



Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Polymer Processing Society (PPS), it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Jewel of Canada, Banff, Alberta for the 26th Annual Meeting of the PPS in 2010. This is actually the 25th Anniversary of the PPS because the inaugural meeting happened in 1985 in Akron, Ohio.

One of PPS founders and giant in polymer processing research, Dr. James L. White, passed away in 2009 and we are having a special session on Sunday July 4 to honor his contributions to the field, and more importantly, contributions to our society. We are also honoring two other individuals, Professor Chris Macosko and Professor John Vlachopoulos for their scientific contributions to polymer processing. Dr. Macosko is being honored on the occasion of his 65th Birthday and Dr. Vlachopoulos is being honored for his longtime

contribution to PPS particularly in the area of PPS membership. There are two Morand Lambla Award winners in 2010 who will also be honored: Dr. Marianna Kontopoulou (Canada) and Dr. Wei Yu (China).



Moraine Lake, Banff

More than six hundred contributions will be given, with more than three hundred being oral presentations (over fifty keynotes and ten plenaries). We chose the spectacular mountain location of Banff, Canada for the 26th Annual Meeting of the Polymer Processing Society, July 4-8, 2010

purposefully because the inspiring mountain venue will enable creative and energizing discussion. The 2010 Polymer Processing Society Conference brings together over 500 international polymer processing researchers to enhance scientific understanding and technical innovation in polymer processing by providing a discussion forum for the field's world-wide community of engineers and scientists. The meeting promises to be an exciting blend of advanced materials like biopolymers, polymer nanomaterials, and bio-medical polymers, in addition to simulation and novel processing methods.

There will be time for social interactions, discussion, and networking and these are very important elements of the annual meeting. I would like to thank the PPS-26 attendees, presenters, sponsors, symposium organizers and especially the hard working organizing committee of PPS-26. I would like to give special thanks to the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary for their support and commitment to the conference.

Banff National Park is Canada's oldest national park, established in 1885 in the Rocky Mountains and encompasses 6,641 square kilometres with numerous glaciers, ice fields, evergreen forest, and alpine landscapes. There will be opportunities for visits to beautiful Lake Louise, Columbia Icefield and other touristic sites before, during and after the meeting. You will experience Canada's Beauty in one of the most extraordinary settings in the world. We hope that you will be inspired by Canada's nature during PPS-26 and remember it for a lifetime!

Sincerely,

U. Sundararaj, Chair of PPS-26