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TO: Industrial Sponsor Representatives

FROM: E. J. Vandenberg, Industrial Sponsor Coordinator

RE: Summary of Eleventh Annual Industrial Sponsor Meeting at
the Washington, D.C. ACS Meeting, August 27, 1990

The Eleventh Annual Meeting included a Minisymposium and Panel Discussion on "International Competitiveness and Cooperation." In general, this program was well done with Rudy Pariser as organizer and moderator and was well received by the audience. There were 33 attendees, which included a somewhat disappointing 12 Industrial Sponsor representatives. There were 8 from universities, 2 from government, 7 from DPC, 3 visitors and 1 PMSE.

I have recently mailed you an edited VHS videotape of this program. The running time is 2 hours. Unfortunately, it was not practical to make a 1 hour version. I think that you will find that this tape contains some outstanding presentations and is well worth viewing. The first hour will give you the U.S. part of the Minisymposium followed by Dr. Yoda of Toray for the Japanese view point and then an interesting, informative panel discussion. An Addendum includes a short talk by D. H. Andriades on the International Aspects of Polymer Recycling.

A short business meeting followed a social hour and dinner. The minutes of this meeting are attached and prepared by our business office manager, Diane M. Morrill. This meeting was attended by 10 representatives out of a total of 21.

Our Industrial Sponsor Liaison committee, plus Rudy Pariser, met on Wednesday, August 29 and reviewed various immediate concerns. As recommended at the business meeting, we decided that we would try to organize a meaningful exhibit at the Polymer Technology Conference at Philadelphia in June. In later discussions, Burt Anderson and Peter Boettcher of DuPont have offered to help find a DuPont Chairman who would spearhead the Exhibit booth with the help of DuPont advertising. If your company has some polymer education material that could be displayed or given away at the booth, please let me know. Volunteers for staffing the booth or other support are, of course, welcome.

With regard to our program at the New York ACS meeting next August, we decided to organize another private Minisymposium and Panel Discussion on "Interdisciplinary Research and Education for the Future." Rudy Pariser has offered to help and, in fact, already has commitments from key people in the area. A second topic considered which could be appropriate at a future meeting was "Worldwide Aspects of Patent Systems."

As announced at the business meeting, we are initiating a new grant to seek ways of "Improving the Public Perception of Polymers." Bob Stackman is the chairman of this activity. His publicity release subject which was recently issued is attached.

I have attached a list of the present 40 Industrial Sponsors and their representatives with their telephone numbers. Please check your telephone number and address and advise me if changes are required.

As usual, we welcome your comments on the videotape, on topics for future programs or on new activities. Send any comments to my home address: 16223 Inca Ave., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268, telephone: 602-837-9559.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



E. J. Vandenberg

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