



Dear Colleague,

the Chairs of the **33th International Symposium on Polymer Analysis and Characterization, ISPAC 2022** would like to invite you to participate in this symposium. It will take place on the campus of the **University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) from June 5 to June 8, 2022.**

The pandemic prevented the organizations of onsite events in 2020 and 2021. Since the interaction in presence is the real benefit of ISPAC meetings, we decided to cancel the symposium in those years. Now that the sanitary situation is comforting, it is time to go back to the old and nice habits, so the next **ISPAC will be all in presence.**

ISPAC 2022 will be a special occasion to **celebrate 100 years of Polymer Science**, since in 1920 Hermann Staudinger postulated for the first time that materials such as natural rubber have very high molecular weights. Since its beginning Polymer Science and characterization methods advanced together, new and more powerful techniques have allowed chemists, physicists and engineers to project and develop new polymers with amazing properties.

ISPAC 2022 will be a great opportunity to gather the most influential researchers in the field of polymer characterization. The symposium will cover instrumental techniques, methodology developments, and applications.

ISPAC 2020 will consist of five sessions with the following tentative titles:

- 1) Characterization of smart polymers and hybrid natural-biobased polymers;**
- 2) Characterization challenges posed by the advancement of circular economy;**
- 3) Opportunities and challenges in using turnkey instruments.**
- 4) Molecular characterization of network polymers;**
- 5) Future trends.**

You can find more information in the following website: <https://ispac-conferences.org/>

The following distinguished scientists have already confirmed their participation as **plenary lecturers**:

Hans-Juergen Butt, MPIP, Mainz (DE)

Béla Pukánszky, University, Budapest (HU)

Claudio De Rosa, University, Napoli (IT)

Guido Raos, Politecnico, Milano (IT)

Maria Letizia Focarete, Univ. of Bologna (IT)

Sebastian Seiffert, University, Mainz (DE)

Hiroshi Jinnai, Tohoku University (JP)

Francois Tournilhac, ESPCI Paris (FR)

Michele Laus, UNIPO (IT)

Ned Thomas, Rice University (US)

Yeng Ming Lam, Nanyang Univ. Singapore

Julius Vancso, Twente University (NL)

Albena Lederer, IPF Dresden (DE)

Frederik Wurm, Twente University (NL)

Deadline for Abstract Submission is March 31, 2022.

on behalf of the Chairs:

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