

INDUSTRIAL SPONSORS REPORT FOR FALL, 2001

Robert S. Moore, Chair

The Industrial Sponsors Group of the Division of Polymer Chemistry consists of the members listed below. In the past each member contributed \$1,000 per year to support polymer education and other polymer development activities. Thanks to the substantial efforts of H.N. Cheng the list has now been updated, and has been expanded to include small companies with less than 500 employees, which contribute \$500. Cheng has also led the effort to provide each Sponsor with a reference book of detailed information on the Industrial Sponsors Group. Through the efforts of Lesia Robertson in the POLY Division Office these books have now been printed and distributed to the Members and to the Coordinating Committee.

Industrial Sponsors Coordinating Committee: This committee, which consists of members of the Industrial Sponsors Group and the Division of Polymer Chemistry coordinates the activities of the Industrial Sponsors Group. Current members are: R.S. Moore, H.N. Cheng, W. Daly, J. DiBattista, A. English, K. Havelka, R. Ikeda, M. Jaffe, I. Khan, R. Ottenbrite, T.J. Pacansky, C. Smith, and R. Stackman. This Committee will meet on August 27th from 11 a.m. until 12 noon in the Hyatt McCormick Place, Suite 1.

2001 INDUSTRIAL SPONSORS

3M Company	International Specialty Products
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	Johnson Polymers
Ashland Specialty Chemicals Co.	Kosa, Inc.
BASF Corporation	Lubrizol Corporation
Basell Inc.	National Starch and Chemical Corp.
Bayer Corporation	PPG Industries, Inc.
Chevron Phillips	Phasex Corporation
Dow Chemical Company	Polaroid Corporation
E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co.	Polymer Chemistry Innovations, Inc.
Eastman Chemical Company	Polymer Source, Inc.
Exxon Mobile Company	Proctor and Gamble Company
GelTex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Raychem/Tyco Electronics
General Electric (GE)	Rohm and Haas Company
Genesee Polymers Corp.	Shearwater Polymers, Inc.
Hercules Incorporated	Solutia
Honeywell, Inc.	Wyatt Technology Corporation

A special luncheon is being held on Monday, August 27th, 2001 at the Chicago ACS Meeting in order to review present and future plans, and to enable current and prospective members to become better acquainted. Members of the POLY Executive Committee and participants in the two Industrial Sponsors Symposia (see below) have also been invited to attend.

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Industrial Sponsors Group will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2001 at the Chicago ACS Meeting. The morning will feature a symposium honoring Dr. Alan D. English, the recipient of the Industrial Polymer Scientist Award. The afternoon will feature a symposium on "Career Development in the Polymer Industry – Fact vs. Fiction" organized by R.S. Moore, and Co-sponsored by the Women Chemists Committee and the Younger Chemists Committee. This symposium will be followed by a reception at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel honoring Dr. English. Final details of these events are given in the Fall 2001 ACS program.

The major activities which are currently supported by the Industrial Sponsors Group, many in cooperation with PMSE via POLYED, include the Polymer Education Newsletter (PEN), workshops at schools to help to 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. Funding is also provided to the Intersociety Polymers and Plastics Education Committee". The competitive grant program initiated in 1991, "Improving the Public Perception of Polymers" is described below.

"IMPROVING THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF POLYMERS"
I.KAHN

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 by the award committee based on feasibility, impact and originality. To date over \$52,000 has been allocated to this program. Under the leadership of Ishrat Kahn, the proposals received this year have been evaluated. The proposal selected for this year, entitled "Improving the Public Perception of Polymers on behalf of the Stevens Point School System", was submitted by Ms Suzanne Hall of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Kahn. (Tel. 404-880-6847).

INDUSTRIAL POLYMER SCIENTIST AWARD
ALAN D. ENGLISH

This award was initiated in 1998 to recognize outstanding industrial innovation and creativity in the application of Polymer Science, conducted by individual scientists and research teams. The award consists of a plaque and an honorarium in the amount of \$2000. The award is usually presented at the Industrial Sponsors program during the Fall National ACS Meeting. The recipient is expected to present an address at a symposium organized in his/her honor. Travel expenses to the symposium are paid in addition to the honorarium. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Alan D. English, Chairman of the POLY Awards Committee (Tel. 302- 695-4851).