

## Editorial

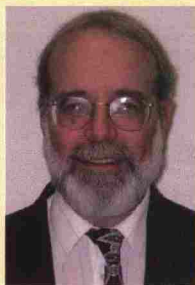
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We run the gamut for reporting on accomplishments in this issue. On page 12 we list the 55 rubber manufacturing facilities that received the Rubber Manufacturers Association's SHIP Awards; on page 35 is the announcement of the expansion of the 2011 Rubber Expo and Technical Meeting of the Rubber Division, ACS; and on page 36 is a photo display of the recent Science and Technology Awards given by the Rubber Division.

The RMA's Safety and Health Improvement Program recognizes member companies that achieve significant enhancements in worker health and safety with awards.

Data were supplied by 113 plants from 28 RMA member companies for the annual survey to determine the extent of workplace safety improvements. Worker safety is a combined effort between management and labor, and it's good to see management applying for awards they think they deserve in this area.

A major accomplishment was announced by the Rubber Division in its expansion of the 2011 Fall meeting which features the Rubber Expo. Partnering with a number of educational and other enterprises involved in the biomedical in-



### Accomplishments

dustry, the 2011 event is being billed the "Rubber Expo and Advanced Materials in Health Care" show.

The Division's executive director, Ed Miller, said the expansion had been in the works for some time as the Division recognized the increasing importance of the health care industry to its members. Partnering with the Division are Austen Bioinnovation Institute, BioEnterprise, the University of Akron College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ferris State University, Cleveland I-X Center and the Cleveland Medical Mart and Convention Center. The latter will be the permanent future home for the Rubber Expo and Advanced Materials in Health Care event once it's built.

We also have a pictorial feature of the Division's award winners, headed by Charles Goodyear Medalist Ed Kresge. We can't afford the paper to list all of the accomplishments of Kresge and his fellow award recipients, so we have published them in our digital edition, available on-line at [www.rubberworld.com](http://www.rubberworld.com) or by clicking here if you are already on-line. **RW+**



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