



## International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists

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### From your Newsletter Editor

Happy New Year to all of you, and best wishes for a productive and peaceful 2013!

#### An e-mail newsletter

During our recent conference in Sendai, to which I look back with good memories, I boldly promised to issue the newsletter more regularly. This could be done provided that the newsletter was going to be distributed completely in electronic form, as an electronic message. This is one step further down the line of electronification: Hans Lyklema introduced the paper version of the newsletter and he only used the computer to edit the newsletter. I took over in December 2009 and edited the first electronic version, in portable data format (pdf). Only a few years later we are presenting a newsletter written in hypertext markup language (html).

The reason for doing so is to respond faster to new developments in the field and to make the newsletter more attractive to the larger membership - and the members to be - of IACIS. As many of you will realize, the electronic media have made us responding only at the latest moment. Especially those organizing workshops, conferences, and the like know that people only apply at the last moment upon information sent to them just before some "deadline". Also, we expect more contributed items when the information is sent around quickly and not after a very long period.

As with the past newsletters and the maintenance of the web site: this is the effort of very few persons only. Not all changes will therefore be carried out as fast as you might like to see. We will try to do our best but we hope you realize this when addressing us! Please, let this not refrain you from sending relevant information, suggestions, additions, etc.

Waiting for your response, I remain

Ger Koper, [Newsletter Editor](#)

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### News

#### Impressions of the IACIS conference in Sendai, Japan (May 2012)



The latest conference, organized by Kazue Kurihara, has been a great success with highlights such as the presence of the Emperor. Those interested should consult the [website](#) and have a look at the many photos taken during the event.

A special honor was granted to the IACIS2012 poster prize winners who received congratulations on the Soft Matter [journal blog](#).

#### Council meeting (May 2012)

The membership of IACIS was discussed and it was concluded that we all need to encourage our students and colleagues to become a member. In this way our association will be able to organize international conferences as it has been doing since 1975. Also, little use is made of the travel bursary and attempts will be made to make it more popular. The next conference will be in Mainz from 25-29 May 2015. For the venue and organization of the conference of 2018 a Call for Proposals will be sent out in 2014.

The minutes of the meeting as well as the financial report are available in the members-only section of the [IACIS website](#); use iacis2013 both as username and password for immediate access.

#### Maximum travel bursary now 1000 euro

In order to make the travel bursary more attractive, the maximum has been increased to 1000 €. This will make it easier for students to negotiate the usually rather steep conference fees and hotel prices.

More information on the travel bursary program can be found on the [IACIS website](#).

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### Selected Announcements

#### Australian Colloid and Interface Symposium

February 3-7, 2013, Noosa, Que, Australia.

Info: [Ben Boyd](#)

#### 9th Zsigmondy-Colloquium der Kolloid-Gesellschaft

March 6-8, 2013, Essen, Germany.

Info: [Karlheinz Graf](#)

#### Probing Macromolecules at Water-Solid Interfaces

April 2-5, 2012, Geneva, Switzerland.

Info: [Michal Borkovec](#)

#### 14th European Student Conference

June 10-13, 2013, Potsdam, Germany.

Info: [Jooyoung Won](#)

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