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Dear USPTC Member,

Please consider attending the Poland-Silicon Valley Science and Technology Symposium (the "Symposium") with its focus on advanced materials, sensors and energy. The Symposium, organized by US-Polish Trade Council ("USPTC") in cooperation with the Polish-American Engineers' Club of Silicon Valley and the Council of Polish Engineers in North America, will be held at Stanford University on November 15-17, 2012. The Symposium is proud to have the Patronage of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Los Angeles, The National Center for Research and Development in Poland, Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency, Polish Chamber of Commerce for High Technology, Polish Chamber of Commerce and Polish Bank Association.

The Symposium will provide great opportunities for its participants to exchange ideas, gain valuable experience from the world's leading centers of innovation and establish the foundation for future cooperation with foreign companies.

The main topics on the Symposium's agenda will concentrate on the intelligent electricity networks, the electric car, shale gas, sensors, MEMS, graphene and semiconductors, and funding of innovation and R&D.

To learn more about and register to attend the Symposium, please visit www.psvts.org.

In our next newsletter, we will share with you the details, including registration information, on the Tenth Annual Global Technology Symposium, "Ten Years of Innovation," which will be held in Silicon Valley on March 27-29, 2013.

As always, we invite you to consider becoming a member of USPTC at <http://www.usptc.org/membership.htm>.

THIRD AND FOURTH EDITIONS OF TOP 500 INNOVATORS PROGRAM

In October 2012, two new groups of outstanding Polish

scientists and experts in technology transfer arrived at Stanford University and University of California at Berkeley to participate in the third and fourth editions of the Top 500 Innovators Program (the "Program"). Both Stanford (for the third time) and UC Berkeley have been selected by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland (the "Ministry") as the most qualified institutions for the Program. Professor Piotr Moncarz, Chairman of USPTC, is the Academic Director of the Stanford program.

From April to June 2012, the second group of Program participants spent over eight weeks on professional development at Stanford.

The Ministry is planning to select up to five hundred of qualified Poles and send them to the world's Top Ten universities in order to enable the Program participants gain invaluable knowledge and experience on design-thinking, technology transfer, entrepreneurial activities, and multi-disciplinary team projects.

For additional information on the Program, picture galleries and description of certain events attended by the members of the Program, please visit: <http://www.nauka.gov.pl/?id=2730> and <http://zaghnastanford.blogspot.com>.

US-POLAND INNOVATION HUB

As announced at the Poland Day at Intel in March 2012, USPTC has initiated a US-Poland Innovation Hub program, aimed to serve as a Go-Global-Poland catalyst for small and medium size Polish innovative companies that are ready to brave the challenge of becoming global enterprises. The participants for the first edition of the program were selected from over thirty applicants eight of whom have already completed a series of preparatory training sessions in Poland that were conducted with the participation of USPTC-invited Silicon Valley and Polish experts (e.g., alumni of the Program). The first group of companies is preparing for their departure to Silicon Valley where, during a two- to four-week visit, they will participate in meetings and discussions with potential U.S. partners/investors.

If your firm is interested in participation in the US-Poland Innovation Hub program, please visit <http://innovationhub.usptc.org> for more information, including application forms, press releases and more.

MEMBERSHIP

USPTC offers several levels of membership such as student, individual, early stage company and regular corporate. Each membership level has specific benefits assigned to it such as event registration discounts, information flows including e-mail announcements, sponsorship opportunities, and access to USPTC leadership, to name a few.

Please consider becoming a member and join USPTC today by visiting <http://www.usptc.org/membership.htm>.

ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP

In the U.S. and Poland, USPTC's activities reach many industry professionals in product development, manufacturing, marketing, sales, finance, research, and operations. If you are associated with an enterprise which benefits from ties to industry professionals or operates an international business, we encourage you to inquire about our annual sponsorship program. Annual sponsors will be promoted at USPTC events, and receive special promotion in USPTC communications such as its web site, e-mails, newsletter, and social networking groups. Annual sponsors will also have priority access to USPTC officers and members of the board of directors.