



## International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists

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### From your Newsletter Editor

Happy New Year to all of you, and best wishes for a productive and peaceful 2015!

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### New membership fee

In September 2013 the Council of the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists (IACIS) has taken important decisions concerning the membership in IACIS as well as the membership fee. As from September 2015, the membership fee for all members of IACIS, including students, was set to € 10 per year, respectively € 30 for three years and will be collected together with the registration fee of the IACIS conference where possible.

However, quite a few members still have to pay their dues and therefore one finds on our [web site](#) the payment options still indicating the former amounts.

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### Elections for the IACIS Council

For the elections we need of course candidates and your help to find them. Please send nominations for candidates to Mieke Kleijn, the [Honorary Secretary](#) by e-mail before January 15, 2015. Note that nominations for President-elect should be supported by four IACIS members, and prior agreement of the nominee should be obtained. The nominee has to be a member or former member of the IACIS Council. For Ordinary members of Council a proposer and seconder (both members of IACIS) are needed, and the prior agreement of the nominee.

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### Financial Assistance with Travel Expenses.

IACIS has a fund to assist with travel expenses incurred while attending an international meeting outside your home country. These funds are intended for young academics, PhD students, academics from developing countries, or others with limited financial means. Applications are now open for the upcoming IACIS meeting in Mainz. For more information and the application form, see [the relevant web page](#).

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The organization of our IACIS 2015 is proceeding. 3 plenary lecturers and 40 keynote speakers have agreed to come. In addition, the winners of the 2015 IACIS Lifetime Achievement Award, Björn Lindman from Lund in Sweden, and the winner of the Ostwald prize, Matthias Ballauff from Berlin will give a plenary lecture. **Deadline for the submission of abstracts for contributed talks and posters is 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015.** Since we are going to have 5-6 parallel sessions there will be a selection of contributed of papers. Presentations will be selected in the second half of January by the 33 members of the advisory board.

The IACIS 2015 is coorganized by the German Colloid Society. Joachim Venzmer, Chair of the Colloid Society, and Michael Gradzielski are in charge of the Hauptversammlung of the Colloid Society. Also included will be a workshop of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network *Complex Wetting Phenomena* (COWET), chaired by Tatiana Gambaryan-Roisman, TU Darmstadt.

Mainz is situated at the bank of the river Rhine. It has a long history and was already a city in Roman times. In the middle ages the archbishop of Mainz used to be one of the seven electors of the emperor. Therefore, Mainz has one of the major cathedrals in Germany. You will have a chance to visit the cathedral on Wednesday afternoon. We arranged a choir concert. Being the capital of the state of Rhineland Palatinate it is rich in culture. The area around Mainz is well known for its excellent wines, in particular white wines. For the evenings or on Friday afternoon I therefore recommend a wine tasting.

The whole organization team is looking forward to see you in Mainz!

[Hans-Jürgen Butt](#), Organizer

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### Brothers and Sisters



Impression of the 88<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society Colloid and Surface Science Symposium at the University of Pennsylvania, USA

(Courtesy of [Yangwei Liu](#), Georgetown University, USA).

### 89<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society Colloid and Surface Science Symposium

**Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh USA, 15-17 June 2015**

**Communicated by [Robert Tilton](#), Carnegie Mellon University:**

The 89<sup>th</sup> annual technical meeting of the American Chemical Society Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry will highlight the latest fundamental and applied advances in colloid and surface science, including its key roles in a diversity of related disciplines. Traditionally organized and hosted by a north-american university that has a deep commitment to colloid and surface science, the symposium thrives on strong international attendance by participants from academia, industry and national laboratories and has become established as a premier conference in this field. Approximately 500 oral and poster presentations are expected. Online abstract submissions will be accepted from January 5 until April 1, 2015.

In addition to 13 technical symposia and a poster session, this Symposium features two plenary lectures, the Unilever Award Lecture, the Victor K. LaMer Award Lecture, and an instrument exhibition. This year's plenary speakers are Professor Tejal Desai of the University of California at San Francisco and Professor David Pine of New York University. In addition, each of the technical symposia features two keynote speakers.

Please visit the [symposium website](#) for more information and to submit an abstract, or contact one of the Symposium Co-Chairs, [Stephen Garoff](#), [James Schneider](#) or [Robert Tilton](#).

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