



## International Polymer Characterization Conference POLY-CHAR **YYYY** [City]

### Proposed program

Date	Activity
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-day Short Course on Polymer Characterization (6 – 7 lectures) (45 – 60 min per lecture including Q&amp;A)</li> <li>• Meet-and-greet (welcome reception) (optional)</li> </ul>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference opening ceremony (Day 1 or Day 2)</li> <li>• Parallel sessions (not more than 3 parallel sessions)</li> <li>• Posters (Day 1 and/or Day 2)</li> <li>• POLY-CHAR Executive Scientific Committee meeting (~ 1 hr)</li> </ul>
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parallel sessions (not more than 3 parallel sessions)</li> <li>• Posters (Day 1 and/or Day 2)</li> <li>• POLY-CHAR Scientific Committee meeting (~ 1 ½ hr)</li> <li>• Banquet dinner (or in Day 4)</li> </ul>
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parallel sessions (not more than 3 parallel sessions)</li> <li>• POLY-CHAR Award Committee meeting (~ 30 min)</li> <li>• Awards and closing of the conference</li> </ul>
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social events (optional or at own expenses)</li> </ul>

### Notes:

The presentation time allocated (including Q&A):

- (1) Plenary: 45 min
- (2) Keynote: 30 min
- (3) Invited: 20 min
- (4) Oral: 15 min

### Conference organization

- (1) Each year, a colleague (the organizing chairperson) will organize the annual conference. He/she will have the responsibility to get the financial support to give the possibility to some colleagues and students to be present. IUPAC endorsement shall be applied for. Each conference must be scientifically focused on one specific main topic, but in any case that must include the possibility for others to proposed other talks and/or posters.
- (2) The conference registration fee must be reasonable in such a way that colleagues could come with some of their PhD students. If low cost accommodations for students can be proposed that must be done.
- (3) The number of parallel sessions is limited to 3. The first day of the conference is focused on short courses devoted to give lesson (45 – 60 min per lecture including Q&A, changing topics every year to some extent and get new specialists every year) to students and/or colleagues in different scientific fields. The program of the short course will be announced on the conference webpage. There should be some standard lectures (*e.g.* thermal properties of polymers,

rheology, spectroscopy...mainly about characterization) and variable key aspects such as sensors, responsive materials, organic electronics, organic opto-electronics, polymer science and nutrition, *etc*, to name a few, which can be covered by distinguished specialists if available. The short course is the educational section of the conference open to participants (in particular students) from academia and industry. Feedback from the participants is important.

- (4) It is possible also to have a special 'Focus Section' reflecting the 'motto' of the respective in POLY-CHAR meeting in particular, *e.g.* polymers and society, the meaning of sustainability in materials science, application of natural materials from local sources *etc*).