

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

The Alumni Award Symposium and Presentation will be held in The University of Akron's Goodyear Polymer Center, 170 University Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44325-3909.

Hotel Accommodations

Quaker Square Inn at UA, 330-253-5970

- Standard Room \$89.00/night

Sheraton Suites, 330-929-3000

- Standard Room \$99/night

Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, 330-867-5000

- Standard Room \$100.00 – Sunday -Thursday
\$80.00 – Friday, Saturday

Be sure to mention that you are attending the Polymer Science Outstanding Alumni Day symposium at The University of Akron to receive the University rate.

Parking

Parking is available in all nearby university lots. Parking permits will be mailed by individual request with your registration.

UA Map: www.uakron.edu/resources/campusMap

Questions/Correspondence

330-972-7532, 8:30 - 4:30 EST, Monday - Friday or email to: mb8@uakron.edu, or

Attn: Alumni Award Symposium

The University of Akron

Department of Polymer Science

Akron, Ohio 44325-3909

SPECIAL NOTE

Education and research in rubber science began in Akron at Buchtel College in the early 1900's with the development of one of the first rubber chemistry laboratories. In the succeeding decades, a formal graduate program was initiated for a Master's degree in polymer chemistry during the 1940's and a Ph.D. in the 1950's, which was also the first doctoral degree offered at UA. In 1967, the Department of Polymer Science was formed as a separate academic department in the College of Arts & Sciences. The Department became part of the College of Polymer Science & Polymer Engineering when the college was formed in 1988.

Since 1967, the department has had thirty-four faculty members who were responsible for graduating over one thousand M.S. and Ph.D. students. The department currently consists of eighteen faculty members and has enrollment of over ninety graduate students.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our faculty, alumni, and current students, many of whom have become leaders in polymer research and development in industry and academia. We also wish to thank the many sponsors of the polymer science program without whose support our program would not have enjoyed such success. We invite all of you to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of all of our outstanding alumni, to renew old acquaintances, and see our facilities.

*The Department of
Polymer Science*



Outstanding Alumni

Award & Symposium Honoring

DR. HWI JOONG KIM

M.S. 1974

Ph.D. 1990

October 2, 2009

The University of Akron

Goodyear Polymer Center

Goodyear Auditorium



Dr. Hwi Joong Kim, M.S., 1974, Ph.D. 1990

The Department of Polymer Science, The University of Akron, is very proud to announce Dr. Hwi Joong Kim as the 2009 Outstanding Alumnus.

Dr. Hwi Joong Kim holds the position of Chief Technology Officer and Chief Production Officer for Hankook Tire Co., Ltd. He is responsible for all global engineering, technical, and manufacturing activities at Hankook which is the seventh largest global tire manufacturer and a major supplier to North American, European and Asian vehicle manufacturers. Hankook is also a key supplier to tire aftermarkets on all continents, and manufactures batteries, automotive products and manufacturing equipment in addition to tires.

Dr. H. J. Kim majored in applied chemistry at Seoul National University, Korea, 1971. He received his master's degree in polymer science from the University of Akron in 1974 and returned to receive the Ph.D. degree in the same field under Dr. Alan Gent in 1990.

He is now actively involved in the operations of manufacturing plants in Korea, China and Hungary. But he also allocates time for teaching tire engineering and polymer science to engineers, chemist

and technician, and has arranged for financial support for nine polymer scientists and mechanical engineers to earn their MS or Ph.D. degrees at the University of Akron. Six of them are now working for Hankook, and one is returning to the company this fall.

Dr. Kim has made major contributions to the growth of the Hankook Tire Company. When he joined the company, its production of bias-ply tires was a little more than 1,000 per day in the Seoul plant, which was eventually closed and replaced by more modern facilities. In contrast, Hankook now produces 225,000 high quality radial tires per day, in five plants, and the company has become well-known for its highly-engineered products and leading-edge technologies. These striking achievements of Dr. Kim are attributed by him to the basic knowledge he acquired in his graduate studies at the University of Akron.

RSVP REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Friday, September 25, 2009

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

- 9:00 A.M. CHECK IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 9:30 A.M. DR. WILLIAM VANOOIJ
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
- 10:00 A.M. DR. LEI ZHU
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
- (Break)
- 11:00 A.M. DR. ROBERT MATHERS
PENN STATE NEW KENSINGTON
- 11:30 A.M. DR. HWI JOONG KIM
HANKOOK TIRE CO., LTD., KOREA
- 12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON & AWARD PRESENTATION
(By invitation only)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM, PLEASE RSVP BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

EMAIL, PHONE, SUBMITTING THE FORM BELOW, OR REGISTERING ONLINE AT:

[HTTP://WWW2.UAKRON.EDU/CPSPE/DPS/ AWARD_SYMPOSIM_REGISTER_FORM.HTM](http://www2.uakron.edu/cpspe/dps/award_symposim_register_form.htm)

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