

## Conference Announcements



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### 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Polymer Characterization (POLYCHAR-11) 6-10 January 2003, Denton, Texas, USA

This continuing series of conferences has been held annually at the University of North Texas since 1992. The conference focus is on characterization on the one hand and synthesis, processing, manufacturing, and properties on the other, with an emphasis on predictions of service performance. All polymer-based materials, including thermoplastics, thermosets, heterogeneous and molecular composites, blends, polymer melts, and solutions are covered.

Research presentations are in both oral and poster format. Topic areas include the following:

- predictive methods
- polymerization
- polymer liquid crystals
- mechanical properties and performance
- dielectric, electrical, and magnetic properties
- surfaces and interfaces
- rheology, solutions, and processing
- characterization and structure-property relations
- recycling
- international education and scientific information

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual UNESCO School & IUPAC Conference on Polymer Properties 14-17 April 2003, Mpumalanga, South Africa (UNESCO Introductory Course, 10-11 April 2003)

This continuing series of schools and conferences, held annually, has the following goals:

- to expose Africa to macromolecules and materials technology that is applicable to their economies
- to create a virtual teaching encyclopedia CD-ROM for teaching in developing countries, where books, journals, and teaching material preparation are not available



The primary focus will be on the following:

- characterization of polyolefins and emulsions from newest synthetic techniques (e.g., metallocenes and living-free radical)
- catalysts and polymer synthesis (including combinatorial chemistry) hyphenated HPLC techniques, morphology, and ultrasonics

The scientific program will comprise plenary and invited lecturers, as well as other oral and poster presentations. Delegates are invited to submit contributions to the organizers.

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### International Symposium on Ionic Polymerization

30 June-4 July 2003, Boston, USA

This symposium represents the 16<sup>th</sup> in the series of biannual symposia which began with the first "International Symposium on Cationic Polymerization" that was held in Akron, Ohio in 1976. This symposium will provide state-of-the-art presentations (oral and poster) describing both recent advances in anionic, cationic, and ring-opening polymerization research as well as recent developments in the industrial applications of these synthetic methodologies to prepare commercially useful polymeric materials.

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