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**AMERICHEM SCIENTIST TO PRESENT AT POLYESTER 2007 - GLOBAL POLYESTER AND PET CHAIN, 12TH WORLD CONGRESS**

**Vaman G. Kulkarni to Introduce New Technologies in Polyester Fibers**

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio, Dec. 4, 2007 – Vaman G. Kulkarni, Ph.D., Technical Marketing Director for Fibers, Packaging and Films at Americhem Inc., will be presenting at the upcoming Polyester 2007 - Global Polyester and PET Chain, 12th World Congress. In addition, Americhem will have an exhibit featuring its work in polyester masterbatches for synthetic fibers.

The event will be held December 12th-14th at Hotel Okura in Amsterdam. It is hosted by Maack Business Services (MBS), whose team of polymer experts offers plastics research, technical development, marketing, market development and business management support worldwide. MBS sponsors global conferences dedicated to all major thermoplastic polymers.

“For many years, this conference has been a catalyst for enhancing the understanding of polyester as it’s used in the world today. We’re pleased to be a part of this premier global event,” says Dave Bouton, Vice President - Commercial of Americhem. “We look forward not only to sharing our insights, but also to gathering information about the current trends and issues faced by the market segments our company serves.”

Dr. Kulkarni’s presentation will take place on December 13th, and will cover the latest developments in Americhem’s functional masterbatches for polyester fibers. In particular, he will introduce a new high-performance technology for UV stabilization in polyester.

This technology significantly exceeds the performance of traditional UV stabilization packages, and can be combined with custom colors and other performance additives in multi-attribute masterbatches. Dr. Kulkarni will also discuss progressions in Americhem’s high-performance antimicrobials and flame retardants.

“Americhem leads the industry in continuous product innovation and new functionalities in synthetic fibers,” say Bouton. “Dr. Kulkarni has spearheaded the company’s development in this area. He is responsible for numerous advancements of functional masterbatches for synthetic fibers.”

Dr. Kulkarni has spoken at a number of industry events worldwide – most recently the 2006 ShanghaiTex Exhibition in China. Other events include the 2006 Polyamide Congress in Zurich; the 44th Man-Made Fibers Conference 2005 in Dornbirn; and the 2003 Polyester World Congress in Zurich.

Dr. Kulkarni is also the author of numerous journal articles on the topics of functional additives for synthetic fibers. He has worked as a scientist for Americhem in a wide array of specialties since 1986. He earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Akron.

**ABOUT AMERICHEM**

Americhem is a global organization that delivers custom color and additive solutions for clients seeking superior performance and batch-to-batch consistency for their polymer products. The company specializes in color and additive masterbatches, and single pigment dispersions, all backed by complete technical support that ensures quality, reliability and value. Americhem operates eight manufacturing plants and also maintains representative sales offices in Shanghai, Seoul, Mexico City and Luxembourg. Corporate research & development facilities and headquarters are located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. For more information visit [Americhem.com](http://Americhem.com) or call 800.228.3476.