

EPNOE Newsletter - May 2023

Connecting the international polysaccharides community



Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are very excited about the **great events** we planned this year!

In September, we will gather more than 400 scientists from all around the world in Graz for the 8th EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference (EPNOE2023). Among other things, we will there celebrate the winners of the EPNOE Science and Technology Awards.

EPNOE2023 will also act as the stage of **five roundtable discussions**, organised in partnership with **ISEKI Food**, **ZELLCHEMING**, **ESEIA**, **EUCHIS**, and **Austrian Federal Economy Chamber**. I am very excited about the opportunity to **expand our frontiers** and to **initiate a fruitful dialogue** with key European actors in facilitating the **transition to Bioeconomy**.

In October, we are going to **Brazil** where our Symposium at the **Brazilian Materials Research Society** attracted about **90 oral and poster presentations**. This will be a great occasion to **build collaboration with prestigious Brazilian institutions**, such as Embrapa, CNPEM and the University of Sao Paulo.

In November, we are organising an **Innovation Day** in Belgium in collaboration with different European clusters. Our goal is to **identify common challenges** and create **collaborative opportunities**, with a specific goal in mind: **join forces for a better future**.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our events!

Pedro Fardim

President of EPNOEd us on

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8th EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference - Highlights





The preparation of the 8th EPNOE International Polysaccharide Conference, which will take place 17-22 September, 2023 at Graz University of Technology (Austria) is in progress!

Hereafter some highlights:

- We will host more than 235 lectures. Among them, 5 plenary lectures, 18 key note lectures, and approximately 120 poster presentations.
- Two full-day pre-conference courses for Master's and PhD students will be organised on 17 September. One course is dedicated to the chemistry and characterisation of carbohydrates and the other focuses on innovation aspects of polysaccharides and translation to the market.
- The EPNOE Conference 2023 introduces, for the first time, Round Table Discussions with five leading networks under the umbrella topic "Circular Bioeconomy".
- The EPNOE Education Roadmap will be officially presented.
- Last but not least, a **Gala Dinner**, a **Welcome Reception**, and a **Scientific Beer Workshop** will offer some great opportunities for networking and a lot of fun!

For more information, read <u>here</u>.

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EPNOE member Yuanyuan Li from KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden) has been awarded the 2023 Gunnar Sundblad Foundation's Competence Development Award for the development of a new cellulose pulp called "aero-pulp".

Read the full announcement **here**.

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M. Sc. Loris Gelas from CEMEF in Sophia-Antipolis joined the group



M. Sc. Loris Gelas from CEMEF in Sophia-Antipolis joined the group in the framework of a short-term stay.

He worked in the field of "Chemical modification of cellulose as an approach towards tailored bio-aerogels" supervised by Martin Gericke.

Events

Congresso Nazionale Societa' Italiana Biomateriali 2023



The Societa' Italiana Biomateriali Congress (SIB) will take place on 3-6 July, in Camerino (Italy).

The event has been **sponsored by EPNOE** and aims to enhance the **development of innovative platforms** based on biomaterials derived from innovative and sustainable resources.

The Organizing and Scientific Committee invites you to participate and present your **oral and poster contributions**, as well as a **5-minute PhD student competition pitch**.

More information here.

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4th National Scientific Conference: "Polymers in Medicine"



The 4th National Scientific Conference titled "Polymers in Medicine" will be held on 23-24 May at the headquarters of Łukasiewicz - Lodz Institute of Technology.

The aim of the conference is to **exchange scientific experiences** in the field of wide applications of natural and synthetic polymers in **medicine**, **pharmacy and dentistry**.

Read more here.

Education

Welcome to new students, researchers, and staff members!

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, BOKU (Austria)

• BOKU, Institute of Chemistry of Renewable Ressources, **Alaudini Alaudin Nurali**, Liebner, Cellulose fibers for additive manufacturing

Recent Scientific Publications of EPNOE Members

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