

Welcoming Words by the PPS-32 Chairman

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for us to welcome you from all over the world at the international conference of the Polymer Processing Society (PPS) in Lyon. As one of the most highly acclaimed meetings in the field of polymer processing, the PPS conference takes place annually in different countries all over the world, with the most recent ones being held in Marrakech, Morocco (2011), Pattaya, Thailand (2012), Nuremberg, Germany (2013), Cleveland, USA (2014), Jeju Island, Korea (2015). It is an honor for France to host the PPS 32 in Lyon on July 25-29, 2016 (<http://pps-32.sciencesconf.org>).



The PPS-32 will be held in the Lyon Conference Center (Centre de Congrès), which is a superb world-class place for such a world conference. PPS-32 promises to maintain a good balance of programs to serve the attendees from academia and industry. It provides cutting-edge research results and the latest developments in the field of polymer science and engineering. The PPS-32 international conference will gather scientists and engineers who are working in the field of polymer processing, biopolymers and characterization, polymer-based products, polymer physics, composites, modelling and simulations, rheology...

The PPS-32 international conference has received more than 850 abstracts from more than 58 countries. The program includes 10 Parallel Sessions per day with 8 Plenary Lectures, 67 Keynote Lectures, 457 Oral Presentations and 252 Poster Presentations. We take this opportunity to thank all the international reviewers (around 80) for their support and help.

Additionally to the classical general symposia of the PPS meetings, the PPS-32 program also includes 5 special symposia dedicated to some new niches as well as recycling, plastic solutions for eco-conception, high performance composites for lightweight structures, additive manufacturing, microtechnology and smart materials, biobased polymers and materials for renewable energy. Meanwhile, a technical exhibition and a splendid social program will accompany the conference.

We hope that you will enjoy the scientific program and the charms of Lyon "Ville des lumières". Lyon is the second largest city in France (after Paris). It is a city in France's Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and is the culinary capital of France and the world. Lyon is famous all over the world for the art of fine living. It sits at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. Its city center reflects 2,000 years of history, with a Roman amphitheater in Fourvière, medieval and Renaissance architecture in Vieux Lyon, and the modern, redeveloped Confluence district on the Presqu'île peninsula between the rivers. It has a lot to offer to all the people interested in the history and cultural activities for which France is so well renowned. Spreading eastward over the centuries, without building over existing sites, the city has 500 hectares in the heart of town listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998. With many Michelin-star restaurants, famous chefs, typical "bouchon" restaurants, café bistros and avant-gardist dining experiences: **whatever your taste, there is something for you**. Such flavors and colors can also be found throughout the open-air markets or in the Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse, a covered market with permanent stalls where famous chefs stock up.

On behalf of the Organizing committee, we would like to thank the PPS- 32 attendees, presenters and accompanying persons, symposia organizers, involved institutions and the sponsors.

We wish you a memorable stay in Lyon and in France.

Sincerely,
Prof. Abderrahim Maazouz, General Chair