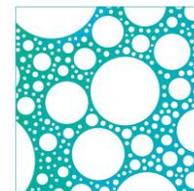


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ACIS Newsletter – Issue 7, October 2015

Welcome

Dear members,

Welcome to our seventh issue of ACIS News! We plan to produce a quarterly newsletter - sent around in March, June, October, 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 C.P.Whitby@massey.ac.nz.

News

Check out the new ACIS membership website!



By Vince Craig (ANU)

We invite you to visit the new [ACIS membership portal](http://acis.wildapricot.org) at acis.wildapricot.org. Here you can [renew](#) your membership (yes, memberships were due on July 1st), participate in [forums](#) by joining existing discussions or starting new ones, update your contact details, join groups, contact other members, look out for jobs, catch up with [past newsletters](#), check out [ACIS conferences](#) and sign up for the [student conference](#) or even read our [constitution](#). We plan to use this portal for disseminating information on all our events as well as taking registrations and managing our membership.

Western Pacific Colloids 2015



Ever wanted to build collaborations with researchers in Asia? Maybe you have dreamt of visit the World Heritage Listed Angkor Wat? Or perhaps you just want to walk in the footsteps of Lara Croft and pretend you are a tomb raider? There is still time to sign up for Western Pacific Colloids 2015 (WPC2015), which will be held in Siem Reap Cambodia from the 15th -19th of November, but you need to be fast. We have an outstanding list of speakers from Japan, China, Korea and Australia and a beautiful venue in a cultural paradise, so delegates are guaranteed a memorable experience.

Biology and Biomaterials Symposium in Uppsala, 4-6 November 2015



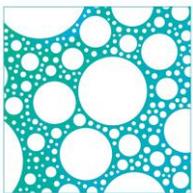
If you will be in Sweden in November this year, Mark Rutland (KTH Royal Institute of Technology) recommends attending the Annual Surface and Materials Chemistry Symposium in Uppsala. Invited speakers include Frank Caruso, Naomi Halas and Katarina Landfester.

For more information please go to the conference website, <http://www.asmcs.se/>.

4th International Soft Matter Conference in Grenoble 12-16 September 2016

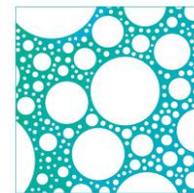


Chris Garvey (ANSTO) recommends attending this conference on the fundamental and applied aspects of soft matter and complex systems. The local organisers of ISMC2016 are scientists from the large-scale facilities ILL and ESRF as well as from the Grenoble University and other research organisations such as CEA, CNRS, and INPG. Plenary speakers include Matthias Ballauff (Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin), Jasna Brujic (University of New York) and Michael Cates (University of Cambridge).



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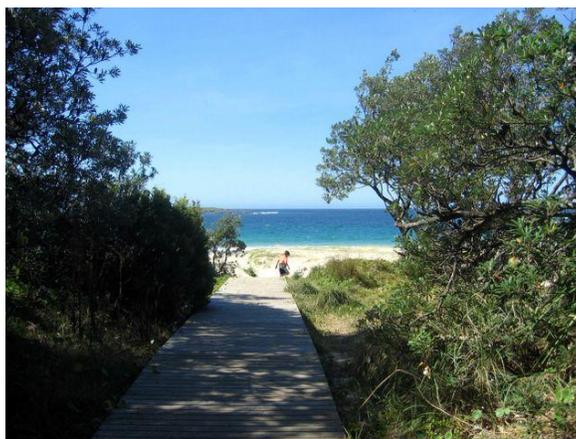
2016 Student Conference Open for Registrations and Abstract Submission



By Chiara Neto (Sydney Uni)

We are on track for the next Student Conference, to be held at the [ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus](#) on 1-4 February 2016. Abstract submission and registration are now open, with deadlines of 20th November for abstract submission, and early-bird registration due December 7th. Please visit our [website](#) for all details.

The 2016 student conference will take on a communal flavour, with shared room accommodation on campus and lots of informal discussion time. Staff members wishing to book off-site accommodation need to do so as soon as possible, as the local resorts are very popular. Conference highlights will include the plenary talk by invited speaker [Professor Federico Rosei](#), the dedicated Biomaterials and Biointerfaces Session in collaboration with ASBTE, and a careers session for postgraduate students and early career researchers. We look forward to seeing you all in Kioloa!

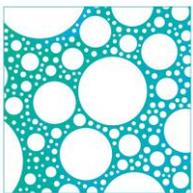


By Liam Scarratt

We are very excited for the next ACIS Student Conference, which is approaching quickly for early next year. After collecting data from a survey sent out to previous year's attendees (both staff and students) we are confident that the social program and overall vibe will be enjoyable for all.

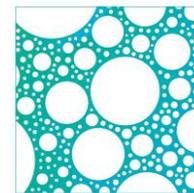
One thing in particular that I'm most looking forward to is the improvisational PowerPoint presentation game, which is one of the events replacing the talent night. The game requires players to present on slides they have never seen before with special topic challenges. Aside from being a very silly and fun event, it nicely highlights the limitations and issues of using PowerPoint slides to convey complex information, in that the onus falls on the presenter to flesh out and guide the audience through the sleek and aesthetically pleasing/detail lacking slides, which can lead to misunderstandings both hilarious and terrible.

As for the location of the conference, access to the beach nearby will lead to some great free time relaxation. There are options to play beach cricket or volleyball, battle some waves, or if you are more inclined to stay in the shade and chill, there's always fun to be had with some wacky board/card games (heck, if you have a 3DS, bring that too). We are looking forward to having a great conference with a bunch of great people, sharing our work and enjoying each other's company. We are looking forward to receiving more of your abstracts.



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Launch of Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) Pilot

September 16 marked the launch of the Science in Australia Gender Equity pilot in Australia. The Australian Academy of Science is running an Australian pilot of the Athena SWAN Charter to improve gender equity in Australian STEM organisations. Athena SWAN is an evaluation and accreditation framework used in the UK to advance gender equality. It has operated for 10 years and shown significant results in improving gender diversity, and bolstering women's leadership roles within STEM institutions. 32 Australian institutions have signed up for the SAGE pilot. They will collect, analyse and present data on gender equity policies and practices in their STEM departments. Accreditation with Athena SWAN at Bronze, Silver or Gold level will be awarded based on demonstrated improvements in gender equity over the course of two years.

For more information about the SAGE pilot please see:

<https://www.science.org.au/SAGE/Pilot>

<http://womeninscienceaust.org/2015/09/18/congratulations-to-all-women-in-science-in-australia/>

Appointments



Well known colloid scientist, Professor Timothy Senden was recently appointed Director of the Research School of Physics and Engineering at the ANU. Tim is famously known for being the first person to stick a colloidal particle to the tip of an AFM cantilever. In recent years Tim has maintained his interest in AFM and self assembly and expanded into studies of porous media. The latter led to the formation of a highly successful spin-off company for analysing rock samples for the oil and gas industry that has recently been purchased by FEL.

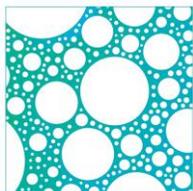


Professor Emily Hilder was appointed as Director of the Future Industries Institute at UniSA. Emily is currently the Director of the ARC Training Centre for Portable Analytical Separation Technologies and Head of Chemistry at the University of Tasmania. Her research focuses on the design and application of new polymeric materials for use in a wide range of industrial settings, including bio-analysis and disease diagnosis. Emily is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and was named in the 2013 List of the World's 100 Most Influential Analytical Scientists.



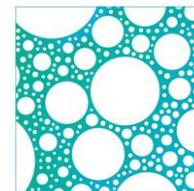
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Future Events

19th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (25-29 October, 2015, Gyeongju, Korea)

<http://www.microtas2015.org/>

Western Pacific Colloids Meeting (15-19 November, 2015, Siem Reap, Cambodia)

<https://colloid-oz.org.au/conferences/western-pacific-colloids-symposium/>

6th Asian Conference on Colloid and Interface Science (24-27 November 2015, Sasebo, Japan)

<http://www1.niu.ac.jp/accis2015/>

2nd Annual World Congress of Smart Materials (4-6 March, 2016, Singapore)

Abstract submissions close on 25 December, 2015 (<http://www.bitcongress.com/wcsm2016/default.asp>)

16th Food Colloids Conference (10 – 13 April, 2016, Wageningen, the Netherlands)

Abstract submissions close on 27 November, 2015 (<http://www.foodcolloids2016.nl/home>)

PARTEC 2016 (19 – 21 April, 2016, Nuremburg, Germany)

<https://www.partec.info/>

10th World Biomaterials Conference (17-22 May, 2016, Montreal, Canada)

<http://www.wbc2016.org/>

90th ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium (5-8 June, 2016, Cambridge, USA)

<http://projects.iq.harvard.edu/colloids2016/about>

Surfactants in Science Symposium (5-11 June, 2016, China)

Abstract submissions close on 15 February, 2016 (http://www.sis2016.org/about_conference/invitation_message/)

6th International Colloids Conference (19 - 22 June, 2016 Berlin)

Abstract submissions close on 5 February, 2016 (<http://www.colloidsconference.com/>)

EUFOAM 2016 (3 - 6 July, 2016, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland)

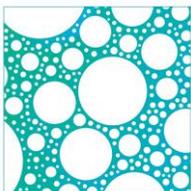
Abstract submissions close on 29 February, 2016 (<http://eufoam2016.iopconfs.org/home>)

27th International Congress on Rheology (8-13 August, 2016, Kyoto)

Abstract submissions close in April 2016 (<http://icr2016.com/>)

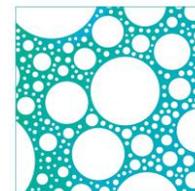
4th International Conference on Soft Matter (12-16 September, 2016, Grenoble)

Abstract submissions close on 1 March 2016 (<http://www.ismc2016.org/>)



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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@wildapricot.org.

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 <https://acis.wildapricot.org/> 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@wildapricot.org.

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 <https://acis.wildapricot.org/>.

Job Ads

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

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