

INDUSTRIAL SPONSORS REPORT FOR SPRING 1999

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The **INDUSTRIAL SPONSORS GROUP** of the Division of Polymer Chemistry consists of 25 members (see listing below). Each member contributes \$1000 per year to support polymer education and other polymer development activities.

If your company is not a member, please urge them to join and participate in this worthwhile program. The Industrial Coordinating Committee includes E. J. Vandenberg, M. Jaffe, W. Daly, R. Ikeda, T. Pacansky, R. Stackman, C. Wooten, A. English, J. L. Adams, H. N. Cheng, and K. Havelka.

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Our **Twentieth Annual Meeting of Sponsors** will be held on Tuesday afternoon, August 24, 1999 at 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the **New Orleans ACS Meeting** featuring a Minisymposium and Panel Discussion on "**Does the Future of Polymer Research and Development Depend on Entrepreneurs.**" This program is being organized by M. Jaffe and J. Salmone. Final details will be published in the Fall 1999 ACS program.

Our **Nineteenth Annual Meeting** was held August 25, 1998 at the **Boston ACS Meeting** featuring a Minisymposium and Panel Discussion on "**Opportunities in Industry - a Younger Scientist Perspective**" organized by J. LaMonte Adams, Chair, with K. Havelka as Co-Chair. The meeting was very successful and was well attended.

The major activities which are currently supported by the **Industrial Sponsors**, many in cooperation with **PMSE** via **POLYED**, include the Polymer Education Newsletter (PEN), Workshops at schools to help introduce polymer education, the Undergraduate Summer Scholarship Program, The Curriculum Development Award, Tutorials, and Free Short Courses on Polymer Science at National and Regional Meetings. We also provide funding to support the "**Intersociety Polymers and Plastics Education Committee**". A **competitive grant program** was initiated in 1991 to improve the **public perception of polymers** and is described below.

"IMPROVING THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF POLYMERS"

(R. W. STACKMAN)

This **Grant** consists of up to \$10,000 distributed over three years for an innovative program directed toward "**Improving the Public perception of Polymers**". The proposals received in a competitive process are evaluated based on feasibility, impact and originality. Grants have been made annually since 1991 except for 1995 and 1997. To date, we have allocated **\$42,200 for improving the Public Perception of Polymers**. This program was suspended in 1997 because of limited submissions. We plan to reactivate this worthwhile program soon.

"INDUSTRIAL POLYMER SCIENTIST AWARD"

The Division Executive Committee approved in November the new **Division Award sponsored by the Industrial Sponsors Group to recognize achievement by Industrial Polymer Scientists**. The award will include a \$2,000 honorarium, a plaque and travel expenses to an ACS meeting which would include a symposium in honor of the awardee plus a lecture(1 hr) by the awardee. **Dr. R. Ikeda, Chairman of this activity**, issued a **Call for Nominations in December**. The final Awardee selection will be made by the Division Awards Committee **based on the nominations received by July 31,1999**. The Awardee will be honored by the award presentation by the Chairman of the Diviaion at the Division Awards banquet at the 2000 Spring ACS meeting.