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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 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:

- 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)
- Bio-based Polymers and Related Biomaterials (EUPOC 2011)
- Porous Polymer-based Systems : From Design to Application (EUPOC 2012)

Organization

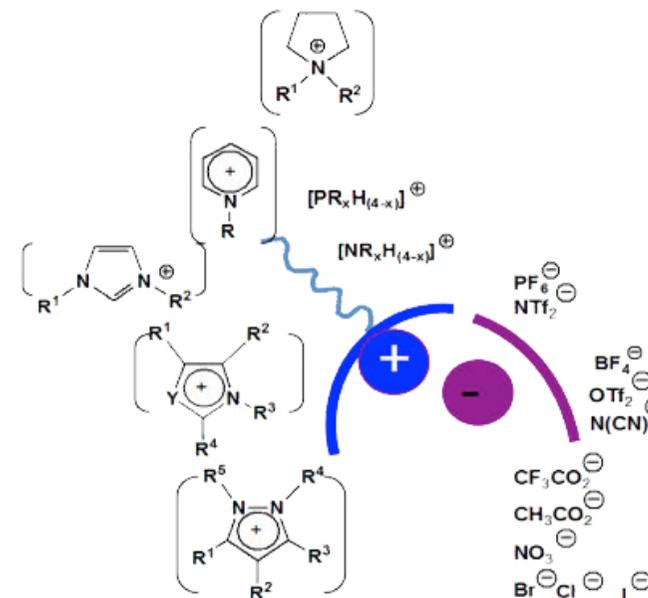


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Scope & Objectives

In the last decade, ionic liquids have moved from relative obscurity to something that most chemists are now very aware of. At present, the interest in ionic liquids shows no sign of abating. On the opposite, ionic liquids are being examined as new components within polymer materials for a wide range of applications of advanced materials. For those new to the field and who wish to begin exploring the use of these materials for their chosen area, it can be a daunting task to become familiar with their properties. The unique array of physico-chemical properties of ionic liquids finely tuned by their chemical structure makes them suitable in numerous applications in polymer science. Ionic liquids represent new media for synthesis and modification of polymers and they are also used as solvents for poorly soluble polymers such as biopolymers. The ionic liquids are also investigated as designer additive of the polymer materials as novel electrolytes in batteries, templates for porous polymers, plasticizers, surfactant in the preparation of functional polymers, etc. Their quite rapid emergence as alternative solvents has involved a fast growing number of examples of application but the understanding and study of their physical properties has lagged behind. A better knowledge for polymer scientists on specific properties of ionic liquids must be required so that the true potential of ionic liquids in polymer science can be highlighted.

Thus, the aim of this conference is to give a unique opportunity for merging the expertises from ionic liquids and polymers scientific communities and to provide a forum for discussion of state of the art approaches both in the field of ionic liquids and polymers combined with ionic liquids. The conference will focus on future progress and prospect for applications of ionic liquids in the preparation of functional polymers. The synthesis, the physico-chemical properties, and the physical aspects associated with ionic liquids and their use for polymers as solvents, processing aids and polymerization media for advanced materials will be covered.

Scientific Program

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

Major topics are:

- Ionic liquids: synthesis and physico-chemical properties
- Ionic liquids as green solvents for polymer chemistry
- Ionic liquids as processing aids for polymers
- High-added value materials and technological applications

Provisional list of invited speakers includes:

K. Binnemans (Belgium), M. Costa-Gomes (France), S. Fantini (France), A. Fradet (France), T. Long (USA), R. Marcilla (Spain), L. Matejka (Czech Republic), D. Mecerreyes (Spain), L.P. Rebelo (Portugal), K.R. Seddon (UK), A. Shaplov (Russia), T. Welton (UK).

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Call for Papers

Those who wish to contribute a paper should submit a **one-page abstract by 29 June, 2013**, by email as a pdf file to mgv@dcci.unipi.it. Acceptance of presentations will be notified by 19 July, 2013.

Registration

Registration fee*	By	After
	1 August, 2013	1 August, 2013
Full delegate	€ 600	€ 650
Student	€ 400	€ 450
Companion	€ 250	€ 300
One-day participation	€ 175	€ 200

*including, for participants and registered companions: welcome party, wine & cheese party, social dinner, coffee breaks, and lunches on 2 through 5 September at Palazzo Feltrinelli.

To register, please complete the on-line Registration Form **not later than 29 June, 2013**. The deadline for payment of the early registration fee is **1 August, 2013**.

Venue & Accommodation

The Conference will be held on 1–5 September, 2013 at Palazzo Feltrinelli situated directly on the Lake Garda, in via Castello 3, 25084 Gargnano (Italy) (Tel +39-0365-71101, Fax +39-0365-72832).

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.