

# PPS Newsletter

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Information to Polymer Processing Society Members.



## LEIPZIG, the City of Music, is Getting Ready for PPS 21<sup>st</sup> International Meeting

The history of Leipzig is intimately linked to music. Johann Sebastian Bach marked Leipzig's musical history and his heritage is still present in the city with the Bach Archives, the Bach Museum and world renowned St-Thomas' Boys Choir, and Gewandhaus Orchestra. Leipzig's musical life is also closely connected with other great composers including Richard Wagner, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, and Robert Schumann.



*Leipzig Old Townhall*

On June 19-23 however, the biggest show in town will be hosted by Prof. Hans-Joachim Radusch and his organizing committee as Leipzig will host the 21<sup>st</sup> international PPS meeting. More than 500 contributions from 46 countries have been submitted in what promises to be a very successful event. In addition to mainstream research in rheology, processing and modeling, the program will boast full sessions in emerging topics such as Natural Based & Biodegradable Polymers, Sustainable Development, and Nano-Structured materials. The complete program can be found at [www.PPS-21.com](http://www.PPS-21.com).

## The Charm of QUEBEC CITY to be Discovered During the PPS Regional Meeting in August

The 2005 Regional Meeting will be held in Quebec City, Canada on August 14-17, 2005. Quebec City, the cradle of French civilization in North America offers a *rendez-vous* with history in a setting of extraordinary beauty. The PPS meeting will be an occasion to honor the Canadian Quartet of Polymer Processing: Leszek A. Utracki, Musa R. Kamal, John M. Dealy and Pierre J. Carreau. The conference will feature plenary lectures from Prof. Charles L. Tucker III, Prof. Ica Manas-Zloczower, Prof. John M. Dealy and from Prof. Han E.H. Meijer. Information on this event can be found at [www.pps2005-quebec.com](http://www.pps2005-quebec.com).



*Château Frontenac in Quebec City*

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## Masami Okamoto - 2005 Morand Lambla Award recipient

The 2005 Morand Lambla Award recipient will be Masami Okamoto. He is currently Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Engineering of the Toyota Technological Institute in Nagoya, Japan. Professor Okamoto's contribution has been in the field of polymeric nanocomposites and their processing. Prof. Okamoto has investigated the detailed structure of dispersed nano-clay in polymeric matrices and their intercalated, flocculated or exfoliated states. His work has shown the role of the degree of intercalation of the polymer chains and the control of the flocculation on the material properties. Professor Okamoto has touched on a wide array of applications including nanocellular foams, PP based nanocomposites and biodegradable PLA nanocomposites. The Morand Lambla Award is a recognition for his achievements and creativity among young researchers in the polymer science and technology field. The award will be officially presented to him during the PPS-21 international meeting.



**Prof. Masami Okamoto,  
2005 Morand Lambla  
Awardee**

## A New Editorial Board at the IPP Processing Journal

Prof. Andy Hrymak from McMaster University has been recently appointed Editor in chief and Editor for the Americas in replacement of Prof. James White. He will be assisted by Prof. José Covas who will act as Associate Editor for Europe, Middle-East and Africa and replaces Prof Helmut Potente. Prof. Takeshi Kikutani will continue as Associate Editor for East Asia and Australia. This dynamic trio will ensure a good geographical balance in contributions to the journal. One very good news is that IPP is now available on-line and access to the journal will therefore be greatly improved for PPS members and for library subscribers. Back issues are available to 1999 and access to older issues will be extended in the near future. The new editorial board hopes that the improved availability along with a series of measures such as invited review papers and special theme issues will increase IPP's impact factor and circulation.



**IPP Editorial Board : Andy Hrymak, José Covas and Takeshi Kikutani**

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