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IXth ECNP International Conference on
Nanostructured Polymers and Nanocomposites

Rome, Italy, September 19 to 21, 2016

We are pleased to invite you to the 9th ECNP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NANOSTRUCTURED POLYMERS AND NANOCOMPOSITES. The conference covers polymer science from fundamentals to applications: synthesis of polymers and macromolecular architectures, characterization, processing, as well as theory of polymers and nanocomposites. The focus is on functional polymeric materials and nanocomposites, supramolecular chemistry and interface design as well as aspects of sustainability. This conference continues the well established tradition of international conferences started with the European Network of Excellence NANOFUN-POLY in 2004 and continuing every other year through the European Centre for Nanostructured Polymers (ECNP).

Topics
- Progress in polymer synthesis
- Smart polymers and gels for optoelectronics, sensing, and biomedicine
- Polymer materials from renewable resources and energy harvesting
- Rubbers and elastomers
- 3D printing of polymeric materials
- Functional nanocomposites and coatings
- Advanced processing and characterization techniques
- Modelling of processes and properties

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Program
The program will include a number of invited plenary and keynote talks on recent topics, challenges and developments in the field as well as contributed lectures and poster presentations. Parallel sessions will allow quite a number of participants to present results in oral talks. The posters will be up for the whole duration of the conference and can thus be discussed in detail during all breaks and within specific poster sessions.

Plenary Speakers
Brigitte Voit – IPF, Germany
Karen I Winey – Univ. of Pennsylvania, USA
Paolo Lugli – Technical University of Munich, Germany

Keynote Speakers
Philippe Dubois - University of Mons, Belgium
Gert Heinrich - IPF, Germany
Yongjin Li - Hangzhou Normal University, China
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Call for Papers
Abstracts for contributions can be submitted from March 14, 2016 to ecnp2016@ecnp-eu.org.
Important Dates
Opening online submission: March 14, 2016
Deadline for contributions: May 31, 2016
Notification of acceptance: June 17, 2016
Deadline for early registration: July 1, 2016

Venue
The Conference will take place at the conference rooms of Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi (http://www.roma-eventi.com/eng/fontana-di-trevi/index.html)

Social Program
Much attention will be paid to promote exchange contacts and discussions between the participants. To this aim, a get-together meeting, a conference dinner, and a sightseeing program will be offered during the conference.

Exhibition/Sponsoring
Companies interested in exhibiting and/or sponsoring the conference please contact ecnp@ecnp.eu.org

Registration Fee
The registration fees will amount to about:
EUR 450  standard
EUR 250  students
EUR 50  late registration extra charge
(including all conference materials, coffee breaks, as well as social program)

Travel
Rome is situated in Central Italy. Two International Airports link Rome by direct connections with all major European cities. Visa may be required for participants from some countries. Participants are requested to apply as soon as possible. The conference organization can issue supporting letters on request.

Accommodation
Rome has a full offer of hotels and guest houses of different categories close to the conference venue that can be easily found and booked on internet.

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