

POLYMER DIVISION MEETING
Zoom
3rd July, 2020 (14:00-16:00 CET)
Meeting files available in [Google Drive](#)

Those attending:

Rameshwar Adhikari (<i>RA</i> , Nepal)	John Matson (<i>JBM</i> , USA) TM
Ana Aguiar-Ricardo (<i>AAR</i> , Portugal) NR	Peter Mallon (<i>PM</i> , S. Africa) NR
Sabine Beuermann (<i>SB</i> , Germany) AM	Stefano V. Meille (<i>VM</i> , Italy)
Melissa Chin Han Chan (<i>MC</i> , Malaysia) TM	Jan Merna (<i>JM</i> , Czech Republic)
Claudio dos Santos (<i>CdS</i> , Brazil) AM	Graeme Moad (<i>GM</i> , Australia) AM
Christopher Fellows (<i>CF</i> , Australia) TM	Tamaki Nakano (<i>TN</i> , Japan)
Danniebelle Hasse (<i>DH</i> , USA)	Chris Ober (<i>CKO</i> , USA) Bureau (Elected Member)
Jiasong He (<i>JH</i> , China/Beijing) NR	Marloes Peeters (<i>MP</i> , UK) AM
Jan van Hest (<i>JvH</i> , Netherlands) NR	Olga Philippova (<i>OP</i> , Russia) NR
Roger Hiorns (<i>RCH</i> , France) TM	Guido Raos (<i>GR</i> , Italy) NR
Lena Horne (<i>LH</i> , Canada)	Greg Russell – (<i>GTR</i> , New Zealand) Past President
Voravee Hoven (<i>VH</i> , Thailand)	Natalie Stingelin (<i>NS</i> , USA)
Robin Hutchinson (<i>RH</i> , Canada) TM	Adriana Sturcova (<i>AS</i> , Czech Republic) NR
Daniel Keddie (<i>DK</i> , UK)	Patricia Targon Campana (<i>PTC</i> , Brazil)
LaShanda Korley (<i>LK</i> , USA)	Patrick Theato (<i>PT</i> , Germany) AM
Igor Lacik (<i>IL</i> , Slovakia) Vice-President	Paul Topham (<i>PDT</i> , UK) Secretary
Doo Sung Lee (<i>DSL</i> , Republic of Korea) TM	Michael Walter (<i>MW</i> , USA) AM
Song Liu (<i>SL</i> , Canada)	
Christine Luscombe (<i>CKL</i> , USA) President	

Yusuf **Yagci** (Turkey) joined before the start of the meeting to pass on his best regards to the Division.

1.0 President's introductory remarks and welcome for attendees, apologies for absentees

Apologies received from Michael Hess, Mitsuo Sawamoto, Melina T. Kalagasidid Krušić.

CKL thanked everybody for making the effort to attend the meeting on Zoom and recognised how challenging it is, especially for those located along the Pacific rim. To respect people's time, the meeting was ambitiously squeezed into two hours. *CKL* noted that the Polymer Division is one of the most active Divisions in IUPAC, with more than 10 papers published and 14 conferences endorsed in the last year. SPT were thanked for their formidable effort during the week to host project meetings despite the challenging conditions. *CKL* highlighted an invited paper that had been published in Israel Journal of Chemistry to publicise the activities of the Division.

CKL reminded everybody of the IUPAC strategy plan, including its vision, mission and core values. Notably, we strive for diversity in all forms and *CKL* feels really strongly on this. The Polymer Division wants to bring in youth and increase diversity and invites comments from the members of the Division about what diversity means to the individual (noting that it will mean different things to different people). The Polymer Division wants to ensure good representation in every way that we can. **Action:** All Division members to contact *CKL* for ideas regarding diversity priorities.

AAR introduced herself as a new member of the Polymer Division.

2.0 Approval of the minutes of the previous Division Meeting (Paris, July 2019) (Walter, Topham)

JH has emailed *MW* concerning a minor revision.

The (corrected) minutes recorded from the 2019 meeting in Paris, France, were accepted with unanimous acceptance by the division.

3.0 People and recently deceased members (Luscombe)

The Division is sad to announce that Giuseppe Allegra has passed away. *VM* spoke fondly about Giuseppe Allegra, highlighting his importance in polymer science.

4.0 Emeritus Status (Luscombe, Russell)

GTR and *CKL* introduced the Emeritus Fellow (EF) scheme. This scheme is designed to recognise previous members of the Division for their long-term contribution. *GTR* has been working on this for several years and now, with *CKL*, it has finally happened.

EF status means that they have a standing invitation to attend all meetings and, depending on the Division's financial situation, could receive funding to support travel. EFs should be willing to be consultants for the Division.

EF status is reviewed for renewal every 2 years.

The process requires nomination from a Subcommittee Chair to the Division President. EF status awards are restricted to three per biennium. For this round, we have the opportunity to elect three from the last biennium and three for the current biennium.

Four nominations were received for following (nominators in brackets): Michael Buback (*GTR*), Jung-Il Jin (*DSL*), Pavel Kratochvil (*IL*), Dick Jones (*RCH*).

DSL noted that Jung-Il Jin served SPT and therefore it was decided that Dick Jones and Jung-Il Jin will be nominated as EFs for SPT in different biennia.

Following a vote (29 Yes, 0 No), the Polymer Division are proud to announce the following Emeritus Fellows:

Michael Buback
Jung-Il Jin
Pavel Kratochvil
Richard "Dick" Jones

5.0 Conference Updates

a. Macro2020+, Jeju Island, South Korea (Lee)

CKL expressed the Division's full support for *DSL* and the organising committee of Macro2020+. *DSL* presented slides. The conference will take place on 16th to 20th May 2021 (see <http://macro2020.org/>). The new online submission deadline for abstracts is 31st December 2020. Plans are in place to host a hybrid meeting, if needed- the decision will be made in February/March 2021.

b. Macro2022, Winnipeg, Canada (Horne)

LH presented slides. The conference dates have been revised and are now 17th to 21st July 2022 (the conference will not include 22nd July 2022, as previously planned). The team have a hybrid model as a contingency plan in place. *LH* expressed her full support for the Macro2020+ conference.

c. Macro2024, Warwick, UK (Topham)

PDT briefly presented on behalf of the organising committee. Warwick 2020^c is a dress rehearsal for the Macro2024 conference. This has been postponed to 29th March – 1st April 2021. After this, there will be more to report. Everything for Macro2024 is still provisionally booked (rooms, accommodation, etc.) and an update will be given in 2021.

d. Macro2026, Malaysia (Chan)

MC presented slides. Preparations are well underway.

e. Macro2028

CKL raised the point that we need to think about Macro2028. For reasons of geographical rotation, this should be a conference in the Americas and must be an IUPAC-affiliated country.

6.0 OPCW update (Peeters, Walter)

MP presented slides, emphasising the strong focus on education. *MP* is developing a new project as Chair, with *MW* as Secretary, and is looking for team members. The brief aims will be to compile COVID-19-related information for a report; produce recommendations for disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE) and tie this all in with polymer education.

CF would be very happy to be involved through his role in SPEd. *CdS* also expressed interest in joining.

GTR commented on the synergies with the current IUPAC project on microplastics that is going on and advised that the team should seek other division involvement (notably, Division VI).

7.0 Subcommittee Reports (report submissions from Subcommittee Chairs to Topham)

Due to timing, the reports and presentation slides from the Subcommittee Chairs have been made available on Google Drive, rather than presented during the meeting.

8.0 Arrangements for 2021 (Luscombe)

There will be no formal meeting of PD at Jeju Island in May 2021, but an SPT meeting is planned. Nevertheless, *CKL* encourages people to attend Macro2020+ and show full support to the organising committee.

13th – 19th August 2021 for GA (General Assembly), Montreal, Canada. PD meeting will be 13th – 14th August 2021.

Hybrid meetings are being planned as contingency. Ongoing situation. When we have more information, we will circulate. Deadline for decision on this in Spring 2021.

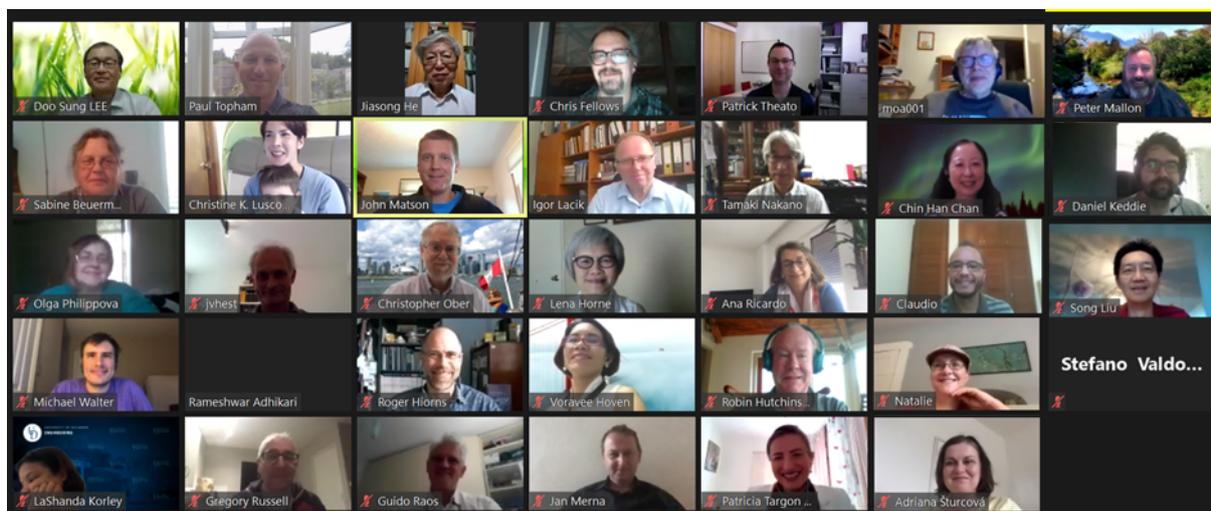
CKO stated that there will be an opportunity to contribute remotely.

CKL stated that funding will be even tighter for the next biennium (due to COVID-19) and this should be taken into account when planning for projects.

CKL stated that there will be a PAC Special Issue on “Centenary of Macromolecules”. *MP* is acting as Guest Editor and is looking for contributions. *PDT* and *JBM* will be contacting all members in due course.

10.0 Vice President remarks (Lacik)

IL acknowledged the strength of the PD in being a great team of active and dedicated members that is professionally led by *CKL*. He made a comment that in addition to the IUPAC activities, it would be beneficial also to better recognize the scientific expertise of the PD members. He highlighted the visible impact of IUPAC in his environment by examples such as discussion of polymer nomenclature in Slovakia resulting in translation of the SPT PD paper and the IUPAC award to Prof. P. Kratochvil to commemorate his service to the IUPAC.



- Paul D Topham (Division Secretary), July 2020