



Press release

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PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

"Petru Poni" Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry (PPIMC), located in Iasi, 41A Grigore Ghica Voda Alley, Romania, implements the project "*"Petru Poni" Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry - Interdisciplinary pole for smart specialization through research-innovation and technology for polymeric (bio/nano)materials and (eco)technologies*", InoMatPol.

The general objective of the InoMatPol project is to enhance the capacity, quality and efficiency of RDI activity in PPIMC by opening new research directions and diversifying the range of research services targeted specifically to industry - according to the innovation requirements of economic agents in cluster structures, in order to stimulate the competitiveness of the Romanian scientific research at European level and enhancing the national/regional economic competitiveness of the Institute and its industrial partners in the field of smart specialization in eco-nano-technologies and advanced materials.

Expected results:

- ✓ *Upgrading 3 building blocks* to develop seven new research directions:
 - Modernization/reconfiguration of the spaces to accommodate 20 new synthesis laboratories including pilot equipment / installations and a support laboratory
 - Modernization of spaces to accommodate 10 synthesis laboratories and 5 support laboratories
 - Rehabilitation of spaces for results processing/interpretation, dissemination of results, technical spaces
- ✓ *Rehabilitation and equipping the laboratories* with state-of-the-art equipment (some with unique configuration in the North-East or Unique Region of Romania), which will complement the existing infrastructure and will allow the Institute to become an interdisciplinary pole of excellence in the field of "Eco-nanotechnologies and advanced materials", aligned with the new international trends and standards.

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6th EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference
21st-25th of October 2019, Aveiro, Portugal

EPNOE, the Cellulose and Renewable Materials Division of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and the Cellulose Society of Japan (CSJ) are organizing the 6th *EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference* that will take place on the 21st-25th of October, 2019, in Aveiro, Portugal.

The ambition of the EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference is to bring together researchers from academia and industry, working or interested in polysaccharides related R&D topics, to disseminate results and to promote a networking platform for close interactions between academia and industry.

Thematic sessions covering different areas where polysaccharides have a relevant role, co-organized by scientific experts in each field, will take place.

We hope that it will be an enjoyable event that will provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss and share knowledge, ideas and expertise with colleagues and peers.

Deadline for abstract submission (oral communications) – 1st June, 2019
<https://epnoe2019.sciencesconf.org>

International Workshop on Biorefinery of Lignocellulosic Materials
4th-7th of June 2019, Córdoba, Spain

The 2nd edition of the *International Workshop on Biorefinery of Lignocellulosic Materials* will be held in Córdoba, Spain, from 4th to 7th of June 2019.

Excellent scientists will be invited as speakers at the congress: Orlando Rojas (Aalto University, Finland), Solange I. Mussatto (Technical University of Denmark), Thomas Rosenau (Boku University, Vienna), Carlos Negro (University Complutense of Madrid), Marc Borrega (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland) and Alfred “Al” French (U.S. Department of Agriculture).

There will be oral and poster sessions to exchange knowledge related to the exciting world of lignocellulosic materials.

Abstract submission deadline: 29th March, 2019
More information at <https://iwblcm2019.com/>

PAPEREX-2019
14th International Exhibition and Conference on Pulp, Paper and Allied Industries
3rd-6th of December 2019, New Delhi, India

The scope of the conference covers the strategies, emerging and innovative technologies in pulp, paper, packaging, tissue and printing. Technical papers encompassing the status and technologies of paper industry in the coming years are invited. Papers on cross-cutting technologies, including nanotechnology and biorefinery, forecasting on the future of pulp and paper industries and enhancing recycled fibre collection and processing, agro-forestry and plantation including clonal technology, state-of-the-art fibreline and paper machine, environmental protection, tissue and packaging, are topics on which papers are especially welcome.

Deadline for abstracts: 30th May, 2019
For more details, please access <https://india.paperex-expo.com>