Elastomers TOPCON in 2016. Event will earn more than cost to fund the sections other non-profit activities.
- Effectively participate with joint Society meetings and activities such as ACCESS, ACS and others to share event notifications and increase SPE meeting attendance over 2014-2015.
- Improve our recruitment efforts to increase the number of board members from 14 to 16 by June 1 2016.

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Membership report – March 2016

Akron Section has 313 active members. Twenty-two new members were added in March, including twenty new student memberships.

Congratulations to our Student Chapter for a successful recruiting event!

Month Active - Added

Jan	302	1
Feb	296	2
Mar	313	22

Say “hello” to:

Yizi Cheng
The University of Akron

Qiang Fu
DPE
Akron, Ohio

Yingmin Guo
Akron, Ohio

Dave Harman
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Akron, Ohio

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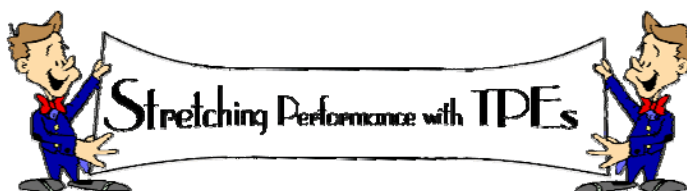
2016 TPE TOPCON Update

The 12th Thermoplastic Elastomers Topical Conference (TPE TOPCON 2016) will be held September 20-22, 2016 at the Akron/Fairlawn Hilton in Akron, Ohio. The theme is “Stretching Performance with TPEs” and we have an outstanding program covering innovative developments in our industry. We’ll be covering the latest in materials, additives and processing; so you won’t want to miss it. There will be exciting sessions on *bio-renewable materials, 3D printing, and wearable technology* – all hot topics in the TPE world!

We kick off the program with Bob Eller giving a global industry and market overview and expect that he will do an excellent job, as always. Our lunch-time keynotes will be very interesting: with Deborah Douglas talking on what to expect during mergers & acquisitions, and Matthew Fiedler speaking on transitioning from rocket scientist to 3D entrepreneur.

If you are new to the industry, or just want to brush up on your skills, you will want to come early to attend the new *TPE Primer* sessions on Tues. Sept. 20th, covering the basics of all the major classes of TPEs. The whole program has something interesting and exciting for everyone in our industry, from the newcomer to the old hand, so be sure to mark your calendar for TPE TOPCON 2016, Sept. 20-22!

Bill Blasius & Mark Berard
TPE TOPCON Technical
Program Co-Chairs



Akron Student Chapter Wins Award

Student Affiliate Receives 2016 Outstanding Student Chapter Award

The Student Chapter of the Akron SPE has received the 2016 Outstanding Student Chapter Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize Student Chapters whose programs, activities and levels of participation are especially noteworthy. Criteria that were considered for the award were:

- Having an active Board of Directors.
- Having at least 10 student in good standing who are currently enrolled in a polymer program.
- Conducting at least four technical meetings during the 2015 calendar year.
- Have a student who served as the Student Chapter Liaison to the Akron SPE Board of Directors.
- Attending meetings of the Akron SPE Section during 2015 calendar year.
- Producing at least one Student Chapter communication during the 2015 calendar year.
- Supporting local educational/community activities.
- Participating in the technical sessions at ANTEC 2015.
- Attending a non-SPE “major event” as part of the Student Chapter activities in 2015.

The award will be presented to the Student Chapter at ANTEC 2016 in Indianapolis.

The Akron Polymer Training Center (APTC)
at The University of Akron provides short courses
for the plastics, rubber, medical, corrosion,
and adhesives and coatings industries.



APTC plastics courses include:

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Navigating the Headwinds of Change

Strategies for operational efficiency and market growth

Wednesday May 25, 2016

8:00AM

Registration

8:30AM

Diamond Line Welcome & Introduction

8:45AM

LK Systems, Inc. Machine Review

9:15AM

RJG Inc.

10:00AM

Break

10:20AM

SPE Update

10:45AM

Plastics Market Update & Strategies with Q&A session

12:00PM

Lunch

2:00PM- 4:00PM

Plant Tour & Demonstrations

8:00AM- 1:30PM

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2:00PM- 4:00PM

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18-19 août 2016 / August 18-19, 2016

Programme préliminaire / Preliminary Program

Conférencier d'honneur / Keynote Speaker

[Dr. Donald V. Rosato](#)

Compagnie / Company: PlastiSource, Inc.

Sujet / Topic: Progrès de l'impression 3-D des plastiques au 21^e Siècle / 21st Century
Plastics 3D Printing Advances

- 3D Printing will remake plastics manufacturing in the 21st Century;
- Digital manufacturing will become the industrial revolution of our time;
- Everyday plastic objects will be made rapidly and at lower cost on demand;
- Major gains in plastics manufacturing productivity will be achieved;
- Minimal tooling limitations with additive manufacturing;
- Traditional material waste greatly reduced from prototypes to parts;
- Maximizing manpower efficiency will be the new norm;
- A broad range of plastics end uses (automotive, building & construction, consumer products, medical, aerospace & defense, electronics, food packaging).





Society of Plastics Engineers – Quebec Section

Dear potential Partners:

As a valuable member of the plastics industry, the conference committee of the Society of Plastics Engineers – Quebec Section invites your organization to partner with the North-East TOPCON 2016 conference, to be held on August 18th and 19th, 2016 at the Quebec City Convention Centre. This is a state-of-the-art venue, located in the heart of the Quebec's capital. The Centre was named Best Convention Centre in the world in 2006 by the International Association of Congress Centres.

It is the first edition of the North-East Topical Conference. The event targets industrial attendees from the North-East US States and the Eastern provinces of Canada (Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes). Our goal is to get a minimum of 200 attendees. The conference will offer a varied program of 20 keynote speakers with presentations on different topics related to the theme of the event:

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If you feel that this partnership level does not fit your needs, please consider other options for sponsorship or table-top exhibits. We would also like to hear about any keynote speakers you could suggest or recommend for this conference. Please confirm your interest for partnership and all other inquiries to the following address: info@spequebec.org or please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Browitt

Quebec Section Conference Committee

pbrowitt@terinex.com

Telephone: 450-218-7181

Conférences techniques / Technical Conferences

Compagnie / Company: BASF Canada
Conférencier / Speaker: Paulo Springmann
Sujet / Topic: Thermoplastiques pour l'intérieur des avions / Thermoplastics in aircraft interiors.

Compagnie / Company: Dupont Canada
Conférencière / Speaker: Helga A. Plishka
Sujet / Topic: Des polymers haute performance / haute température et leurs applications / High Performance / High Temperature Polymers and their Applications.

Compagnie / Company: Université Laval / Département de génie chimique
Conférencier / Speaker : Prof. Denis Rodrigue
Sujet / Topic: Utilisation de fibres naturelles dans les applications de rotomoulage / Use of Natural Fibres in Rotomoulding Applications.

Compagnie / Company: IPL Plastics
Conférencier / Speaker: Rodrick Lévesque
Sujet / Topic: Processus innovatif de développement de technologies dans le secteur manufacturier / Innovative Process of Technology Development in the Manufacturing Sector.

Compagnie / Company: Cincinnati Milacron
Conférencier / Speaker: Bruce Catoen (*à confirmer / to be confirmed*)
Sujet / Topic: Désirez-vous déjouer votre compétition ? Rendez votre usine "intelligente" / Want to Outsmart your Competition ? Make your Factory "Smart".

Compagnie / Company: Engel Global
Conférencier / Speaker: Joachim Kragl
Sujet / Topic: Pot pourri des innovations en moulage par injection / Pot pourri innovations in injection moulding.

Compagnie / Company: Husky Injection Molding
Conférencier / Speaker: Dave Morton
Sujet / Topic: (à confirmer / to be confirmed)

Compagnie / Company: Macro Advanced Extrusion Systems
Conférencier / Speaker: Hassan, Eslami Ph.D.
Sujet / Topic: Design de vis pour l'extrusion / Groove Feed Versus Smooth Bore Extruders

Minutes of Board Meeting – April 4, 2016

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Present: Keith Pelfrey, Viv Malpass, David Schultz, Bob Weiler, Bob Wegelin, Marcos Pantoja, Gary Taylor, Kevin Cavicchi, Ashrita Nallapaneni, Sahil Gupta, Tony Dean and Tom McQuaide

Absent: Kevin Malpass, Joe Mattingly, Nicole Brostowitz and John Fellenstein

Please see following Agenda for Monday April 4 BOD meeting at 5.30pm at the U Akron Poly Eng Bldg

Minutes of March 7 BOD meeting---Dave Schultz

Hot Topics

- Zekan Memorial Service Award review of criteria and informed BOD of this year's Honoree will be... Bob Weiler. Congratulations to Bob!!
- Akron Section has been awarded – Pinnacle Award – Gold
- Akron Section has been awarded the Notable Achiever level of Communication Award

Committee Reports:

Technical Program Review 2015-6--Keith Pelfrey, Bob Weiler

Program with Cleveland- Case- Solar Power was well attended, organized and received. Akron to host Education Night set for April 11. Reviewed updated status with Dr. Kevin Cavicchi to include 3 speakers including John Fellenstein and Dr. Missi Zender-Sakach, along with another local teacher at Hilton. In future may as well plan to include Student Poster Session. The May Awards Night is set for Firestone CC. Bob reviewed confirmed and tentative programs that are planned for Akron and Cleveland for hosting for next year. He as well noted potential back programs for next year and the following year.

House--Bob Wegelin

Bob informs venue set for Education Night at Hilton and Awards Night set at Firestone CC. He also Booked the Taverne of Richfield for our Holiday celebration.

Membership--Bob Weiler

- Bob informs membership stands at 313 in March thanks in major part to latest Student Membership drive- need make sure we continue to welcome New Members, also to determine reasons for loss of several Akron Section members for beginning of year.
- Sahil informs he has completed modified Survey and is ready for Jenny for newsletter, this we feel will aid in our quest to determine why members may not be attending as many venues.

Treasurer--Gary Taylor

Gary informs Balance sheet for month is in good order and has or will soon receive latest Intl Rebate.

Councilor--Kevin Malpass

- Kevin informed he plans to attend at ANTEC in Indy both Council Meetings.
- BOD to forward concerns for Kevin's review and providing to Council.
- Major concerns- Membership along with Organization structure on schedule currently.

Minutes of Board Meeting – April 4 (cont.)

Student Chapter—Marcos Pantoja/Asritha Nallapaneni

- Marcos informed drive went very well with a number of students joining Univ of Akron- Chapter of SPE. In addition 4 students including Marcos have shown interest to present and attend ANTEC. BOD voted to provide funding to help defray expenses for ANTEC- May 2016 in Indianapolis. It was requested that Advisor-Dr. Youngin Min send list of students and addresses to Gary Taylor Treasurer- Akron Section SPE. Marcos informs that they heard back from International that they will be recognized for meeting the criteria for the Student Chapter Award and will provide details to Tony Dean for WIN –WIN Article on Education.
- M Marcos and Asritha confirmed visit is set for Bridgestone Firestone- new Research Center April 6th. They as well report in April they will be helping to host the DPS- Dept meetings and their Spring Picnic is set for May 13.

Public Interest/Website-- Tom McQuaide/Tony Dean

- Tony reports that Akron Section has received Communications Award for 2016—Notable Achiever level- evidently links did not work as well- as reviewed by Intl panel- will work on fine tuning links.
- Tony will soon be working on a new WIN, WIN Education article.
- Tony and Nicole will consider PR on past well received Jan Meeting with NASA including pictures and background to help lay ground work for future meetings- ABJ and Plastics News as targets.

Website Improvement/utilization--Tony Dean/ Nicole Brostowitz

- Tony and Nicole requesting feedback as to how Facebook aligning has helped Akron Section website.
- Keith Pelfrey has noted Job Openings with GOJO now posted on site –Are there other companies who would like to add to site?

Newsletter--Utilization/Advertisers--Tony Dean

Tony reports that he is continuing to look for new advertisers and has target of past Vinyltec advertisers as well as a couple local businesses.

Awards—Planning-Dan Jones/Keith Pelfrey

Keith informs that Team- David Schultz, Bob Wegelin and Kevin Cavicchi will pull together all details for Hall of Honor this year including Hall of Honor, Zekan, Education and Science Fair as well on our Keynote Speaker – D Eric Amis. This will include Honored Service Member from Society. We should gather all of information and forward it to Jenny for final compilation.

SPE/Section Award Planning 2016-7---All

We- current BOD need as well to consider plans for following year areas to highlight.

Education Committee--Improvement Actions for 2015-6--Kevin Cavicchi/Tom McQuaide

- Kevin confirms that he will step down as Chair and Tom McQuaide will be able to fill that position as Tom has done an excellent job over past couple of years helping Kevin with Education Committee duties. Kevin reports he will stay active to aid in help as we expand the Committee with another U of A connection by having John Fellenstein join the BOD. John's background currently as AGPA liaison and past teacher fits very well with this position- we look forward to John help and ideas moving forward.
- Tom McQuaide plans to tie in closer with ACESS to determine what they may be able to do to aid our education out-reach.

Minutes of Board Meeting – April 4 (cont.)

Education Committee--Improvement Actions for 2015-6--Kevin Cavicchi/Tom McQuaide – cont.

- Still firming up PR type article- has been suggested to add information provided by Russell Broome from past Award Banquet along with contacts developed by ACCESS- via local regional contact at ESC- Cuy Falls and with Boards of Education, PTA, websites, local papers.

Education Foundation-- Funding from Section/Fund Raising Event for 2015-6--Bob Wegelin

Education Foundation meeting took place late Feb and we added funds as provided by Akron Section to Portfolio. The monies were allotted to 2 different funds suggested by our Advisor upon which Committee agreed.

TPE TOPCON- September 2016--Status—Viv Malpass/ Bob Wegelin

- Viv reports that Advanced Program has been mailed end of March received by all April 4 and we are set first for Program with Keynote speakers. We have thanks to suggestions from previous Vinyltec determined it would be good to add a TPE Primer-at Pre Conference.
- Need help from Students as ushers for Sept – TPE TOPCON- as well as Student Posters.

New Business:

Selection of new awards planning director- Keith Pelfrey

Keith and Dave to review with Dan Jones current Section Awards as well as Intl Awards for this/next year

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next BOD Meeting May 2 – Viv will handle for Keith Univ. of Akron PEAC -5:30 PM

Final Meeting set for June 6th at Papa Joes for Wrap for year.

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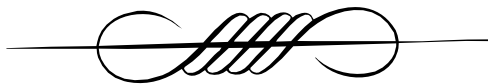
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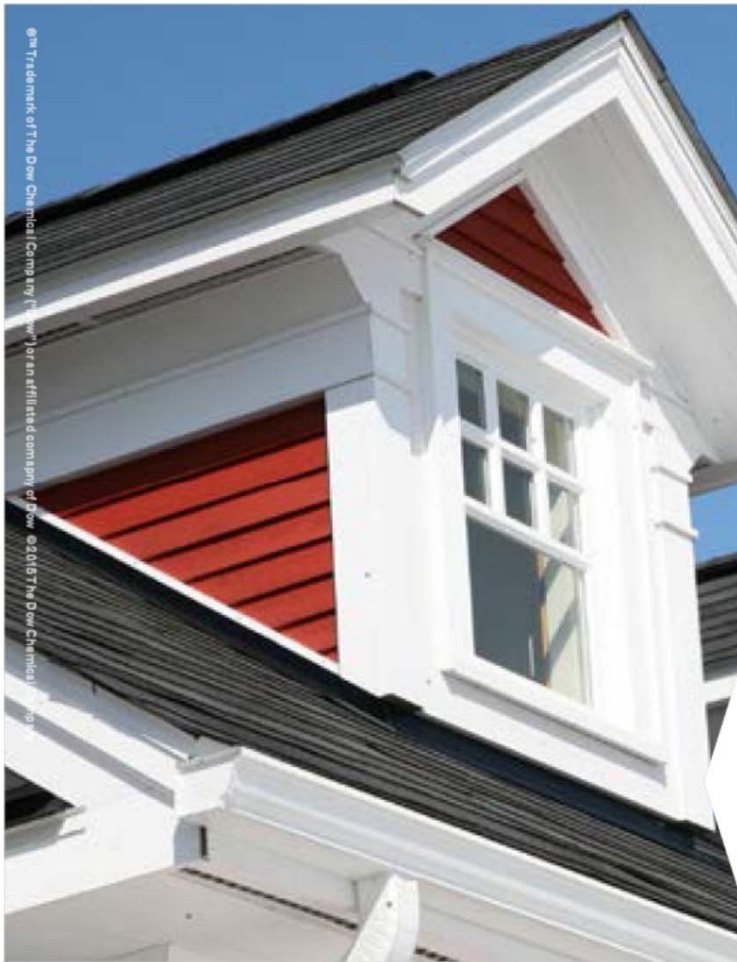
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1963-1964	Edward L. Hillier	1991-1992	Spencer Kreiser
1964-1965	John R. Russell	1992-1993	Robert C. Wegelin
1965-1966	John R. Russell	1993-1994	Anthony F. Dean, Jr.
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1969-1970	Harold R. Schick	1997-1998	David Schultz
1970-1971	Robert G. Hills	1998-1999	John Raab
1971-1972	John J. Satterfield	1999-2000	Gary Taylor
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1974-1975	Leverett A. Anderson, Jr.	2002-2003	Joseph E. Pfeiffer
1975-1976	Robert M. Hershey	2003-2004	Robert C. Wegelin
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1977-1978	David Curtis	2005-2006	Lloyd A. Goettler
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1979-1980	Gerald W. Whitnable	2007-2008	Vivian Malpass
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1981-1982	Victor E. Giuffrida	2009-2010	David A. Katz
1982-1983	James Steiner	2010-2011	Lloyd A. Goettler
1983-1984	Robert G. Hills	2011-2012	David Schultz
1984-1985	Anthony F. Dean, Jr.	2012-2013	Kevin Malpass
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April Meeting Highlights

Photos courtesy of Plastics News

Other highlight photos on our web site at
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Ean Hudspeth is a 10th grade student and Emma Harmon is a junior (11th grade) at GlenOak High School. Teacher Dori Hess also spoke.



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