To All UIA Members and Honored Guests,

As summer winds down and fall comes in, the 32nd Annual UIA Symposium is fast approaching. As in years past, the meeting promises to provide a semi-formal setting where those interested in the application of power ultrasonics to science, medicine, or industry can gather to share ideas, learn of the latest research in the field, network, and, dare we say, catch up on some gossip. The flavor of this year’s program will be truly international in scope, with scheduled presenters coming from as far away as Kiev.

A full three-day schedule, to be held on October 21, 22, and 23, has been prepared that touches upon many interesting new findings and developments in ultrasound science and hardware. The first day’s schedule includes presentations on the latest scientific and medical applications; the second day offers presentations on acoustics, material processing, and joining technology.

Other lecture topics include a biographical review of the pioneers of ultrasound technology by Dr. Karl Graff of the Edison Welding Institute and a novel new method of ultrasonic transducer characterization.

We will present our annual Proctor & Gamble Award to the winning entrant in our Student Paper Contest. A manufacturer and service provider exhibit gallery will be open during the Symposium as well.

Several of the leading ultrasonic welding companies have joined forces to prepare and present a daylong seminar and workshop on the subject of ultrasonic welding and joining. Attendees are encouraged to bring their applications or parts to the seminar and have industry experts recommend solutions to their joining problems. This ultrasonic welding seminar is scheduled for the third day. The full Symposium schedule is included in this issue of Vibrations.

We are pleased to hold this year’s Symposium in the “City That Never Sleeps,” New York, NY. The pulse, excitement, and energy of the city are as vibrant as ever. Our schedule allows the attendees ample time to sample the many sights and experiences this major world center has to offer. The location for the Symposium is the New York Helmsley Hotel on 42nd Street, right in the middle of the theater and entertainment district.

We certainly hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity and join us in New York.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Sincerely,

Ronald Manna
Ronald Staut
Symposium Co-Chairs
The Ultrasonic Industry Association is pleased to announce that a special seminar, entitled “Ultrasonic Plastic Welding,” will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at the Helmsley Hotel in New York City. This special seminar will follow the UIA’s annual symposium, held on October 21 and 22 at the Helmsley.

Attendees are invited to bring a new or a “problem” plastic part for review as a potential for ultrasonic bonding. Leaders in the ultrasonic plastic welding industry will address questions as well as provide information on basic ultrasonic principles, horn and anvil design, materials selection, joint design for plastic parts, process control, and successful applications.

This seminar provides an ideal opportunity to interact with an industry forum that will include representatives from Edison Welding Institute, Branson Ultrasonics, Dukane Corporation, Sonobond Ultrasonics, and Stapla Ultrasonics.

For registration details, please log on to www.ultrasonics.org or see the registration form for the UIA seminar provided in Vibrations, the association’s newsletter. The UIA’s annual symposium is open to all interested persons, with October 22nd’s session most germane to those interested in ultrasonic plastic welding.

Lunch will be provided.
UIA Symposium Program

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Registration Open
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Exhibits Set Up
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  UIA Open Board Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
7:00 am – 6:00 pm  Registration Open
7:00 am  Continental Breakfast
7:30 am – 6:30 pm  Exhibits Open
8:00 am  Opening 32nd Annual Symposium
Co-Chairpersons Ronald Manna and Ronald Staut
8:30 am – 12:00 pm  Sonically Enhanced Processing
Linda Weavers, Session Chair
12:00 pm  Lunch
Procter & Gamble Research Award
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Medical and Standards Session
Co-Chairpersons Mark Schafer and Ronald Manna
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  Wine and Cheese Reception

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
7:00 am – 5:00 pm  Registration Open
7:00 am  Continental Breakfast
7:30 am – 5:00 pm  Exhibits Open
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  Industrial Applications Session
Janet Devine, Session Chair
12:00 pm  Lunch
Annual Membership Meeting
1:00 pm – 5:30 pm  High Power Applications
Jeff Frantz, Session Chair
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  UIA Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23  Plastic Welding Seminar Presented by Industry Leaders
7:00 am – 8:00 am  Late Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  Ultrasonic Plastic Welding Seminar
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Buffet Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Ultrasonic Plastic Welding Seminar

*Program subject to change without notice*

UIA PRESENTS UNIQUE ULTRASONIC PLASTIC WELDING SEMINAR
Attend a special seminar presented by representatives of UIA member companies involved in providing ultrasonic plastic welding equipment, tooling, and applications expertise. Each of these companies regularly presents seminars on their own, but this time they have joined forces to present a technical seminar at which you can learn from not just one expert, but a roomful.

Current UIA Vice President, Tom Kirkland, will moderate a program that will include these topics and speakers:
Basic Principles of Ultrasound  Karl Graff, Director, Edison Welding Institute
Acoustic Tooling  Karl Graff
Fixtures  Jeff Frantz, Director of Applications and Tooling, Branson Ultrasonics
Thermoplastic Materials  Tom Kirkland, Business Unit Manager, Dukane Ultrasonics
Part Design Considerations  Jeff Frantz
Process Control  Donald Patten, Applications Lab Manager, Stapla USA
Other Assembly Processes:  Janet Devine, President, Sonobond Ultrasonics
Staking/Swaging, Inserting, Spotwelding, Degating, Fabric/Film

One half-hour is reserved for discussion of applications raised by attendees. Attendees are encouraged to bring sample parts for this discussion. The final half-hour is reserved for an open forum in which all presenters will be available to answer any final questions. A seminar outline book will be provided for note-taking, and each presenter will be making educational and sales literature available to all participants.
Sonically Enhanced Processing Session
- Inactivation of Pathogens by Sonochemical Process - C.P. Huang and Sam Myoda.
- Innovative High Drive Piezoelectric Ceramic for Use in High Power Transducers - Jerod Brosch.
- Assessment of the Effectiveness of Ultrasonic Cell Disruption by Acoustic Phenomena as a Function of the Suspension Concentration - Attila Lorincz.
- A Novel Continuous Ultrasonic Processing Unit - Susan Poniatowski and John Walicinshaw
- Acoustic Cavitation - Sergei Peshkovsky.

Medical & Standards Session
- A Novel Suture Welding Device for Fascia Closure: Pre-Clinical Results - Raymond Connolly, Thomas D. Egan, and Steven D. Schwartzberg.
- Toward a Quantitative Ultrasonic Therapy - Robert Muratore, Frederic L. Lizzi, Jeffrey A. Ketterling, and Gayle Denman.
- A Model for Ultrasonic Surgical Instruments Cutting of Tissue and Surrogates - Jeffrey Vaitekunas.
- Comparison of Tensile Properties of Novel Ultrasonically Welded Suture Loops and Traditional Hand-Knotted Braided Suture Loops - Maria Apreleva, Brian Swanson, and John C. Richmond.

Industrial Applications Session
- The Acoustic Performance of Selected Precipitation-Hardened Stainless Steels Under Substantial Dynamic Stress at Ultrasonic Frequencies - Dave Wuchinich.
- FEA-Assisted Measurement of Young’s Modulus and Poisson’s Constant in Stout Horn Blanks - Dave Wuchinich.
- Unconventional Use of Inserts Facilitates Feasible Ultrasonic Application - Tom Kirkland.
- The Ultrasonic Weld Mechanism-State of the Technology - Edgar de Vries and Karl Graff.
- Ultrasonic Drawing of Composite, Superconducting Wire - Karl Graff, Michael Tomsic, and Edward Collins.

High Power Applications Session
- Application Benefits to 15-KHZ Welding - Bob Jalbert.
- Automotive Ultrasonic Metal Welding Applications - Joe Stacey and Robert Foster.
- Analytical Computer Model of High Power Sandwich Transducers - George Bromfield.
UIA Symposium Registration Form

Please print and complete all information. This information will be printed in the registration listing and on your name badge.

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Do you need UIA Membership Information? ☐ Yes, send me more information (or sign up at www.ultrasonics.org).

Please list your job sector (i.e., industry, medical device, education) __________________________________________

Please list your area(s) of interest (i.e., laboratory, materials, sensing, etc.) __________________________________________

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Registration Fees for UIA Symposium

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UIA President’s Message

We definitely live in interesting times. After a year as president of the UIA, I can report that we are stronger today than a year ago, which we attributed to significant effort from your Board of Directors. My thanks goes to all who have contributed to our cause. We unite under the auspices of the UIA, bringing competitors together for common goals. We may disagree at times, we compete in the marketplace, but we bring value to the community at large. We work together to improve processes, techniques, and materials through the application of ultrasonic technology.

At the UIA meeting in New York, the lion will lay with the cheetah, and both will learn and be better from the exchange. Whether your company is the lion or the cheetah (I have not met any lambs in the UIA), you can improve yourself and your organization by attending. Come meet and discuss ideas with others who are passionate about ultrasonics. I hope to see you there.

Jeff Vaitekunas
Sensor Products Inc. introduces **Pressurex®**, a tactile force indicating sensor. The sensor is useful in assessing compression magnitude and distribution between any two mating or impacting surfaces. Applications for the product exist in both manufacturing process control and machine/component inspection and calibration. Pressurex is an NDT (non-destructive testing) technique that can greatly enhance yields and improve quality with a relatively minor investment. Pressurex is useful in a large variety of applications in both R & D and QC analysis. It can be used to determine pressure uniformity in measuring horn interface pressure during ultrasonic welding and in revealing weak spots, channels and wrinkles at the sealing surface. Finally, the film can be used to verify and record pressure distribution during equipment set-up, preventive maintenance and product changeover.

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