



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

It is my great pleasure to welcome all delegates and accompanying persons to the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Polymer Processing Society, PPS-19. PPS meetings are rotated annually amongst various countries around the world. This is the first time that the meeting is being held in, Australia. Melbourne has been chosen for this meeting as it is the hub of Australian polymer processing industries and the Centre of polymer rheology research in Australia.

PPS-19 is a truly international Conference drawing scientists and engineers from 33 countries. The conference includes six plenary and sixteen keynote lectures. The scientific papers will be presented under twelve major themes. The papers have been divided into two categories: refereed and non-refereed. All refereed papers have been peer-reviewed before acceptance. I hope this Conference will promote and facilitate scientific exchange, collaboration and interactions between participants as well as their organisations in advancing polymer science and technology.

Melbourne is reputed as the 'garden city', which boasts some of the most beautiful parklands to be found anywhere in the world. It is a remarkably multicultural city with a rich and diverse culture in sport, fashion and the arts. I hope all international and interstate delegates will experience the important attractions that Melbourne has to offer during their stay at this city.

I thank all the sponsors of this Conference for their generous support. I am indebted to the members of the Organising as well as the Technical committees and other individuals for their commitment and hard work to make this conference a successful event.