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EPNOE 2015

4th EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference

POLYSACCHARIDES AND POLYSACCHARIDE- BASED ADVANCED MATERIALS: FROM SCIENCE TO INDUSTRY

Warsaw (Poland)

19-22 October 2015

Scope of the conference

EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conferences are now key features of the calendar of European scientific events. The conference has been organized biannually since 2009.

The conference aim is to bring together students, scientists and specialists working in industry, universities and research institutes to exchange experiences, present research results, develop a platform for mutual scientific contacts and intensify academic/industry cooperation.

Since 2013, the EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference has been promoted and organized jointly by the European Polysaccharide Network of Excellence (EPNOE) and the Cellulose and Renewable Materials division of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

On behalf of EPNOE and ACS, we have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 4th Conference EPNOE 2015 "Polysaccharides and Polysaccharide-based advanced materials: From Science to Industry" which will be held from 19 to 22 October 2015 in Warsaw, Poland.

EPNOE 2015 is organized by
the Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres (IBWCh) in cooperation with the
scientific/industrial Centre POLINTEGRA, Poland



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Local Organizing Committee (EPNOE-Poland)

The conference is organized by the Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres, Poland.

Organising committee: **Danuta Ciechańska** (Chairperson), Agnieszka Gutowska (Vice chair), Magdalena Kucharska, Ewa Wesolowska, Konrad Sulak, Agnieszka Zarzycka, Janusz Kazimierczak, Marta Józefowicz, Monika Owczarek.

Scientific Programme

The 4th EPNOE 2015 conference will address all topics dealing with polysaccharides and bio-based products, such as:

- Polysaccharide biosynthesis: structural and chemical aspects, polysaccharide dis-assembling, isolation and extraction
- Physical, structural, surface and chemical characterisation of polysaccharides
- Chemical and enzymatic degradation, functionalisation and modification of polysaccharides
- Nanopolysaccharide production, characterisation and uses, including nanocellulose and MFC
- Polysaccharides in food or feed
- Polysaccharides in health care, personal care, and cosmetics
- Materials for green engineering and building construction
- Biorefinery (pulp & paper, use of co-products and wastes)
- Bioplastics and fiber-reinforced composites
- Bio-resources and bio-product engineering
- Bio-based economy
- Bio-based textiles: eco-friendly design and technology

The conference program will include :

- Scientific lectures with the participation of invited guests and plenary lecturers.
- Two discussion panels: “From Science to Industry”; “Innovation: Science and Business –key to success”.

Pre-conference Course

A pre-conference course on “*Physics and Chemistry in Polysaccharide Science: From Molecules to Materials*” will be organised on Sunday 18 October, 2015. We wish to encourage young scientists, in particular graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, to attend this Pre-Conference course. We consider active participation of young scientists to be one of the meeting’s greatest assets.

Registration and payment

EPNOE 2015 Conference

Registration fees include attendance to all sessions, book of abstracts, coffee-breaks, lunches and the gala dinner.

Pre-Conference Course , 18 October 2015

This course is opened to all participants and has additional charge to the conference fees. Registration fees include coffee-breaks and lunch.

Conference registration fees	Before August 15, 2015	After August 15, 2015
Participant	350€/person	400€/person
Undergraduate student	250€/person	300€/person
Pre-Conference Course fees		
Undergraduate student	50€/person	
University staff	100€/person	
Industry	200€/person	
Social Program fees		
Gala Dinner for accompanying person	75€ / person	

Abstract submission

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations or for posters until June 15, 2015. Submissions will be reviewed by the International Scientific Committee and authors will be notified of their decisions before July 30, 2015.

Conference Venue

Warsaw, for over 400 years a proud capital, is Poland's largest city and an economic, political, and cultural centre. The symbol of the city is the Mermaid, featured on the city seal. Warsaw is a bustling metropolis and features an unforgettable history.

Situated in the Mazowieckie province, in east-central Poland, the city spans the Vistula River and all the main tourist sites are on the left bank, while the right bank contains the increasingly fashionable Praga district. The tourist epicentre of Warsaw is the Royal Route, which runs north-south from the New and Old Towns, past the fashionable shops of Nowy Swiat, the palaces that survived the war and the royal gardens of Lazienki Park, before reaching Wilanow Palace to the south of the city centre. See: http://www.galileo.it/warsaw/documents/warsaw_in_short_english.pdf.

Warsaw has the largest airport in Poland (Warsaw Chopin Airport), with more than 100 flights to many cities around the world.

The conference and pre-conference course will take place in the *Conference Center of the National Stadium in Warsaw located Al. Ks. J. Poniatowskiego 1*. It is situated close to the Old Town and city centre. It is well visible from many places in Warsaw, being especially attractive from the side of the Castle Square (Plac Zamkowy).

National Stadium in Warsaw is the most modern multi-purpose arena and one of the most modern of its type in Europe. It was built for the European Football Championship UEFA EURO 2012. The white and red elevation of the stadium refers to the Polish national colours. The National Stadium is host to the largest events in Poland. This is the place where gigantic concerts, sports events, cultural meetings and other events are all under one roof.

Important dates

- 11 February 2015: Opening of abstract submission and registration
- 15 June 2015: Deadline for submitting abstracts
- 15 August 2015: Deadline for early registration

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