

World Water Forum

16–22 March 2009, Istanbul, Turkey

The **World Water Forum** is the main water-related event in the world, aimed at putting water firmly on the



international agenda. A stepping stone toward global collaboration on water problems, the forum offers the water community and policy and decision makers from all over the world the unique opportunity

to come together to create links, debate ideas, and

attempt to find solutions to achieve water security.

The World Water Forum, organized every three years by the World Water Council in close collaboration with the authorities of the hosting country, is the largest international event in the field of water. It primarily serves four main purposes:

- to raise the importance of water on the political agenda
- to support the deepening of discussions towards the solution of international water issues in the 21st century
- to formulate concrete proposals and bring their importance to the world's attention
- to generate political commitment



www.worldwaterforum5.org

World Forum on Advanced Materials

20–24 April 2009, Rouen, France

The **World Forum on Advanced Materials** will be held 20–24 April 2009 at the University of Rouen, France. It will be preceded by a one-day 17th Course on Polymer Characterization on April 20.

The conference is intended for researchers, professors, students, and engineers involved in synthesis, characterization, property determination, processing, and manufacturing of novel materials, including thermoplastics, thermosets, alloys, heterogeneous and molecular composites, biomaterials, hybrids, and nanohybrids. The focus of the conference will be balanced among experiments, computer simulations, theory, and model development. The members of the Scientific Committee represent 53 countries. See <www.unt.edu/POLYCHAR>.

Following are the subject matter areas that have been chosen:

- predictive methods
- synthesis
- nanomaterials and smart materials
- mechanical properties and performance
- dielectric and electrical properties
- surfaces, interfaces, and tribology
- rheology, solutions, and processing
- biomaterials and tissue engineering
- characterization and structure-property relationships

- natural and biodegradable materials and recycling

A number of awards will be presented during POLYCHAR 17:

- Paul J. Flory Polymer Research Prize
- International Materials Science Prize
- Bruce Hartmann Award for a Young Scientist and the Juergen Springer Award for a Young Scientist (both for non-students up to the age of 32)
- Carl Klason Prize for the Best Student Paper
- prizes for young investigators and students for outstanding presentations in both oral and poster formats

Rouen is known as the city of one hundred spires, Rouen is in north-west France. It is the capital of the Upper Normandy region and the Seine-Maritime department. The city is bisected by the Seine and three of its small tributaries, Aubette, Robec, and Cailly. There are about 800 000 inhabitants (called Rouennais) in the metropolitan area. Rich in history (Joanne d'Arc), this is one of the few French cities to be decorated with the Legion of Honor. Rouen is an archdiocese seat and the archbishop is the Primate of Normandy. Claude Monet has painted the Rouen Cathedral more times than any other object.

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