



# PPS Newsletter

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Information to Polymer Processing Society Members

## PPS-25 in Goa, India, celebrates Silver Jubilee of PPS!

The beautiful and historic city of Goa, India, was the venue of PPS-25, the Silver Jubilee event of PPS! Professors Ashok Misra and Anup Ghosh together with their excellent team worked very hard to make this meeting another great success. According to the latest statistics, PPS-25 had over 400 delegates besides invitees and guests, and the feedback from participants was very positive. There were 410 technical abstracts from 26 countries from various parts of the world. The benefit to the local industry should not be underestimated, as many participants from polymer processing activities in India attended the conference, and there was an active interaction between the academics and the industry. More details can be found in the still active website (<http://www.pps-25.com>).

The meeting took place on March 1-5, 2009. The venue was the Cidade de Goa Hotel right on the beach overlooking Goa Bay, which offered all necessary amenities of a modern hotel and Conference Centre. The nearby site of historical Goa, a former Portuguese colony established in the 16<sup>th</sup> century with its beautiful cathedrals, offered attractive sightseeing to participants wanting to benefit from the many cultural displays of Portuguese and Indian heritage.

## Governor of Goa inaugurates PPS-25 along with a galaxy of dignitaries



The 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of PPS was inaugurated by the Governor of Goa Dr. Shivinder Singh Sidhu in a grand gathering of leading world-renowned polymer processing scientists at the National Institute of Oceanography Auditorium on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Among the dignitaries pictured above are (from left): Prof. Anup Ghosh (1<sup>st</sup>), Conference Organizing Secretary, Prof. Ashok Misra, Organizer of PPS-25 (4<sup>th</sup>), Dr. Sidhu (middle), Governor of Goa, Prof. Petr Saha, President of PPS (6<sup>th</sup>), Prof. Jim White (8<sup>th</sup>), who was honored for founding PPS 25 years ago and for his service to Society.



Prof. Ashok Misra, Organizing Chair of PPS-25 honoring Prof. Jim White, Founder President of PPS, during the Silver Jubilee Symposium.



The poster sessions, organized on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day, were well attended, involving selection of 6 Best Poster Awards.



Panel discussion on "Innovation in Polymer Processing" was the new theme in PPS-25 and attracted large participation by the delegates.



Two views of the Hotel Cidade de Goa, the venue of PPS-25, right on the beach overlooking Goa Bay.



The PPS-25 core-organizing team pose for a photo-op. In the middle is PPS-25 Organizer Prof. Ashok Misra and first on the left Prof. Anup Ghosh, PPS-25 Chief Secretary.



Plenary session in progress in Grand Sala Auditorium.



The banquet featuring Goa Carnival took place in the gardens of the venue hotel by the beach. Indian food and great dancing was enjoyed by all.

## Europe/Africa Regional Meeting PPS-2009 to be held in October in Larnaca, Cyprus

The Europe/Africa Regional Meeting PPS-2009 will be held in Larnaca, Cyprus. The meeting will take place in October 18-21, 2009, at the Golden Bay Beach Hotel by the sea, just 14 km away from International Larnaca Airport. Larnaca enjoys beautiful Mediterranean dry and warm weather in October with sea temperatures in the upper 20's (°C). Cyprus is well-known for its unique culture, which blends Mediterranean and Middle Eastern influences and traditional southern European elements. Cyprus is a full member of the European Union with the Euro as its currency. The technical program covers all important polymer processing sessions for which

PPS is well known. More information can be found at <http://www.PPS-2009.com>. Profs. Evan Mitsoulis and George Georgiou are the organizers, being ably assisted by a star-quality local organizing committee. The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to **May 31<sup>st</sup>**.



Map of the island of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean. Larnaca in the south is the site of the Europe/Africa Regional Meeting 2009 of the PPS.



View of the Golden Bay Beach Hotel in Larnaca, Cyprus, venue of the PPS-2009 Regional Meeting.

## **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.

### 2010 Meetings

Annual Meeting PPS-26, Banff, Canada – July 4-7, 2010 (<http://www.pps-26.com>).  
Conference Chair: Prof. Sundararaj

Asia/Australia Regional Meeting PPS-2010, Istanbul, Turkey, October  
Conference Chair: Prof. Menciloglu

### 2011 Meetings

Annual meeting (PPS-27), Marrakech, Morocco, May 11-15  
Conference Chair: Prof. Bousmina

Asia/Australia Regional Meeting PPS-2011, Kish Island, Iran, October  
Conference Chair: Prof. Nazockdast

## **Takeshi Kikutani is President of PPS and Ica Manas-Zloczower New President-Elect**

At the 25<sup>th</sup> PPS meeting in Goa, India, a new executive was elected to serve PPS for 2 years (2009-2011). Our PPS President is Prof. Takeshi Kikutani, from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan. New President-Elect is Prof. Ica Manas-Zloczower from Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA. We wish them every success in their new capacity.

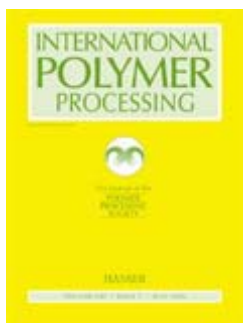
## 2009 Morand Lambla Award Winner is Dr. Vladimir Pavlinek

The 2009 Morand Lambla Award recipient is Dr. Vladimir Pavlinek, an Associate Professor at the Tomas Bata University in Zlín, Czech Republic. Vladimir was born in Kroměříž, Czech Republic in 1971. In 1994 he earned his Master's degree at the Faculty of Technology in Zlín, Technical University of Brno. In 1998 he earned his doctoral degree (equivalent to PhD) at the Faculty of Technology in Zlín, Technical University of Brno. In 2002 he completed the habilitation procedure in the field "Technology of Macromolecular Substances" at the Faculty of Technology, Brno. He is a researcher at the Polymer Centre, Faculty of Technology in Zlín since 1999 and is lecturing at the Faculty of Technology in Zlín since 1997. Vladimír has been visiting researcher at Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden, and at the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry in Prague in 1994-1997. He has obtained the prestigious Werner von Siemens Award for his doctoral thesis "Rheology of Suspensions in Electric Field". His interests are focused on materials engineering and rheology. Vladimír is a member of the Polymer Processing Society (PPS), Society of Rheology (SOR), American Chemical Society (ACS), and Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE).



The Morand Lambla Award is awarded to Dr. Pavlinek in recognition for his achievements and creativity among young researchers in the polymer science and technology field. The award will be officially presented to him during the PPS-2009 Europe/Africa regional meeting in Cyprus.

## IPP Journal New Special Issues



The PPS Journal "International Polymer Processing" (IPP) continues its pursuit of excellence increasing publishing to 5 issues/year. Previous issues are now 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.

## Other Meetings of Interest to PPS Members

### 2009

**17th International Conference on Composite Materials (ICCM17)**

**July 27-31, 2009, Edinburgh, UK**

For information visit:

<https://www.eventsforce.net/iom/frontend/reg/tOtherPage.csp?pageID=1175&eventID=7&eventID=7>

**The 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Chemical Engineering (with several sessions on Polymer Processing and Green Polymers)**

**August 23-27, 2009, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA**

For information visit: <http://www.wccce8.org/>

**VPF 2009 Workshop on Viscoplastic Fluids: From Theory to Application**

**November 1 - 5, 2009, Limassol, CYPRUS**

For information visit: <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/~vpf2009>

## **2010**

**Annual European Rheology Conference AERC 2010**

**April 7-9, 2010, Gothenburg, SWEDEN**

For information visit: <http://www.rheology-esr.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".

## **PPS Membership Statistics by Country**

During PPS-25 in Goa, India, the Chair of the PPS Membership Committee, Prof. John Vlachopoulos, reported on Membership Statistics.

At the end of 2008 there were 700 members of the PPS from the following 50 Countries:

ALGERIA 1, ARGENTINA 3, AUSTRALIA 11, AUSTRIA 17, BELGIUM 9, BRAZIL 63, CANADA 36, P.R. CHINA 16, COLOMBIA 1, CROATIA 1, CYPRUS 1, CZECH REPUBLIC 13, DENMARK 2, ESTONIA 4, FINLAND 5, FRANCE 45, GERMANY 66, GREECE 2, HUNGARY 1, INDIA 5, INDONESIA 1, IRAN 2, IRELAND 1, ISRAEL 1, ITALY 35, JAPAN 99, KOREA 20, KAZAKHSTAN 1, MALAYSIA 6, MEXICO 6, NETHERLANDS 19, NEW ZEALAND 2, NORWAY 3, POLAND 12, PORTUGAL 13, ROMANIA 11, RUSSIA 7, SAUDI ARABIA 7, SINGAPORE 3, SLOVENIA 5, SOUTH AFRICA 2, SWITZERLAND 4, SPAIN 10, SWEDEN 6, SYRIA 1, R.O.C. TAIWAN 7, THAILAND 6, TURKEY 6, UK (BRITAIN) 23, USA 79.

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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](mailto:mitsouli@metal.ntua.gr). The next issue of the Newsletter is due in November 2009.