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Polymer Gels and Networks

10–14 July 2005, Prague, Czech Republic

The **68th Prague Meeting on Macromolecules and 44th Microsymposium** will provide a discussion forum for participants from academia and industry interested in the science and technology of synthetic and natural polymer gels and networks. The meeting will place emphasis on theoretical and experimental studies of the relations between the formation, chemical composition, structure, and properties of polymer networks and gels. Special attention will be paid to hydrogels used in biomedical applications, such as drug delivery and tissue engineering.

Meeting topics include preparation and chemical modification of networks and gels; gelation and network formation; gel and network states of matter; gels in life sciences, technology, and applications. The technical program includes about 10 main lectures, 10

invited lectures, and 20 oral lectures. Those participants who wish to present an oral lecture should submit a brief summary with the preliminary registration card to the PMM Secretariat before 31 December 2004. Two poster sessions are planned as well. The number of posters is not limited.

DEADLINES: Preliminary registration and offers of oral lectures: **31 December 2004**; final registration and abstracts: **15 April 2005**.

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www.imc.cas.cz/sympo/44micros.html



Nanostructured Advanced Materials

5–8 September 2005
Stellenbosch, South Africa

The **Third IUPAC Workshop on Advanced Materials (WAMIII)** focusing on "Nanostructured Advanced Materials," will be held from 5–8 September 2005 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The workshop will feature invited and submitted papers and poster contributions in addition to five plenaries covering the five main themes:

- nanoparticles: centers in application (gold nanoparticles, nanomagnet exciting new particles)
- nano-electronics

- electrospinning
- bottom-up design and self-assembly
- synthesis application and characterization

Based on the resounding success of the previous meetings in Hong Kong and Bangalore, this workshop should again strengthen the ties and collaborations between experts around the world and hopefully invigorate developments on the African Continent, especially in South Africa.

Potential lecturers are invited to submit abstracts by 1 March 2005.

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www.sun.ac.za/unesco/Conferences/WAMIII/HOMEPAGE2005.htm

Visas

It is a condition of sponsorships that organizers of meetings under the auspices of IUPAC, in considering the locations of such meetings, should take all possible steps to ensure the freedom of all bona fide chemists from throughout the world to attend irrespective of race, religion, or political philosophy. IUPAC sponsorship implies that entry visas will be granted to all bona fide chemists provided application is made not less than three months in advance. If a visa is not granted one month before the meeting, the IUPAC Secretariat should be notified without delay by the applicant.

How to Apply for IUPAC Sponsorship

Conference organizers are invited to complete an Application for IUPAC Sponsorship (AIS) preferably 2 years and at least 12 months before the Conference. Further information on granting sponsorship is included in the AIS and is available upon request from the IUPAC Secretariat or online.

[<www.iupac.org/symposia/application.html>](http://www.iupac.org/symposia/application.html).