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### *ACS Polymer Division Industrial Advisory Board*

Strategic amplification of POLY's industrial voice  
in programming, education and award recognition

#### NEWS NOTES Spring 2006



As chairman of the POLY Industrial Advisory Board (formerly the Industrial Sponsors Group), I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the newly transitioned and challenging Industrial Advisory Board. We are fortunate to have the following colleagues joining us on the Board - A. Salamone, Rochal Industries; S. Mecham, Polymer Solutions, D. Gerbi and P. Grasse, 3M; and T. Mullen, GE.

#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Over 60% of the ACS Polymer Division (POLY) membership is industrial. This point, combined with statistics indicating that 50 – 80% of all USA industrial chemists work with polymers, has continued to drive the Polymer Division to the forefront of scientific programming on industrial polymer topics and to strongly support K-12 educational initiatives in order to ensure a healthy pipeline of future polymer scientists.

Our Industrial Advisory Board will be providing strategic recommendations to the ACS Polymer Division on future programming topics and structure, future educational initiatives, and future directions for industrial awards. In addition, we will continue to lead the polymer community with the K-12 educational programs (IPEC) that we fund, continue to foster graduate student involvement (through travel and presentation awards), and continue to reward outstanding industrial polymer scientists (through the Industrial Polymer Scientist Award).

#### EXPANDED BENEFITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS



To provide value to us in the form of knowledge of relevant evolving science, the Industrial Advisors are developing, with POLY, a series of tutorial symposia to be held in conjunction with each of the Fall National ACS Meetings. The first two tutorial symposia topics have been chosen. In San Francisco, Sept. 2006, the "*Entrepreneurship in Polymer Science*" symposium will showcase two and a half days of presentations from diverse experts ranging from company founders to venture capitalists to 2 Nobel Laureates. In Boston, August 19-20, 2007, the "*Polymer Science of Everyday Things*" symposium will focus on medical devices. To allow us a better opportunity to meet the speakers and each other, we will be co-hosting evening receptions at these symposia. Topics for 2008 and 2009 will be determined at our next

## BOARD MEMBER NEWS

**Eastman Kodak Company** continues to emphasize new products for digital photography, highlighted by the recent introduction of its new dual lens camera. Kodak was a major presence at the recent European trade show in England for the printing industry. Marek W. Kowarz, of the Display and Device Center spoke at the recent American Physical Society's New York State Section Symposium on the subject of "Diffractive MEMS Devices and Systems" for ultra high resolution display devices.

**Polymer Solutions Incorporated**, a leading provider of independent chemical analysis, physical testing, and R&D services, has announced that the company will invest approximately \$2.2 million on an expansion to accommodate company growth. The company will construct a multi-story 20,000 square foot building to serve as a corporate headquarters and to house analytical instrumentation, synthesis, and wet chemistry laboratories for domestic operations. Technical Director, James D. Rancourt will be presenting a paper entitled, "*Characterization of Resorbable Polyesters for Use as Implant Materials*" at OMTEC 2006.

### IN CONCLUSION –

"To succeed as a team is to hold all of the members accountable for their expertise." -Mitchell Caplan, CEO, *E\*Trade Group Inc.*

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