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**TECHNICAL CLINICS AND OEM FORUM AMONG HIGHLIGHTS OF
UPCOMING I-CAR INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**

ROLLING MEADOWS, IL – May 12, 2003 - Technical clinics and an open forum with the OEMs will be featured as part of the 2003 I-CAR International Annual Meeting to be held July 23-26 at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

A variety of technical clinics conducted by leading industry organizations will be presented from Thursday, July 24 through Saturday, July 26. Over 30 technical clinics will be offered, with each clinic being 45 minutes in length. This schedule will allow attendees the flexibility to attend the programs that best fit their schedule and training needs. Visit the I-CAR web site at www.i-car.com to obtain the most up-to-date information on topic titles, schedules, and clinic updates from the following participating organizations: 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division; ADP/Claims Services Group; Akzo Nobel Coatings Inc; Assured Performance Network; Automotive International, Inc.; BASF Corporation; Blackhawk; Car-O-Liner Company; CCC Information Services; Chief Automotive Systems, Inc.; DaimlerChrysler Corporation; Dominion Sure Seal; DuPont Performance Coatings; Entela Inc.; General Motors Service & Parts Operation; International Epoxies & Sealers; Kent Automotive; Lincoln Electric; Lord Fusor; Meguiar's; Mercedes-Benz USA; Miller Electric Mfg. Co.; Mitchell International, Inc.; Pro Spot International, Inc.; Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes; System One; Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.; TRISK; Urethane Supply Company; and Wedge Clamp.

An open forum with the OEMs will be held on Friday, July 25 as part of the general session. A "2003 International Annual Meeting OEM Panel Questionnaire" is available at www.i-car.com to enable your questions to be addressed during the OEM panel discussion. Go to the link



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on I-CAR's home page now and submit your questions. Participants include: DaimlerChrysler Corporation; General Motors Corporation; Nissan North America, Inc.; and Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Navigating the Waves of Change." As part of the awards and recognition banquet on Saturday, July 26, I-CAR will recognize the efforts of its extremely dedicated and talented volunteers; instructors; and course development committees, who assist with the technical review of I-CAR courses.

Event and hotel registration information is available on the I-CAR web site at www.i-car.com. A complete agenda for the international annual meeting is also available at this site. Any questions regarding registration should be directed to Pat Perren at 847.590.1198, Ext. 209 or by e-mail at pat.perren@i-car.com.

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