

Annual Report 2009: Division Polymers und Colloids

The division held its annual meeting Polycoll 2009 at ETH Höggerberg on June 12. Topics included polymers for adhesives, rapid prototyping or dental restorative composites, UV absorbers for skin protection, graphene composites, heterogeneous polymerization methods, as well as theoretical studies about solubilisation or self-organization of dendrimers. 17 posters completed the program. We were pleased about the growing number of students among the audience of about 70 participants.

As part of the SCS Fall Meeting, our Polymer and Colloid Session presented 12 contributions from Swiss and international speakers and 29 posters. The laureate for the best oral contribution was Lucio Isa and the prize for the best poster presentation of this session was awarded to Marco Furlan, both from ETH Zürich.

The general assembly of the division took place during the Fall Meeting. Prof. Frank Scheffold was elected as new board member. He is successor of Prof. Michal Borkovec who was not available for a second term. We thank Michal Borkovec for his outstanding work in our board, especially as guest-editor of our special *Chimia* issue about Polymers and Colloids in 2008. He will remain editor of our column "Polymer and Colloid Highlights". The rest of the board, as well as the president, were re-elected for another two years.

For the first time, our division was involved in the co-organization of an international meeting: the International Conference on Polymer Science & Technology-Vision & Scenario (APA 2009) at New Delhi on December 17-20, 2009. Thanks to our board member Prof. Harm-Anton Klok, we could establish a relationship with the fast growing Asian Polymer Association and participate in the exchange of information about new dimensions of polymer science in various application areas.