

**EIGHTH CRISTOFOR I. SIMIONESCU SYMPOSIUM
FRONTIERS IN MACROMOLECULAR AND SUPRAMOLECULAR SCIENCE
29 May – 3 June 2016**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**May 29 – 31 • Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania
June 1 – 3 • “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry Iasi, Romania**

Sunday, May 29 – Monday, May 30

Registration of Participants
Team building activities

Tuesday, May 31

Location • Academy Hall, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania

09³⁰ – 10⁰⁰

Opening Ceremony

09³⁰ – 09⁴⁵

Welcome address

Ionel Valentin VLAD

President of Romanian Academy

09⁴⁵ – 10⁰⁰

Evocation of Cristofor I. Simionescu

Virgil PERCEC

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

10⁰⁰ – 12⁴⁰

Session 1. CONFERENCES

Chair: Bogdan C. SIMIONESCU, Virgil PERCEC

10⁰⁰ – 10⁴⁰

State-of-the-Art in Modeling of Water and Ionic Solutions

Michael L. KLEIN

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA

10⁴⁰ – 11²⁰

Fluorine in Peptide and Protein Engineering

Beate KOKSCH

Freie University of Berlin, Germany

11²⁰ – 12⁰⁰

Polymers for Biological Applications

Jean M. J. FRECHET

UC Berkeley, CA, USA and KAUST, Saudi Arabia

12⁰⁰ – 12⁴⁰

Supramolecular Polymers with Self-regulated Secretion: Towards New Antifouling Materials

Joanna AIZENBERG

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

12⁴⁰ – 13²⁰

Lunch

13²⁰ – 15²⁰

Session 2. CONFERENCES

Chair: Bogdan C. SIMIONESCU, Virgil PERCEC

13²⁰ – 14⁰⁰

Synthesis of Functional Materials using Metathesis Initiators

Robert H. GRUBBS

Caltech, Pasadena, USA

14⁰⁰ – 14⁴⁰

Helical Supramolecular Polymerization of Homochiral, Heterochiral, Racemic and Chiral Building Blocks

Virgil PERCEC

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA

14⁴⁰ – 15²⁰

Synthetic Carbohydrate Materials

Peter H. SEEBERGER

MPI, Potsdam-Golm and Freie University of Berlin, Germany

15²⁰ – 15⁵⁰

Coffee Break

15⁵⁰ – 17⁵⁰

Session 3. CONFERENCES

Chair: Bogdan C. SIMIONESCU, Virgil PERCEC

15 ⁵⁰ – 16 ³⁰	Chemistry Education for Sustainable Development Katherine B. AUBRECHT <i>Stony Brook University, NY, USA</i>
16 ³⁰ – 17 ¹⁰	Stimuli-responsive Gels: New Composition Architecture and Functions Michael AIZENBERG <i>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA</i>
17 ¹⁰ – 17 ⁵⁰	From Molecules to Macromolecules to Functional Materials: Controlling Structure and Properties through Synthesis Robert B. GRUBBS <i>Stony Brook University, NY, USA</i>
19 ³⁰ – 21 ⁰⁰	Transfer to Iasi
21 ⁰⁰ – 23 ⁰⁰	Dinner

Wednesday, June 1

Location • Conference Hall “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi

09³⁰ – 10⁰⁰

Opening Ceremony

09³⁰ – 9⁴⁵

Welcome address

Valeria HARABAGIU

“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania

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11²⁰ – 12⁰⁰

Gene Therapy through Non-viral Vectors based on Polyrotaxane Structures

Mariana PINTEALA

“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania

12⁰⁰ – 13⁰⁰

Lunch – *Library Hall*

13⁰⁰ – 14⁰⁰

Visit of the Institute

14⁰⁰ – 15²⁰

Session 5. CONFERENCES

Chair: Ecaterina Stela DRAGAN, Michael KLEIN

14⁰⁰ – 14⁴⁰

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15²⁰ – 15⁵⁰

Coffee Break

15⁵⁰ – 17⁴⁵

Session 6. CONFERENCES // ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Maria CAZACU, Michael AIZENBERG

15⁵⁰ – 16²⁰

A Range of Spin Crossover Temperatures in Some Ferrous Materials

Sergiu SHOVA

“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania

16²⁰ – 17⁰⁰

Chemistry Education for Sustainable Development

Katherine B. AUBRECHT

Stony Brook University, NY, USA

17 ⁰⁰ – 17 ¹⁵	Nanoconjugates with fullerene C60 core for biomedical applications Andrei DASCALU, Cezar UNGURENASU, Mariana PINTEALA, Bogdan C. SIMIONESCU <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
17 ¹⁵ – 17 ³⁰	Macromolecular architectures containing naphthylimide chromophores Catalin – Paul CONSTANTIN, Mariana Dana DAMACEANU, Maria BRUMA <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
17 ³⁰ – 17 ⁴⁵	UV-visible light-induced degradation of some organic compounds by photopolymerized hybrid films containing nano-TiO₂ Andreea CHIBAC, Violeta MELINTE, Tinca BURUIANA, Emil BURUIANA <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
17 ⁴⁵ – 18 ⁴⁵	Poster session Chair: Marcela MIHAI, Catalin – Paul CONSTANTIN
19 ³⁰ – 22 ⁰⁰	Dinner

Thursday, June 2

Location • Conference Hall “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi

09³⁰ – 10⁵⁰

Session 7. CONFERENCES

Chair: Mariana PINTEALA, Jean M. J. FRECHET

09 ³⁰ – 10 ¹⁰	Synthesis of Functional Materials using Metathesis Initiators Robert H. GRUBBS <i>Caltech, Pasadena, USA</i>
10 ¹⁰ – 10 ⁵⁰	Cryogels – Superporous Gels with Remarkable Features Maria Valentina DINU, Ecaterina Stela DRAGAN <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
10 ⁵⁰ – 11 ²⁰	Coffee Break

11²⁰ – 12⁴⁰

Session 8. CONFERENCES

Chair: Joana AIZENBERG, Sergiu SHOVA

11 ²⁰ – 12 ⁰⁰	From Molecules to Macromolecules to Functional Materials: Controlling Structure and Properties through Synthesis Robert B. GRUBBS <i>Stony Brook University, NY, USA</i>
12 ⁰⁰ – 12 ⁴⁰	Engineering Raw Natural Products: Cellulose Case Sergiu COSERI <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
12 ⁴⁰ – 13 ⁴⁰	Lunch – Library Hall

13⁴⁰ – 15⁰⁵

Session 9. CONFERENCES // ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Robert B. GRUBBS, Sergiu Coseri

13 ⁴⁰ – 14 ²⁰	Stimuli-responsive Gels: New Composition Architecture and Functions Michael AIZENBERG <i>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA</i>
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14 ²⁰ – 14 ³⁵	Dielectric elastomers optimized through interpenetration strategies Codrin TUGUI, Adrian BELE, Stelian VLAD, Carmen RACLES, Maria CAZACU <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
14 ³⁵ – 14 ⁵⁰	Pulsed laser deposition of non-polar Al-doped ZnO electrodes on polymer surfaces: a new approach Cristian URSU <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
14 ⁵⁰ – 15 ⁰⁵	Smart macroporous IPN hydrogels responsive to pH, temperature and ionic strength. Evaluation of uptake and controlled release of drugs Ana Irina COCARTA, Ecaterina Stela DRAGAN <i>“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania</i>
15 ⁰⁵ – 15 ²⁰	<i>Closing of the Symposium</i>
15 ³⁰ – 19 ⁰⁰	<i>Iasi sightseeing</i>
19 ³⁰ – 23 ⁰⁰	<i>Dinner</i>

Friday, June 3

Team building activities

POSTERS LIST

Wednesday, June 1, 17:45 – 18:45

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- P1 Chitosan Iminoboronate Hydrogels – New Promising Materials for the Treatment of Candidiasis**
Daniela AILINCAI, Mariana PINTEALA, Bogdan C. SIMIONESCU, Luminita MARIN
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P2 Phenothiazine Dyes with Tuned Emission Color**
Andrei BEJAN, Mariana PINTEALA, Bogdan C. SIMIONESCU, Luminita MARIN
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P3 Cellulose-Based Hydrogels: Experimental Design and Characterization**
Diana CIOLACU, Corneliu COJOCARU, Daniel TAMPURU
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P4 MOFs Built on Tri-, Tetra-, Penta- and Infinite Nuclear Clusters and Silane Polycarboxylic Acids**
Mirela-Fernanda ZALTARIOV, Maria CAZACU, Angelica VLAD
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P5 New Insights in Isomerization Mechanism Pathways in the Ground State of Unsubstituted Azobenzene: Assessment of Computational Procedures/ Methodologies**
Dragos - Lucian ISAC, Dan MAFTEI, Anton AIRINEI, Ionel HUMELNICU, Mariana PINTEALA
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P6 Non-toxic Cationic Polymeric Systems as Promising Nanocarriers for Sustained, Photo-triggered Drug Delivery**
Ionel A. DINU^{1,2}, Anja CAR¹, Jason T. DUSKEY¹, Cornelia G. PALIVAN¹, Wolfgang MEIER¹
¹Department of Chemistry, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland
²*“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry Iasi, Romania*
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- P7 Novel Ionic Organic/Inorganic Hybrids and Their Interaction with Methyl Orange**
Maria Marinela LAZAR, Cristian-Dragos VARGANICI, Maria CAZACU, Ecaterina Stela DRAGAN
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P8 Plasma Enhancement of Metal Spreading on Polysilane Films**
Marius SOROCEANU, Andreea Irina BARZIC, Iuliana STOICA, Liviu SACARESCU, Ghiocel Emil IOANID, Valeria HARABAGIU
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P9 Polydimethylsiloxane Modified Mesoporous Carbon**
Maria Emiliana FORTUNA, Maria IGNAT, Lucia PRICOP, Valeria HARABAGIU
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P10 Structural Characterization of Lidocaine / Lactide-Modified Cyclodextrin Complexes**
Razvan ROTARU¹, Cristian PEPTU¹, Catalina PEPTU², Magdalena LEON³, Bogdan TAMBA³, Valeria HARABAGIU¹
¹*“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania*
²*“Gh. Asachi” Technical University, Iasi, Romania*
³*“Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi, Romania*

- P11 Chitosan-ZnFe₂O₄ Magnetic Sorbent for Wastewater Treatment**
Maria IGNAT, Petrisor SAMOILA, Corneliu COJOCARU, Liviu SACARESCU, Valeria HARABAGIU
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P12 Synthesis and Characterization of New Hybrid Materials Based on a Siloxane Compound and Chitosan**
Irina Elena ANTOCHI, Mihaela Adriana OLARU, Corneliu COTOFANA
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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- P13 Microcapsules based on calcium carbonate and pH-sensitive polymers**
Marcela MIHAI, Florica DOROFTEI, Stefania RACOVITA, Ana-Lavinia MATRICALA, Cristian BARBU-MIC
“Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania
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INVITED SPEAKERS

(ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Joanna AIZENBERG is a professor of chemistry and chemical biology at Harvard University. She is the Amy Smith Beryson Professor of Materials Science at Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Co-Director of the The Kavli Institute for Bionano Science and Technology and a core faculty member of the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering. She is a prominent figure in the field of biologically inspired materials science, having authored ~200 publications and holding ~50 patents, > 250 invited talks. Aizenberg did her postdoctoral research with George Whitesides at Harvard University, investigating micro/nanofabrication and near-field optics. In 1998, she joined Bell Labs as a member of the technical staff where she has made a number of pioneering contributions, including developing new biomimetic approaches for the synthesis of ordered mineral films with highly controlled shapes and orientations, and discovering unique biological optical systems that outperform technological analogs, as well as characterizing the associated organic molecules. The lab's research focuses on a wide range of topics which include biomimetics, self-assembly, adaptive materials, crystal engineering, surface wettability, nanofabrication, biooptics, biomaterials, and biomechanics.



Michael AIZENBERG worked extensively in both academic research and industrial development, and has a broad synthetic chemistry experience – from organic and polymer to organometallic, inorganic, and even nuclear. As a Senior Staff Scientist at the Wyss, he is mostly involved in the Programmable Nanomaterials and Adaptive Material Technologies platforms. Aizenberg received his Ph.D. from the Weizmann Institute of Science in 1996. His main research interests are in using synthetic chemistry tools to design active and programmable materials and drug-delivery systems, in tissue engineering, nanoparticle synthesis, microfabrication, and in developing energy-efficient materials and devices. 16 scientific articles in ISI journals.



Katherine B. AUBRECHT is a chemist whose research and teaching interests include: the development of learning materials about sustainability for the chemistry curriculum, context-based approaches in chemical education, biodegradable and biorenewable polymers, and environmentally benign synthetic methodology. She earned a B. A. in Chemistry from Reed College and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Cornell University. With support from NSF TUES (Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science) program, are developed inquiry-based learning materials and a project-based lab for three undergraduate chemistry courses that focus on sustainability. With support from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation's Special Grant Program in the Chemical Sciences, developed a series of hands-on workshops for high school students that link chemistry content to issues of sustainability. These workshops are offered through the Center for Science and Mathematics Education at Stony Brook University. 16 scientific articles in ISI journals.



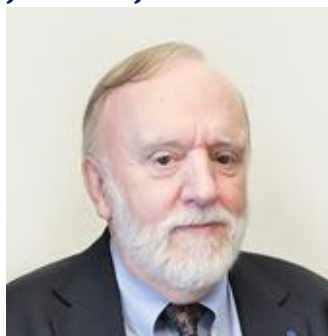
Sergiu COSERI is the deputy head of the “Natural Polymers, bioactive and biocompatible polymers” Laboratory in “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry (PPIMC) of Romanian Academy. He received his PhD in organic chemistry in 2001. He then continued as a postdoctoral fellow at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada for one year, and then, between 2003-2005 he was NSERC fellow, working at National Research Council Ottawa, Canada, under the guidance of Keith U. Ingold, in the field of kinetic and reaction mechanisms involving nitroxyl free radicals. After receiving a NATO reintegration grant, in 2005, he moved back to the PPIMC, starting research in the field of chemical functionalization of polysaccharides, under mild and environmentally friendly conditions. He published several new protocols for the selective oxidation of polysaccharides (cellulose, starch, pullulan) and is also preoccupied by the bio (medical) and environmental applications of functionalized polysaccharides. In 2015, Dr. Sergiu Coseri received the “Costin D. Nenitescu” prize of the Romanian Academy. 40 scientific articles in ISI journals.



Maria Valentina DINU graduated in 1999, obtaining her Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry from Faculty of Chemistry, “Al. I. Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania, and in 2009 the PhD from “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania. Starting with 2006, she followed some research/postdoc stages at Istanbul Technical University, Turkey; Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland; Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research, Dresden, Germany; Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Prague, Czech Republic, and University of Basel, Switzerland. Her research interests include: organic sorbents (ion exchangers) and ionic composites for removal of contaminants from wastewaters; porous hydrogels and/or composites synthesized by conventional methods, cryogelation and/or leaching techniques; chemical modification of various sorbents by post-polymerization reactions on pre-existing functional groups; polymer-filled nanoreactors as tools for investigation of enzymatic behavior in crowded environments. She received the “Nicolae Teclu” prize of the Romanian Academy in 2012. 33 scientific articles in ISI journals.



Jean M. J. FRECHET is a Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley. In addition, he is the head of Materials Synthesis, Materials Science Division of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Director of the Organic and Macromolecular Facility for the Molecular Foundry, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Vice-President for Research at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology. He has authored nearly 900 scientific papers and holds over 70 United States Patents. His research areas include organic synthesis and polymer chemistry applied to nanoscience and nanotechnology with emphasis on the design, fundamental understanding, synthesis, and applications of functional macromolecules. He was a good friend of American chemist Linus Pauling and consistently mentions him in his organic chemistry lectures. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and an elected member of the US National Academy of Sciences, the US National Academy of Engineering, and the Academy of Europe (Academia Europaea). As of March 2011, he is 16th on the Hirsch index rating of all living chemists with an H-index of 105.



Robert B. GRUBBS is interested in the common ground shared by polymer, organic, and materials chemistry and is involved in the design, synthesis, and characterization of polymer-based organic materials. Polymer physics provides a framework for understanding the basics of copolymer self-assembly in the bulk and in solution and this knowledge, in turn, suggests concepts for the design of novel polymers and copolymers that will organize into predictable arrangements on the nanometer scale. Such assemblies, many inspired by biological systems, are predicted to exhibit novel properties in a range of possible applications. The combination of living anionic, free radical, and cationic polymerization methods provide access to many possible polymeric structures, and many techniques of organic chemistry are applicable to the modification of these polymers for the preparation of an even larger variety of materials. Professor Grubbs is the author of more than 40 scientific articles in ISI journals and 4 patents.



Robert H. GRUBBS began his academic education at the University of Florida and continued his education at Columbia University in the labs of Prof. Ronald Breslow, and then at Stanford as a NIH Postdoctoral Fellow with Prof. James Collman. Professor Grubbs started his independent academic career in 1969 at Michigan State University, where he began his work on olefin metathesis. In 1978, he moved to the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena as a full professor in Chemistry. In 1990, he was promoted to his current chair as the Victor and Elizabeth Atkins Professor of Chemistry at Caltech. Currently the Grubbs group at Caltech is focused on expanding the methods and techniques of olefin metathesis with the development of new catalysts and materials. He is a co-recipient, along with Richard R. Schrock and Yves Chauvin, of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on olefin metathesis. He is a co-founder of Materia, a startup to produce catalysts. Robert Grubbs received many honors for his scientific achievements including: the Arthur C. Cope Award, the ACS Herbert C. Brown Award for Creative Research in Synthetic Methods, and the Tetrahedron Most Cited Paper 2002-2006 Award for "Olefin Metathesis". Professor Grubbs is the author of over 700 scientific articles and at least 100 patents/patent applications. He is fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Grubbs serves on many advisory and editorial boards such as Journal of Polymer Science, Polymer Chemistry and the Journal of the American Chemical Society.



Michael L. KLEIN is Laura H. Carnell Professor of Science and Director of the Institute for Computational Molecular Science in the College of Science and Technology at Temple University in Philadelphia, USA. He was previously the Hepburn Professor of Physical Science in the Center for Molecular Modeling at the University of Pennsylvania. Klein obtained a B.Sc. from the University of Bristol in 1961, followed by a Ph.D. in 1964. He was a researcher at the National Research Council 1968-1987, and joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania in 1987. Klein's research in computational chemistry, particularly statistical mechanics, intermolecular interactions, and modelling of condensed phases and biophysical systems is among the most highly cited in the field. He received the Aneesur Rahman prize in 1999, which is the highest honor given by the American Physical Society for work in computational physics, and was elected to the United States National Academy of Sciences in 2009. Publications: 638 papers and 4 books (Edited).



Beate KOKSCH received her diploma in Chemistry and PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Leipzig. She pursued her postdoc as a DFG research fellow in the laboratories of Professors M. R. Ghadiri and C. F. Barbas, III at The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California. In 2000, she started her independent career under the mentorship of Professor Dr. K. Burger at the University of Leipzig. Since 2004, she has been Professor of Organic and Natural Product Chemistry at Freie Universität Berlin. Her group studies complex folding mechanisms that occur in neurodegenerative diseases, develops new multivalent scaffolds and investigates the impact of fluorine on amino acids, peptides and proteins. More than 110 scientific articles in ISI journals.



Virgil PERCEC received his B.S. in organic and macromolecular chemistry from the Polytechnic Institute in Iasi and his PhD in macromolecular chemistry from “P. Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania. After short postdoctoral stays at the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Hermann Staudinger House of the University of Freiburg, Germany (July and August, 1981) and the Institute of Polymer Science of the University of Akron, USA (September, 1981 to March, 1982) he joined the Department of Macromolecular Science of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA in March, 1982 as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1984, to Full Professor in 1986 and to Leonard Case Jr. Chair in 1993. In 1999 he joined the Department of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia as the inaugural P. Roy Vagelos Chair and Professor of Chemistry, where he is leading a research group performing fundamental studies at the interface between organic, catalysis, supramolecular, macromolecular chemistry, liquid crystals, nanoscience and biology. He contributed over 700 refereed publications, 80 patents, 18 books and Special Issues and over 1140 Endowed, Plenary and Invited Lectures. He is the editor of the Journal of Polymer Science: Part A: Polymer Chemistry (since 1996) and of the Book Series “Liquid Crystals” (since 2007). Professor Percec serves on the Editorial and Advisory Boards of 20 International Journals, on the Scientific Advisory Board of Symyx Company, Henkel Company, Molecular Foundry, Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He is a consultant to numerous US and International Companies and Governmental Offices.



Mariana PINTEALA studied organic chemistry at the Polytechnic Institute, Iasi, Romania and received her PhD in 1995 at the “Gh. Asachi” Technical University of Iasi, Romania. She is senior researcher at “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania and from 2011 is the Leader of the IntelCentre Department (www.intelcentru.ro). She held research/postdoctoral positions at CNRS – Universite d’Evry-Val d’Essonne, France and University of Detroit Mercy, USA. Scientific fields of interest: synthesis of nanoconjugates with biomedical application, inclusion complexes of cyclodextrins/modified cyclodextrins with different drugs, pseudo- and polyrotaxanes of cyclodextrins with (co)polymers, synthesis and characterization of polymers and copolymers, cationic, anionic and radical copolymerization, structure-property relationship evaluation, data analysis and interpretation, interpolymer complexes between hydrophobic – hydrophilic copolymers, blend and networks containing silicon-based polymers, aggregation of block copolymers in solution by fluorescence, purification and analysis of antibiotics, synthesis and characterization of silicone resins, PEO membranes. More than 100 publications in ISI journals, 1 book, 10 book chapters and more than 50 participations at national and international conferences. Project leader of numerous



European and national projects. “Nicolae Teclu” award of Romanian Academy in 1994 and 2015 Award of Romanian Chemical Society.

Peter H. SEEBERGER studied chemistry in Erlangen (Germany) and completed a PhD in biochemistry in Boulder (USA). After performing research at the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Research in New York he built an independent research program at MIT where he was promoted to Firmenich Associate Professor of Chemistry with tenure. After six years as Professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, he assumed positions as Director at the Max-Planck Institute for Colloids and Surfaces in Potsdam and Professor at the Freie University of Berlin in 2009. He is honorary Professor at the University of Potsdam.



Professor Seeberger's research on the chemistry and biology of carbohydrates, carbohydrate vaccine development and continuous flow synthesis of drug substances spans a broad range of topics from engineering to immunology and has been documented in over 400 peer-reviewed journal articles, four books, more than 35 patents, over 170 published abstracts and more than 700 invited lectures. This work was recognized with more than 25 international awards from the US (e.g. Arthur C. Cope Young Scholar Award, Horace B. Isbell Award, Claude S. Hudson Award from the American Chemical Society), Germany (e.g. Körber Prize for European Sciences), Holland (Havinga Medal), Israel (Honorary Lifetime Member Israel Chemical Society), Japan (Yoshimasa Hirata Gold Medal), Switzerland (“The 100 Most Important Swiss”) and international organizations (Whistler Award 2012, Int. Carboh. Soc.). In 2013 he was elected to the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences.

Sergiu SHOVA studied Chemistry at Moldova state University and received his PhD in 1985 at the A. V. Bogatsky Physico-Chemical Institute, Odessa, Ukraine. He is senior researcher at “Petru Poni” Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Iasi, Romania from 2010. During 2003-2005 he had a postdoc position at LCC CNRS, Toulouse in the group of Professor Jean-Pierre Tuchagues. Scientific fields of interest: inorganic synthesis, synthesis of mono- and polynuclear coordination compounds with application as magnetic and biological active materials. magneto-chemistry, Mossbauer Spectroscopy, single crystal X-ray Diffraction and other physical methods for study and structural-properties correlations in coordination and supramolecular compounds. 195 scientific articles



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