



PPS Newsletter

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November 2010 Information to Polymer Processing Society Members

PPS-26 in Banff, Canada, a Solid Success

The PPS-26 annual meeting of the Polymer Processing Society (<http://www.pps-26.com>) took place in Banff, Alberta, Canada, in July 4-8, 2010. 424 registered participants from 40 countries made this meeting another solid success for the Society. More people came from Canada (53) followed closely by Japan (51), USA (42), Germany (39), Brazil (33). The venue was Banff Center, a world-class conference facility. The meeting featured special symposia to honor Profs. Chris Macosko (Univ. Minnesota, USA) and John Vlachopoulos (McMaster Univ., Canada), as well as a symposium in memory of Jim White. There were about 700 presentations, with plenary, keynote, and oral lectures from leading scientists and engineers, while 330 of these presentations were posters. The team of Prof. U.T. Sundararaj with members from the Canadian Society of Rheology (CSR) worked very hard and made sure that this meeting was also a great success.



Part of the banquet celebrations featured an exotic dance by Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.



Prof. Marianna Kontopoulou gives an acceptance speech for winning the Lambla award for 2010 at the banquet. Behind her stands Prof. U.T. Sundararaj, Chair of PPS-26.



Prof. Yu (3rd from left) was a winner of the Lambla award. Here he is seen with Profs. Mosto Bousmina (left), Chair of the Awards Committee, U.T. Sundararaj (2nd from left), Chair of PPS-26, and PPS President Takeshi Kikutani (right).

PPS-2010 Regional Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, Shows Strong Local Industrial Participation

The Europe/Africa Regional Meeting PPS-2010 was held in Istanbul, Turkey, in October 20-23, 2010. The meeting took place in the excellent venue of the Polat Renaissance Hotel near the Airport and right by the Marmara Sea. The meeting saw 239 registered participants from 23 countries. Interestingly, there was a strong local participation with 109 participants coming from the host country, Turkey, which aptly demonstrated the health of a vibrant Polymer Processing community there. The industrial participation was also very strong, with presentations, booths, and generous sponsorship of various events. Historic Istanbul offered a superb background,

where the participants could savor natural beauty, historic monuments, a great cuisine, and a friendly welcome and genuine hospitality.

The technical program covered all important polymer processing sessions for which PPS is well known, with several well-attended plenary lectures on modern issues of polymers and their processing. More information can still be found at <http://www.pps-26ist.com>. Prof. Yusuf Menceloğlu, Dr. Yakup Ülçer, and Prof. Miko Çakmak were the organizers, who must be thanked for their hard work and for putting together such an excellent and stimulating scientific program.



A plenary lecture during the PPS-2010, in Istanbul, Turkey.



Participants enjoying the banquet during the PPS-2010 regional meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.



The organizing committee of the PPS-2010 with its leader, Prof. Yusuf Menceloğlu (3rd from left).

PPS prepares for its Annual Meeting, PPS-27, in May 2011 in fabulous Marrakech, Morocco

The PPS-27 Annual Meeting will take place in Marrakech, Morocco, in May 10-14, 2011. This is the first time an annual PPS meeting is held in Africa. The venue of the meeting will be the superb Mansour Eddahbi Hotel and Palais des Congrès, right in the center of the city. The meeting is organized by iNanotech, the Institute of Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology, under the able direction of Prof. Mosto Bousmina. More information can be found at <http://www.pps-27.com>. Prof. Bousmina and his team are working hard in putting together an excellent and stimulating scientific program. Apart from the usual sessions on polymer processing, this meeting will feature symposia on special topics, such as nanomaterials and nanotechnology, optics – photonics and thin films, biomaterials and biotechnology, magnetism and spintronics, and dendrimers.

Marrakech has a rich history owing to its location at a cultural crossroads, and it was once an Imperial City. The succession of royal dynasties that ruled Morocco left to the City a ubiquitous inheritance. Behind the irresistible oriental attraction of Marrakech, there is also a vibrating town that should be discovered.

Marrakech is connected to a large number of European airports by direct flights (average of 3 hours in duration) or can be reached through domestic flights and the railway system.



Marrakech, Morocco, is the site of PPS-27. The city is situated on a plateau close to the Atlas Mountains in Northwest Africa.



The Palais des Congrès, venue of the PPS-27 Annual Meeting in Marrakech.



Marrakech offers many attractions, such as the Royal Theater, pictured above.

Future Meetings

In its continuing effort to be a truly international society, PPS strives to have meetings every year in different parts of the world. The following list of upcoming meetings is a good indication of these efforts.

2011 Meetings

Asia/Australia Regional Meeting PPS-2011, Kish Island, Iran, October 25-27

Conference Chair: Prof. Nazockdast

2012 Meetings

Annual meeting (PPS-28), Pattaya, Thailand, December 11-15

Conference Chair: Prof. Suchiva

Americas Regional Meeting PPS-2012, Niagara Falls, Canada, June 3-6

Conference Chair: Prof. Park

2013 Meetings

Annual meeting (PPS-29), Nuremberg, Germany, July 15-19

Conference Chair: Prof. Altstaedt

2014 Meetings

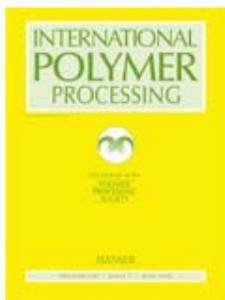
Annual meeting (PPS-30), Cleveland/Akron, OH, USA, June

Conference Chair: Profs. Jana, Maia, Manas-Zloczower

New J.L. White Innovation Award

The Polymer Processing Society has a new award for innovation, named after its late founding father, James L. White. The award is to honor outstanding researcher(s) or inventor(s), either as individuals or a group, in the field of polymer processing. The award is for an innovative development in the field of polymer processing technologies with recent commercial impact. It aims to stimulate and recognize originality, innovation and potential for continuing creativity among researcher(s) or inventor(s) in the science and technology of processing polymers and polymeric products. Candidates may come from any part of the world, but must either be PPS members or should have participated in recent activities of PPS. They may currently be working in industrial, governmental or academic positions or have retired from such. For nominations and more information, please visit: <http://www.poly-eng.uakron.edu/PPS/innovation-award.php>. The nominations will be judged by an Awards Committee of PPS. The complete nomination package for each candidate is due by March 31, and the decision on the award will be made in April. The award consists of a plaque and a \$2000 check. The first award will be presented at the next Annual Meeting, in Marrakech, Morocco, in May 2011.

IPP Journal – All Previous Issues Now Available on Line



In its continuing effort to offer value to its members, PPS undertook the cost and made arrangements with Hanser, the publisher of the PPS Journal “International Polymer Processing” (IPP), to have *all* issues on-line, going back to its beginnings in 1985. *All* issues are now available on-line at <http://www.polymer-process.com>. To download papers from this site, use your PPS membership number. In

response to PPS member requests, papers in IPP will now have a DOI number, as well as a Hanser document number, which allows quick access to a paper for the on-line journal website.

PPS members are encouraged to have their university, company or research institute get an institutional subscription to International Polymer Processing. An institutional subscription allows non-PPS members to have access to the society's journal broadening the exposure of the journal.

Musa Kamal is the new PPP Series Editor



Musa Kamal, Professor Emeritus of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, has been appointed the new PPP Series Editor to replace our late founding father, J.L. White. Prof. Kamal has been active in the field of polymer processing, in particular injection molding, since the early 1970's, and has already had many contributions to the PPP Series. Under his able guidance, PPS is expected to add more important volumes in the already growing literature on polymer processing.

Other Meetings of Interest to PPS Members 2011

Annual Technical Conference ANTEC 2011

Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE)

May 1-5, Boston, MA, USA

For information visit: <http://www.4spe.org/conferences/antec-2011/>

83rd Annual Meeting of the Society of Rheology (SOR)

October 9-13, 2011, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

For information visit: <http://www.rheology.org/>

ARABPLAST 2011

Jan / Feb 2011 | Dubai

For information visit: <http://www.alfajer.net/arabplast1>

INTERPLASTICA 2011

25 - 28 Jan 2011 | Moscow

For information visit: <http://www.interplastica.de>

CHINAPLAS 2011

17 - 20 May 2011 | Guangzhou

For information visit: <http://www.chinaplasonline.com>

2012

PLASTINDIA 2012

Feb 2012 | Delhi

For information visit: <http://www.plastindia.org>

NPE 2012

01 - 05 Apr 2012 | Orlando

For information visit: <http://www.npe.org>

PLAST 2012

08 - 12 May 2012 | Milan

For information visit: <http://www.plast12.org>

PPS Membership Website

A complete list of all PPS members, their addresses, phone numbers and e-mails, is available at the PPS membership website: <http://pps.mcmaster.ca>.

The user ID is "ppsmember" and the password "ppsmember".

Next Newsletter – May 2011

If you have comments on how to improve this newsletter or want to share some information in the next one, please contact the Newsletter Editor Prof. Evan Mitsoulis at mitsouli@metal.ntua.gr. The next issue of the Newsletter is due in May 2011.