

ACIS Newsletter – Issue 5, March 2015

Welcome

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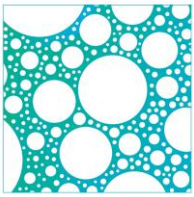
Welcome to our fifth issue of ACIS News! We plan to produce a quarterly newsletter - sent around in March, June, September, and December - to keep ACIS members informed of our initiatives and for members to directly communicate with their Society. Please send your suggestions and items for the next newsletter to Catherine.Whitby@unisa.edu.au.

ACIS 2015 Report



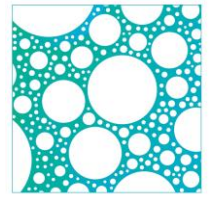
Our seventh biennial Australian Colloid and Interface Symposium was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 1-5 February 2015. Over 135 seminars were delivered and 45 posters were presented. The ACIS Plenary Lecture was given by Julian Eastoe (Bristol) and the Alexander Lecture was given by Paul Mulvaney (UniMelb). The Innovation Group, Perkin Elmer and Particle and Surface Science all hosted exhibition booths during the conference. 40 postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers attended our inaugural Early Career Researcher event. The highlight was the conference dinner which was presided over by our MC, Michelle Gee (UniMelb). She was ably assisted by Simon Biggs (UQ), the speaker after dinner.





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We thank the conference committee and Tulips Meeting Management for organizing a successful conference.



Patrick Spicer (UNSW)
Chair and Promotion Coordinator



Ben Boyd (Monash)
Secretary



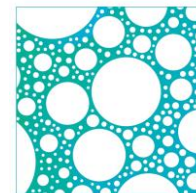
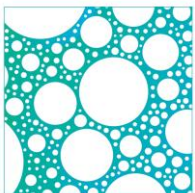
Vince Craig (ANU)
Treasurer



Laurence Meagher (CSIRO)
Sponsorship Coordinator



Rico Tabor (RMIT)
Social Program Coordinator



ACIS AGM Report

Our 2015 Annual General Meeting was held during the ACIS conference in Hobart. Pat Hartley (CSIRO), the outgoing President, began by reviewing the successes of the society during the last year. He thanked the Chair and Organising Committee of ACIS 2015. Pat congratulated Ian Gentle (UQ) and Greg Warr (Sydney) for leading a successful bid to host IACIS 2021 in Brisbane. He also noted that Vince Craig (ANU) is organising an expanded Australia-Japan Colloids Meeting, now known as the Western Pacific Colloids Meeting, to be held in Angkor Wat later this year. Pat highlighted the development of this newsletter, and the ACIS LinkedIn group established by Chiara Neto (Sydney) as improvements made to communicating with members. He also noted areas where changes are still required, including the membership database management system.

Pat Hartley delivered the Awards Committee Report on behalf of Roger Horn (now retired from Deakin). Ian Gentle presented the Membership Report and Chiara Neto reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. Details of their reports and the members' discussions are provided in the AGM minutes, which can be obtained by emailing acis@colloid-oz.org.au.

An important part of the meeting was the vote for two new members of the ACIS Board. Pat Hartley and Ian Gentle had decided to stand down from the Board at the conclusion of the AGM. We welcomed Tim Davey and Ray Dagastine who were elected onto the Board. Tim is Senior Team Leader of Latex Research at Dulux Australia. Ray is an ARC Future Fellow and an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering in the Melbourne School of Engineering.



Tim Davey (Dulux)



Ray Dagastine (UniMelb)

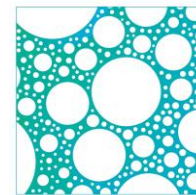
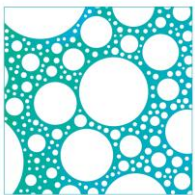
Vince Craig then thanked Pat Hartley and Ian Gentle for their service to our community as Board members. Pat and Ian were members of the leadership team that established our society in 2013. Pat has been our President for the last two years. Ian created and maintained our website (<https://colloid-oz.org.au/>) and took charge of maintaining our membership records.



Patrick Hartley (CSIRO)



Ian Gentle (UQ)



2016 Student Conference Announcement

The next Colloids Student Conference will be organised by Chiara Neto, Liam Scarratt and Greg Warr from the University of Sydney, with the assistance of Vince Craig (ANU). They have identified the ANU Kioloa campus as an excellent venue. It has been substantially upgraded with modern seminar room facilities and is cheap. Since the venue has become available in the first week of February, the conference is likely to be held from 1 – 5 February. This will be confirmed shortly. Please keep an eye on our ACIS LinkedIn Group for more information about the student conference.



Chiara Neto, Liam Scarratt and Greg Warr (Sydney)



Use our LinkedIn Group to tell people your news

ACIS is now present on LinkedIn. Please join our LinkedIn group and post discussion items on job ads, conference calls, and interesting facts about the wonderful world of colloid and surface science.

Activities

Join our Awards, Communications, Conferences and Events Committees

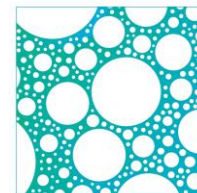
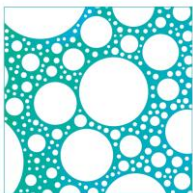
ACIS needs its members to be actively engaged. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in the committees that will run the activities of the Society: *Awards; Communications; Conferences and Events*. Or if you would like to propose other activities we should be running. **We especially invite students and early-career researchers to become involved.** Please email your interest to acis@colloid-oz.org.au.

Sponsorship of Events

ACIS Sponsorship is available for events (symposia, workshops, industry networking events, and short courses) held in Australia or New Zealand and organised by ACIS members for the benefit of the colloids and interface science community. Prospective event organizers, who wish to request ACIS endorsement and sponsorship, should supply the information requested in the form available on the website <http://colloid-oz.org.au/> at least three months in advance.

Visiting Scientist Register

Are you planning to host a visit by an outstanding scientist in the colloid and interface field? Why not let ACIS members know about the visit? We aim to keep track of visiting scientists, to facilitate their introduction to the Australasian scientific community. Please email details of the visit to acis@colloid-oz.org.au.



ACIS Membership

Please encourage your colleagues, students and industrial partners working in the field of colloids and interface to join us. General membership is \$100 per annum. The membership year is from 1st July each year. Memberships paid after this date are valid until 30th June of the following year. More information is available on our website <http://colloid-oz.org.au/>.

Future Events

10th Annual European Rheology Conference (14 – 17 April 2015, Nantes, France)
<http://rheology-esr.net/events/aerc-2015-nantes/>

15th Conference of the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists (24-29 May 2015, Mainz, Germany)
<http://www.iacis2015.org/>

89th ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium (15-17 June, Carnegie Mellon University, U.S.A.)
www.colloids2015.org.

5th International Colloids Conference (21-24 June 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Colloid and Interface Sciences for a Brighter Future (<http://www.colloidsconference.com/index.html>)

Bubble and Drop Interfaces (6-10 July, 2015, Potsdam, Germany)
<http://bd2015.mpikg.mpg.de/>

42nd Annual Meeting of the Controlled Release Society (26-29 July, 2015, Edinburgh, Scotland)
<http://www.controlledreleasesociety.org/meetings/annual/Pages/default.aspx>

Particles 2015 Particles in Diagnostics and Delivery (3 – 6 August 2015, Lisbon, Portugal)
<http://nanoparticles.org/Particles2015/>

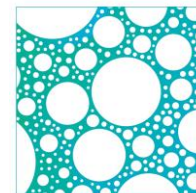
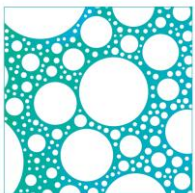
29th Conference of the European Colloid and Interface Society (6-11 September 2015, Bordeaux, France)
Abstract submissions close on 15 April, 2015 (<http://www.ecis2015.org/index.php>)

19th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (5-29 October, 2015, Gyeongju, Korea)
Abstract submissions close on 14 April, 2015 (<http://www.microtas2015.org/>)

Droplets 2015 (6-8 October, 2015, University of Twente, The Netherlands)
Abstract submissions close on 22 May, 2015 (<http://www.droplets2015.com/>)

Western Pacific Colloids Meeting (15-19 November, 2015, Siem Reap, Cambodia)
Please contact Vince Craig () or Catherine Whitby (C.P.Whitby@massey.ac.nz) for further information.

6th Asian Conference on Colloid and Interface Science (24-27 November 2015, Sasebo, Japan)
Abstract submissions close on 15 August, 2015 (<http://www1.niu.ac.jp/accis2015/>)



Job Ads

Lectureships, Northumbria University in Newcastle upon Tyne (UK)

The Faculty of Engineering & Environment is currently advertising a wide range of posts at levels from Lecturer to Professor. These include:

- Physics or Electrical Engineering (including Energy, Materials, Soft Matter)
- Mechanical Engineering (including Automotive, Materials and Micro-Mechanics)

The closing dates for applications are between 14 – 16 April 2015.

The posts are advertised at: <http://work4.northumbria.ac.uk/vacancies/>

Post Doctoral Fellow, MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, NZ

Prof. Alison Downard (Department of Chemistry) and Assoc. Prof. Martin Allen (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering) at the University of Canterbury are offering a 2 year postdoctoral fellowship focused on the chemical modification of oxide semiconductor surfaces. Demonstrated expertise in surface chemistry and surface analytical techniques, including infrared spectroscopy, XPS and scanning probe microscopy is essential. The post is advertised at: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/joinus/>

Professorship, Murdoch University

The School of Engineering and Information Technology is currently advertising for a Professor or Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering in Desalination or Water Treatment. The closing date is 28th April, 2015. The post is advertised at: <http://www.murdoch.edu.au/About-us/Careers-at-Murdoch/>

Please email us ads for PhD and postdoc positions in the area of colloids and interfaces.

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