NASA–Langley Scientists Receive SAMPE Award

Paul M. Hergenrother and Norman J. Johnston were honored at the 33rd International Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering (SAMPE) Symposium and Exhibition held recently in Anaheim, California:

Hergenrother, senior polymer scientist, and Johnston, chief scientist, Materials Division, NASA Langley Research Center, were presented the Everett S. Frye and Harvey L. Parry Award. The award recognizes the best paper in the field of reinforced non-metallic composite materials presented at the preceding symposium. The award-winning paper was entitled "High Performance Thermoplastics."

The SAMPE is an international society providing continuing education in new materials technology and processing as well as technical forums in which engineers and scientists can exchange ideas. As the only technical society encompassing all fields of endeavor in materials and processes, SAMPE provides a unique and valuable forum for scientists, engineers, technicians and corporations.

Hergenrother joined the Langley Research Center in 1980. In his present position, he is responsible for the development of high performance/high temperature polymers for potential use as structural resins on aerospace vehicles. He is internationally known for
his work in high performance organic polymers. Hergenrother is the author or co-author of more than 100 publications and is the holder of numerous patents.

Johnston joined the Langley Research Center in 1967. As chief scientist, Materials Division, he is responsible for the advancement of composite technology. In this capacity he conducts innovative research and coordinates composite activities with other organizations at Langley. Johnston is internationally known for his work in polymer chemistry and composites, on which he has lectured extensively.