

We invite you to attend the  
7th International Symposium on Polyelectrolytes,  
**Polyelectrolytes 2008**,  
which will be held at the  
University of Coimbra  
from June 16th to June 19th, 2008.

This follows successful events in Germany (1995), Japan (1998), France (2000), Sweden (2002), USA (2004) and again Germany (2006), which have made ISP conferences a major international forum for presentation of polyelectrolyte research.

The conference will focus all relevant topics to polyelectrolytes science. Sessions will be scheduled around the following topics:

- Biopolyelectrolytes;
- Polyelectrolyte complexes;
- Polysaccharides;
- Formulations and gels;
- Conformation and counterion binding;
- Self-assembly;
- Synthesis;
- Transport and rheology;

## Plenary Lectures

**Gero Decher** (Strasbourg, France)  
**Kazue Kurihara** (Sendai, Japan)  
**Lennart Piculell** (Lund, Sweden)  
**Gleb Sukhorukov** (London, UK)  
**Charles McCormick** (Southern Mississippi, USA)  
( *confirmed speakers* )

The presentations will be **Plenary, Invited or Contributed lectures, and Poster contributions**

## Call for Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted using the template available on the conference web site

<http://www.uc.pt/qcpi/poly2008/>

Contributions should be sent by e-mail to  
[poly2008@qui.uc.pt](mailto:poly2008@qui.uc.pt)

When submitting a contribution, authors should indicate the main subject area and preference for oral or poster presentation.

## Important dates:

Submission of abstracts:	<b>April 5</b>
Acceptance of abstracts:	<b>April 16</b>
Early-bird registration	<b>April 23</b>
Registration:	<b>April 30</b>

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## Coimbra

Rich in History, it is said to be the oldest seat of learning in Portugal, with a University founded in 1290 by King Dinis. This makes it one of the oldest in the world. The most dramatic of the ancient treasures of this University is the Joao V library, with superb frescoes. The city original name in the Roman period was Aeminium, and it later developed under the influence of the greater nearby town of Conimbriga. This latter place is now a large archaeological site of great interest. The botanical gardens are considered the most beautiful botanical gardens of Portugal. Besides the many rare species which deserve to be admired, there is also a vast collection of ornamental features such as statues and fountains



## Registration

### Registration details

Electronic registration will be available soon on Polyelectrolytes 2008 website

<http://www.uc.pt/gcpi/poly2008/>

### Fee Payment

#### BANK TRANSFER DETAILS

Bank: Banco Espírito Santo

Account Holder: Sociedade Portuguesa de Electroquímica

Account IBAN: PT50 0007 0023 0037 8560 0091 9

Swift/BIC: BESCPTLP

NIB: 0007 0023 0037 8560 0091 9 (Portugal use only)

**Bank transfer costs must be paid by the participant.**

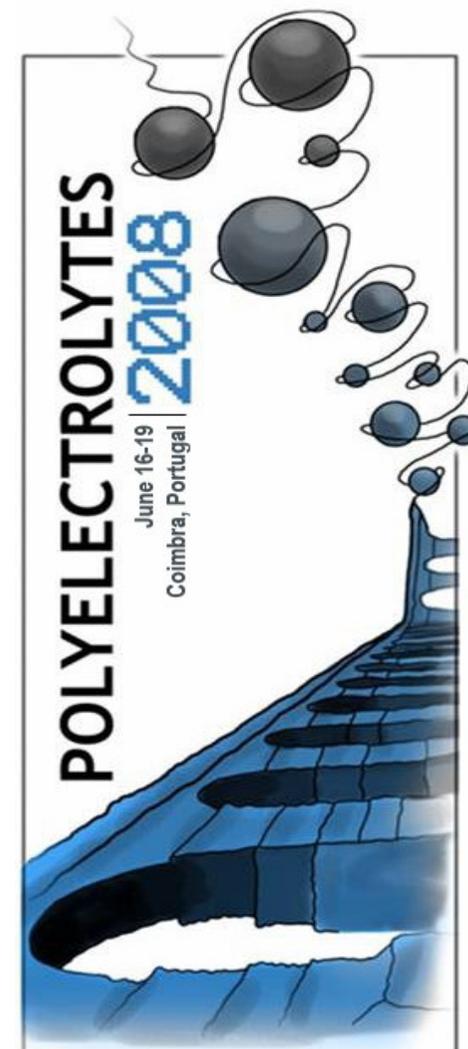
Confirmation of payment must be sent to the organization via [poly2008@qui.uc.pt](mailto:poly2008@qui.uc.pt).

The registration fee includes lunch, Conference

Registration	Before 16th of April 2008	After 16th of April 2008
Regular participants (*)	350	450
Students (**)	200	250

(\*) The early-bird registration from members of the Portuguese Electrochemistry and Chemistry societies have a 10% discount over the registration fees above.

(\*\*) PhD students or graduate students with recommendation letter from the PhD supervisor. Post-doc should be considered senior scientists and cannot be included in this category.



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**June, 16-19, Coimbra**

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