

UK Polymer Showcase 2008

“Polymers and Society”

16 17 & 18 September 2008 @ National Science Learning
Centre, York

Book now for 2008! Free Registration!

Plastics have a huge impact on modern life with new knowledge and applications rapidly emerging. The 2008 Showcase will present state-of-the-art thinking from the academic and industrial communities on current developments in polymer science which bring positive benefits to society.

Themes

IRC Research Highlights
Polymers in Medicine
Polymer Waste Management
UK Materials Strategy
Science Education and the Media
Polymers for Sustainable Energy
Polyolefins—The Next 50 Years.

Confirmed speakers include:

Professor Richard Friend (Cambridge); Quentin Cooper (BBC); Professor Don Baird (Virginia Tech), Professor Jimmy Mays (University of Tennessee); Professor Qi Wang (Chengdu University); Ralph McNeill (Safeglass Europe); Professor John Holman (National Science Learning Centre)

New this Year

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The 2008 UK Polymer Showcase will consider the essential roles that polymers and soft-nanotechnology play in modern society. The meeting will look at cutting edge research in areas that affect everyone, including health, education, sustainable energy and the management of waste, from both academic and industrial perspectives.

The Polymer IRC has developed the Showcase concept over the last five years, as a **FREE EVENT** open to anyone with an involvement in polymers or soft nanotechnology. The 2008 event will take place on 16/17/18/ September at the National Science Learning Centre in the historic city of York. This year’s event is supported by Yorkshire Forward, The Materials KTN and the Polymer IRC’s Industrial Club and presents a significant opportunity for those concerned with materials innovation whether from industry, government or universities to review current and future thinking in the area.



York Minster

The Polymer IRC and the Industrial Club have developed the Showcase to appeal to managers and researchers with limited time and resources to allow them to update their technical knowledge, catch up on industry developments and network with colleagues from across the sector all at the same event.

Our 2008 Showcase will be co-organised by the Polymer Innovations Network (PIN), the part of the Materials KTN responsible for plastics, which is working with the IRC to ensure that the meeting is easily accessible and focuses on the most relevant subject matter for the sector.

For the first time this year the poster sessions at the showcase are open to anyone with an interest in the major scientific theme areas of:

- Polymers in Medicine
- Advanced Polymer Waste Management
- Polymers for Sustainable Energy
- Polyolefins – The next 50 Years

If you wish to take part in the poster session at the meeting you should send an abstract (no longer than one side of A4) to polymer.showcase@leeds.ac.uk. Full details of how the abstract and poster should be presented can be found on the Showcase web pages.

In addition the meeting will take a look at

- Polymer IRC Research
- UK Materials Strategy
- Science Communication in Education and the Media

Confirmed speakers include Professor Sir Richard Friend, Cambridge University; Quentin Cooper, BBC Radio 4; Ralph McNeill, Safeglass Europe; Professor Jimmy Mays, University of Tennessee; Professor Don Baird, Virginia Tech.; Professor Qi Wang Chengdu University and Professor John Holman of the National Science Learning Centre.



Poster Session 2007



General Information

Posters Sessions

If you would like to present a poster at the 2008 UK Polymer Showcase that relate to one of our scientific themes, please indicate the title in the registration form. Instructions for the preparation of an A4 abstract can be found in the PDF file on the Showcase Web page (www.polymerirc.org/pages/PolymerShowcase). Abstracts should be submitted by **FRIDAY 18th JULY 2008**. Please note that the poster boards available will be A0, Portrait.

Location

The meeting will be held at the National Science Learning Centre, Heslington York, YO10 5DD, +44(0)1904 328300. For more information follow the link below:

<http://www.sciencelearningcentres.org.uk>

Accommodation

We have reserved accommodation on-site at the National Science Learning Centre and on the York University Campus. Early booking is recommended to secure a room.

Showcase Dinner

The Showcase Dinner will take place at the Merchant Adventurers' Hall in the heart of York's historic city centre. Built over 650 years ago the Hall had many uses; the Great Hall for business and feasting; the Undercroft for charity; and the Chapel for Religious worship. The hall is surrounded by a beautiful walled garden, bordered by the River Foss.

Evening Meals

Evening meals will be available in the restaurant at the National Science Learning Centre on the 16th and 17th September on a cash payment basis. If you would like to book a meal, please indicate this on your booking form

To book a place at the showcase, please complete the registration form on-line @

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