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CIRCULAR #5: EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING



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Abstract Assignment Process Underway

On behalf of the Polymer Processing Society, Universidad de Los Andes and Instituto de Capacitación e Investigación del Plástico y del Caucho (ICIPC), we want to thank everyone that has submitted their work. We are on the final touches of the Scientific Program, and we have more than 450 abstracts from 42 countries. Thanks to everybody's participation, we are sure PPS-39 will be a great success.

Early Bird Registration Deadline Approaching

We want to remind all of PPS 39 attendees that the early bird registration deadline is on March 15th. After this date, regular prices will apply for all types of registrations. To register please use the following link: <https://pps39.uniandes.edu.co/tickets/>. As we prepare for the final program, it is necessary that all presenters are registered before the end of April. If you have any questions regarding your registration process, please email us to: pps39@uniandes.edu.co.

James L. White Innovation Award Winner

We are glad to announce that the winner of the 2024 James L. White Innovation Award is Prof. Chul B Park.



PhD Chul B. Park is a Distinguished Professor of Microcellular Engineered Plastics at the Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering Department of the University of Toronto. He has been extensively involved in industrial projects both in consulting and research

contracts on various foam processes including microcellular processing, inert gas-injection processing, rotational foam molding, wood-fiber composites, and open-cell foams.

In recognition of his outstanding research achievements, he has received numerous honors and awards in his career. The recent awards include: the NSERC Strategic Network Grant (\$5M) in 2010, the Julian C Smith Award from the

Engineering Institute of Canada in 2010, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2010, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2012, the C.N. Downing Award from the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering in 2012, the M. Eugene Merchant Manufacturing Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers / Society of Manufacturing Engineers in 2012, and Fellow of the Korean Academy of Science of Technology in 2012.

Morand Lambla Award Winner

As PPS 39 organizers we also announce that Prof. Junwei Gu is the 2024 Morand Lambla Award Winner.



Junwei Gu, Professor, Ph.D. supervisor, Chinese National-Level Leading Talent, Leader of the Shaanxi Provincial Science and Technology Innovation Team for "Thermally Conductive Polymer Composites", Dean of the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering in

Northwestern Polytechnical University. He has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining. He currently serves as the Deputy Secretary-General, Director, Deputy Chair of the Youth Working Committee, and Executive Deputy Director of the Thermal Conductive Composite Materials Professional Committee of the Chinese Society for Composite Materials.

He has received four provincial and ministerial-level scientific research awards, including the Second Prize of the Shaanxi Provincial Natural Science Award and the Second Prize of the Ministry of Education's Technological Invention Award. He has also been honored with prestigious awards such as the Morand Lambla Award from the Polymer Processing Society, the Young Scientist Award from the Chinese Society for Composite Materials, and the Innovative Award for Polymer Forming Processing and Industrial Development.

Hilton's hotel accommodation special offers

Remember that PPS 39 have partnered with the Hilton hotel in Cartagena to ensure preferential rates during the conference dates. You can find additional information in the following link:

<https://pps39.uniandes.edu.co/accommodation/>

To access them, follow the instructions that can be accessed through the "Guide to book your room in the Hilton Hotel with special rates" button or in the following link:

<https://pps39.uniandes.edu.co/wp-content/uploads/reservations-guide-20230825.pdf> .

Tours

To enrich your experience for you and your accompanying individuals, the PPS-39 have partnered with Aviator. As a result, all attendees have access to several tours with different durations:

- Colombian Coffee Tasting – 1 hour
- National Aviary of Colombia – 4 hours
- Cartagena City Tour – 4 hours
- Isla Grande – 8 hours
- Baru – 8 hours
- San Basilio de Palenque – 8 hours

For more detailed information, please access the following link: <https://pps39.uniandes.edu.co/tours/> . Please read the terms and conditions, at the end of the tours page, before making your reservation.