

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

### INDUSTRIAL LIAISON (E.J. VANDERBERG)

The Industrial Group consists of about 20 participating companies. The major activities planned in the future are sponsoring undergraduate summer research scholarships and sponsoring a free tutorial on Polymer Chemistry at the 1983 MARM in Hershey, PA.

### INTERSOCIETY RELATIONS CHAIRMAN (DOMESTIC) (MORRIS SALAME)

The Intersociety Relations Chairman (Domestic) is appointed by the Division Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Committee Chairman reports to the Division Chairman via the Chairman-Elect of the Division.

The responsibilities for this Committee and its Chairman are as follows:

1. To develop contacts, carry out initial negotiations and, when authorized by the Chairman-Elect, full negotiations with polymer-oriented societies and groups outside of the American Chemical Society (the organization within the American Chemical Society is the Macromolecular Secretariat).
2. To develop and maintain contact with national committees dealing with polymer science.
3. To appoint Committee members, when appropriate, who are responsible for keeping close contact with individual societies and groups that are interested in polymer science.
4. To make the initial contact or respond to inquiries by other groups interested in polymer science for the possible exchange of ideas, cooperative efforts, development of joint programs or scientific meetings, etc.
5. After approval by the Chairman-Elect of the Division, to carry out full negotiations with the authorized representatives of the individual societies or groups interested in polymer science as mentioned in paragraph 4.
6. The Chairman of this Committee does not automatically become chairman or co-chairman of any joint symposia or professional activity that may arise from the activities described under 1, 3, 4, or 5 described above. The Chairman of the Division shall make such an appointment in consultation with the Executive Committee, the Chairman-Elect, the Intersociety Relations Committee, and the Program Committee. Such appointee shall be engaged in the activity described in Item 5, but report to the Chairman of the Intersociety Relations Committee.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS (A.B. SALAMONE)

The committee was quite active in 1982 by sending news releases, and other information to news media for the following topics: Creative Polymer Chemistry Award, Polymer Education Award, Division of Polymer Chemistry Award, Spring and Fall National Meetings, Biennial Polymer Symposium, Polymer Samples Subcommittee of the Education Committee.

### TOPICAL WORKSHOPS (NORMAN GAYLORD)

The next Polymer Division Topical Workshop, entitled **Solid State NMR of Polymers**, will be held Oct. 18-21, 1983 at the Sheraton Inn in Williamsburg, under the chairmanship of Jim Lyeria, IBM Research, San Jose, Calif. The Committee is soliciting ideas for themes for additional workshops. If there is a topic you would like considered please write Dr. Norman Gaylord, Gaylord Research Institute, 156 Algonquin Parkway, Whippany, N.J. 07981.

### POLYMER SAMPLES NEEDED/AVAILABLE

A Joint Polymer Education Committee has been established with representatives from the Polymer, Organic Coatings & Plastics Chemistry and other divisions of the ACS, and the Society of Plastics Engineers in order to determine how best to introduce polymers into the undergraduate core curriculum.

One of the major conclusions of this committee was that teachers desperately need polymer samples (polymers themselves, or fabricated fibers, plastic parts, elastomers, inorganic polymers, etc.), suitable photographs, and descriptions. This can also include product brochures from industry. A subcommittee has been established to put together a list of names and addresses where teachers can write to obtain samples and literature for classroom use. If you or your company can supply any of these materials, please send the name and address and what you can offer to either of the co-chairmen of the subcommittee:

Prof. Raymond B. Seymour  
Dept. of Polymer Science  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

or

Dr. Gerald S. Kirshenbaum  
Celanese Plastics & Specialties Co.  
86 Morris Avenue  
Summit, New Jersey 07901

The first report of this committee listing over 50 companies (and well over 150 Polymer samples) is available from the committee co-chairmen. This has been sent to **J. Chem. Educ.** for possible publication.

## Let's Get Involved

In order to be more effective in our National Society we, the Polymer Division should nominate key people to run for ACS office. If you would like to get involved in the ACS and/or its Polymer Division on a local, regional, or national level please write, Dr. Shalaby Shalaby, Ethicon Inc., US Route 22, Somerville, N.J. 08876 or Prof. Joe Salamone, University of Lowell, Lowell, Mass. 01854.