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The Europolymer Conferences

Starting from 1998 EPF has decided to organize a series of Europolymer Conferences (EUPOCs) on topics of actual scientific and industrial interest. That taking place in Gargnano on Lake Garda is a Conference limited to 100 participants, the venue being the Palazzo Feltrinelli kindly offered by the University of Milan. The scientific program consists of invited lectures, oral communications and posters. Ample space is given to free discussion favored by the residential style of the Conference. The titles of recent EUPOCs are:

- *Polymers in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology* (EUPOC 2005)
- *Branched Macromolecular Structures* (EUPOC 2006)
- *From Polymer Structure and Rheology to Process Modeling* (EUPOC 2007)
- *Advanced Polymeric Materials for the Energy Resources Exploitation* (EUPOC 2008)
- *"Click"-Methods in Polymer and Materials Science* (EUPOC 2009)
- *Hierarchically Structured Polymers* (EUPOC 2010)

Organization

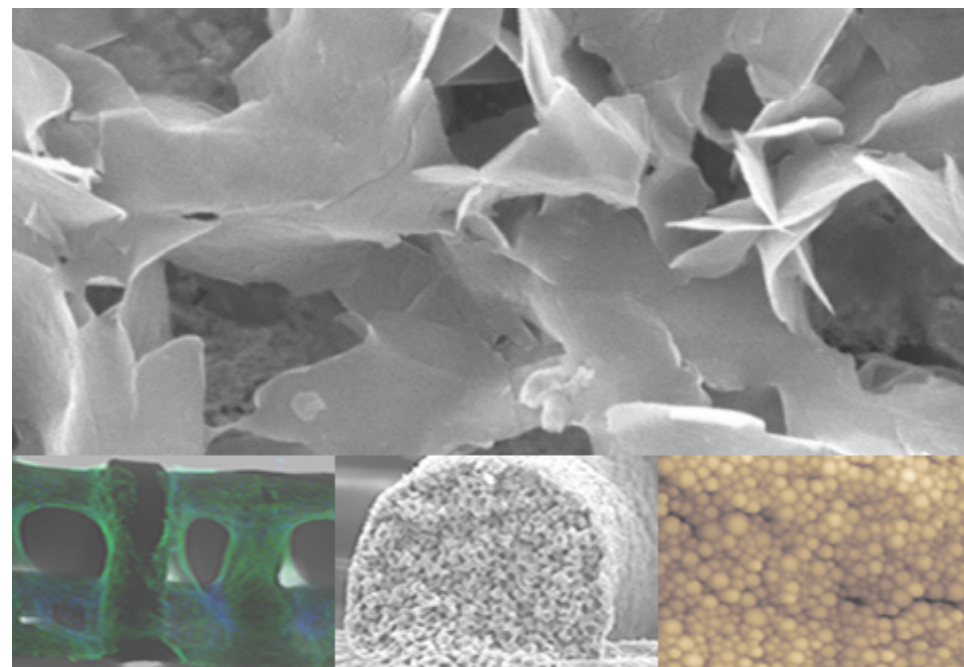


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Scope & Objectives

The importance of biobased and closely connected biorelated polymers goes without saying; traditional raw materials from non-renewable resources will be gone sooner or later inevitably. Recent disasters when less conventional methods have been used for crude oil extraction clearly indicate that production of biorelated raw materials is also safer. It is not however generally appreciated that the level of the world production of sugar, being in surplus in many parts of the world, is comparable with the world production of polymers. It may also be stressed that sucrose is the cheapest chemical raw material. However, the number of published works related to biobased polymers is by far lower than the number of papers devoted to polyolefins and vinyl polymers.

The field of biobased polymers in all the involved areas is still in its infancy. This is even true for the bacterial polyesters that, although developed a long time ago, are not yet produced in full scale mostly for economical reasons. Polylactides –the most successful among the biobased polymers– are produced at a very minor level of the total production of polymers. Biorelated polymers are bringing also an additional value, namely degradability. On the other hand, polymeric biomaterials and their potential in different fields, mainly biology and biomedicine, are in an advanced state, but yet expanding in scope and impact.

Thus, the aims of this Conference are to review the present state of research in the area of biobased/biorelated polymers, and to provide a forum for discussion of future progress and prospect. Chemistry, physics and application of biobased/biorelated polymers and polymeric biomaterials will be covered.

The Conference will also celebrate Professors Emo Chiellini and Francesco Ciardelli on the occasion of their retirement. We are happy that both of them kindly agreed to give lectures.

Scientific Program

The Conference will be based on invited lectures, oral communications and poster papers.

Major topics are:

- Polymers from renewable resources
- Green chemistry and sustainability of polymers
- Degradable and biodegradable polymers
- Polymers at the interfaces with life sciences
- Biocompatible polymers and polymeric biomaterials

Provisional list of invited speakers includes:

Y. Doi (Japan), A. Duda (Poland),
S. Hvilsted (Denmark), S. Imam (USA), M. Laus (Italy),
K. Matyjaszewski (USA), P. Lemstra (The Netherlands),
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Call for Papers

Those who wish to contribute a paper should submit a **one-page abstract by 4 March, 2011**, by email as a pdf file to mgv@dcci.unipi.it. Acceptance of presentations will be notified by 1 April 2011.

Registration

Registration fee*	By 22 April, 2011	After 22 April, 2011
Full delegate	€ 600	€ 650
Student	€ 400	€ 450
Companion	€ 250	€ 300

*including, for all participants and companions: welcome party, wine & cheese party, social dinner, coffee breaks, and lunches on 30 May through 2 June at Palazzo Feltrinelli

To register, please complete the on line Registration Form not later than 4 March 2011. The deadline for advance payment of the fee is **22 April, 2011**.

Venue & Accommodation

The Conference will be held on 29 May – 3 June, 2011 at Palazzo Feltrinelli situated directly on the Lake Garda, in via Castello 3, 25084 Gargnano (Italy) (Tel +39-0365-71101, Fax +39-0365-72832, www.palazzofeltrinelli.it/index.htm).

Accommodation has to be directly reserved by the participants. Early booking is recommended. The Conference organizers are not involved in arranging the accommodation nor responsible for it.

Limited accommodation will also be available at Palazzo Feltrinelli, the Conference venue, at a discount price mainly for students and young researchers. Please address request to the Conference Secretary.