



International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists

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From the IACIS President

Dear colleagues,



We have met every three years since the IACIS conference in Potsdam NY in 1985. Now there is a good reason to postpone one year. Because of Corona, we have decided to postpone the IACIS conference in Brisbane until June 12-16, 2022. We are aware that many of you have been looking forward to meeting again in person, and not just on video. However, there is a high risk that many interested participants may not be able to attend in 2021. It is far from certain that a vaccine will be developed in the coming months and that it will be available to a sufficient number of people worldwide.

When we meet again in 2022, the world will have changed. One of the hopefully good changes will be that people will have realized how important science can be. Science will help to deal with a pandemic like Corona. It helps in several ways. In the long run, the development of vaccines is the most promising. To prevent the spread, we need epidemiologists. We colloid and interface scientists are also needed. We know about aerosols and their wetting and adhesion to filters and masks. We also know about antibacterial and antiviral surfaces. Therefore, the crisis gives us the chance to make our contribution.

I hope we all meet again in Brisbane in 2022 and we meet in good health!
Hans-Jürgen Butt

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From your Newsletter Editor



The year 2020 is not what any of us had expected. Virulent colloidal particles make physical interactions between us a risky matter. In our January Newsletter we gave an overview of many meetings of interest to members of the IACIS. After 8 months I have to conclude that most of the meetings have been postponed or canceled or are being held in a virtual setting. It is expected that this will also be the case for the coming year. Let's hope that a vaccine becomes available in 2021.

For now, [do send me](#) your announcements about virtual meetings, like [ACIS2021](#), that are interesting for our community so I can post them on our [homepage](#) and share them via [LinkedIn](#).
Stay safe, take care and make the best of it.

Your Newsletter Editor,
Saskia Lindhoud

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IACIS 2021 Update



Thank you for your interest in the 17th Conference of the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists (IACIS 2021).

We have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential to affect IACIS 2021. In light of recent developments and advice from the WHO and the Australian Federal Government, the IACIS 2021 Organising Committee and IACIS Council has concluded, with regret, that the conference will be postponed.

The conference will now be held on 12 - 16 June 2022 at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly. The Organising Committee's top priority is ensuring the health and safety of all our delegates, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and stakeholders.

The engaging program on which our Program Committee has been working extremely hard will be carried over to the new dates, along with the fantastic line-up of international and national speakers. We will also maintain the immersive social opportunities embedded in the program. We hope you will still be available to participate in 2022.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and ongoing support.

For any queries please contact the IACIS 2022 Conference Managers via iacis2022@arinex.com.au

Ian Gentle and Gregory Warr
Co-Chairs, IACIS 2021 Organising Committee

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Retirement of Ger Koper and Mieke Kleijn

In June 2020, Ger Koper, the previous webmaster and newsletter editor of the IACIS, retired. Mieke Kleijn, who was the IACIS secretary and treasurer, will retire in October. The IACIS Standing Committee would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for all the work Ger and Mieke have done for the IACIS over the years. As you will see from their personal messages below, they will continue to contribute to colloid and interface science and play an active role in the IACIS. We wish them a very enjoyable retirement.

Hans-Jürgen Butt, Greg Warr, Reinhard Miller, Wuge Briscoe and Saskia Lindhoud

Personal message from Ger Koper

I guess every working life has some milestones. My first one was in 1975 when I graduated in electronics engineering. After a good year of military service I found myself a job at the medical department in Leiden in a lively group doing advanced cancer research. Then, in 1982 I started pursuing my physics education at Leiden University and finished that in 1990 with a PhD in Theoretical Physics. To my own surprise, and joy, I spent the next 10 years in the Physical Chemistry group at Leiden University. On 1 January 2000 I moved to Delft and became part of the Chemical Engineering department.

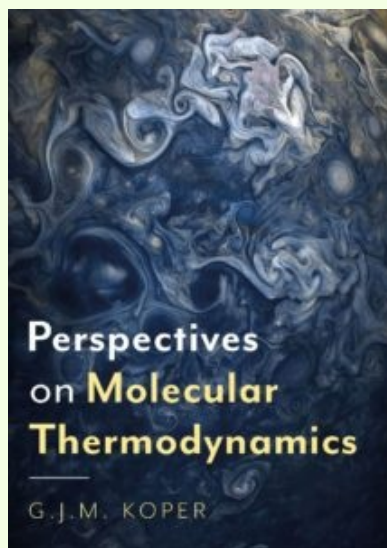
But the most important milestone actually turned out to be my illness that started in 2015 and took a few years to conquer. I am over it now, but in hindsight it was a

complete brain wash. Luckily, the department accommodated well for my needs and lessened abilities. I am very grateful for that and I thank those that still made me feel at home, in particular the ASM group members.

It turned out that my teaching duties were completely taken over. But lecture time was still reserved for me and I started to teach advanced courses. For limited groups of students that were all enthusiastic about the material I presented and had them work on. That was really great fun. I did some regular teaching to substitute for a colleague that had to leave but that served to make it clear to me that I was no longer able to do that sort of mass education.

The latest course I gave was on a topic known as non-equilibrium or irreversible thermodynamics. I was actually persuaded to do this by some students and some colleagues. That was great fun, both times I gave the course. The lecture notes I cast in the form of an e-booklet entitled Perspectives on Molecular Thermodynamics. You can find it on ResearchGate. For some colleagues that I trust will read in it, I made a paper copy that was sent to them some week ago. This is now my farewell present to the academic society I will leave today.

I thank you all for being part of my professional life! Ger Koper, 5 June 2020



Personal message from Mieke Kleijn

Dear IACIS members,

From mid October 2020 I will retire from my work at Wageningen University, after 38 years. When I started in the department of Physical Chemistry and Colloid Science, Hans Lyklema was my 'boss' and through him I soon became aware of the existence of IACIS. As you probably know, or otherwise can read on the page "[History of IACIS](#)", Hans was one of the founding fathers of IACIS and has been the NL editor for many years. In 2006 he and my Wageningen colleague Gerard Fleer, talked me into taking over the role as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of IACIS from Gerard. I have not regretted it. In this capacity I had the chance to closely collaborate with the Standing Committee and had a lot of inspiring contacts with Council members and many other IACIS members; a number of them became my good friends. Together with Ger Koper I organized the IACIS Conference in Rotterdam in 2018. During that conference I handed over the baton to Wuge Briscoe with great confidence and I have the impression that he is doing an excellent job as IACIS secretary. I still have the honour to be a co-opted member of the Council and will remain so for the remainder of this term.

These corona times are difficult for almost everyone. I deeply sympathize with the organizers of IACIS2021 which inadvertently now turned into IACIS2022. It is very intensive to organize such a big event and the uncertainties connected to the pandemic must be nerve-racking. I hope that many of you will participate and make this upcoming IACIS event a tremendous success!

Best wishes and take care,
Mieke



Wuge Briscoe, Mieke Kleijn and Brian Vincent in Bristol, October 2018

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