

**REGISTRATION FORM (deadline for registration
July 31, 2025)**

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FEES (Early registration till July 31, 2025)

Attendance 1,600 €

Late registration (after July 31, 2025) will have a charge of 100 € in the registration fee.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Bank transfer or Credit Card

Emulsion polymers are truly “products by process” materials, whose properties are determined during the polymerization process. The workshop will focus on the understanding of the fundamental basis of emulsion polymerization and on the use of this understanding to manipulate process conditions to achieve a consistent production of improved products. The fundamentals of latex rheology and film formation, key aspects in the application of emulsion polymers will also be studied.

For more information, please contact:

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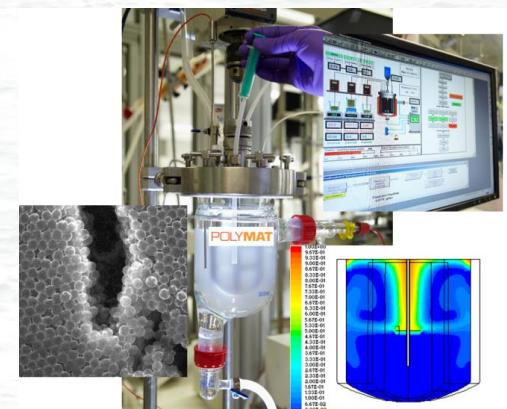
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**Workshop on
EMULSION POLYMERIZATION
PROCESSES**

September 8-12, 2025

PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Monday September 8, 2025

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30-11.30 Features of Emulsion Polymerization (*Prof. José M. Asua, POLYMAT*)

Processes occurring in emulsion polymerization. Similarities and differences with other polymerization techniques in dispersed media (miniemulsion, microemulsion and dispersion polymerization). Reactors. Applications of polymer dispersions.

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.00 Seminar on kinetic measurements (*Prof. Nicholas Ballard, POLYMAT*)

How to run an experiment. Determination of kinetic measurements from experiments.

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.30 Kinetics of Emulsion Polymerization (*Prof. José M. Asua, POLYMAT*)

Factors affecting polymerization rate. Radical entry: processes involved; effects of water solubility of monomers and initiators, characteristics of the surface of the polymer particles. Radicals exit: processes involved; factors affecting radical exit (water solubility of monomers and initiators, particle size, characteristics of the surface of the polymer particles). Radical termination. Average number of radicals/particle. Monomer partitioning: thermodynamically controlled systems; mass transfer limitations.

16.30-17.30 Visit to POLYMAT laboratories

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9.00-11.00 Stability of Polymer Colloids (*Prof. José M. Asua, POLYMAT*)

Colloidal stability. Mechanisms affecting dispersion stability. Electrostatic stabilization. Overcharging. Steric stabilization. Total potential energy of interaction. Flocculation of systems sterically stabilized. Electrosteric stabilization. Aggregation kinetics.

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Particle Nucleation and Particle Size Distribution (*Prof. Radmila Tomovska, POLYMAT*)

Description of the mechanisms for particle nucleation. Particle size distribution. Effect of the formulation and process conditions.

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Miniemulsion Polymerization (*Prof. José M. Asua, POLYMAT*)

Scientific basis for the preparation of monomer miniemulsions: homogenization; thermodynamic and kinetic stabilization. Effect of preparation conditions and of the miniemulsion formulation on the polymerization. Applications.

15.30-16.30 Particle Morphology (*Prof. Radmila Tomovska, POLYMAT*)

Thermodynamic and kinetic aspects for particle morphology control.

20.30 Conference dinner

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9.00-11.00 Molecular Weight Distribution (*Prof. José R. Leiza, POLYMAT*)

Introduction. MWD in linear polymerization: Rigorous modelling compartmentalization, MWD for a 0-1 system. MWD in non-linear systems: computation of sol MWD and gel content. Numerical and experimental examples.

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Advanced Research Topics: Bases and Applications of CFRP in Dispersed Media I (*Prof. Franck D'Agosto, CNRS, Laboratoire de Chimie et Procédés de Polymérisation*)

Bases and applications of controlled/living radical polymerisations (CFRP).

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Advanced Research Topics: Bases and Applications of CFRP in Dispersed Media II (*Prof. Franck D'Agosto, CNRS, Laboratoire de Chimie et Procédés de Polymérisation*)

Challenges for adapting CFRP to water dispersions. Emphasis on future opportunities and open issues.

15.30-16.30 Latex Rheology (*Prof. Nicholas Ballard, POLYMAT*)

Key aspects affecting the viscosity of waterborne polymer dispersions. Equations for dispersion viscosity Thickeners.

Thursday, September 11, 2025

9.00-10.30 Emulsion Polymerization Reactors (I) (*Prof. María Paulis, POLYMAT*)

Reactor types. Reactor equipment for mixing. Power consumption. Agitation requirements for emulsion polymerization. Mass transfer limitations. Heat transfer. Predicting the performance of emulsion polymerization reactors: Mass, energy and population balances. Evolution of characteristics in the different operation modes.

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.00 Emulsion Polymerization Reactors (II) (*Prof. María Paulis, POLYMAT*)

Determination of safety parameters. Scale up. Residual monomer removal: devolatilization and postpolymerization.

12.00-13.00 On-line Monitoring (*Prof. José R. Leiza, POLYMAT*)

Sensor selection. Latex gas chromatography. Head-Space gas chromatography. Densimetry. Ultrasound. Spectroscopic techniques. Reaction calorimetry. Raman vs calorimetry. Experimental results.

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Control of Emulsion Polymerization Reactors (*Prof. José R. Leiza, POLYMAT*)

Open-loop and close-loop strategies. Close-loop for linear polymers: Optimal trajectories; Examples of safe optimal control of composition and MWD; Final property control. Unsolved issues in closed-loop control.

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-18.00 Film Formation of Waterborne Coatings (*Prof. María Paulis, POLYMAT*)

Stages of film formation: drying, particle deformation and interdiffusion. Fundamental driving forces for particle coalescence. Introduction to key analytical techniques and review of experimental results.

Friday, September 12, 2025

8.30-9.30 "Biobased and Degradable Waterborne Polymers" (*Prof. Miren Aguirre, POLYMAT*)

Introduction. Biobased monomers and surfactants. Waterborne emulsion polymerization with biobased components. Degradable waterborne dispersions.

9.30-10.30 "Industrial Perspective" (*Dr. Javier Bohorquez, Akzo Nobel*)

An overview of the industrial perspective of polymers obtained by emulsion polymerization.

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-13.00 Seminar on Latex Characterization (*Prof. José R. Leiza, POLYMAT*)

Copolymer composition. Molecular weight distribution. Gel content. Crosslinking density.

13.00 End of the workshop.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop is designed for scientists and engineers from industry and academia actively interested in emulsion polymerization. English will be the official language of the workshop.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES

The workshop will take place in [Joxe Mari Korta Center](#), in The University of the Basque Country Campus in Donostia / San Sebastián. It is easily accessible by plane via the (EAS) Donostia / San Sebastián Airport (30 minutes away by taxi), (BIO) Bilbao airport (60 minutes away by taxi) and (BIQ) Biarritz Airport (in France, 40 minutes away by taxi).

ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms has been blocked at special rates, in one hotel and a residence near the workshop location. Modern single rooms in the **Olarain university residence** are available at a rate of **360.75 €** (5 nights, 72.15 €/night) breakfast and tax included. Bookings: Mr. Beñat Pagoaga bpagoaga@olarain.com Please provide the [Ref. EPP2025 Workshop](#).

Hotel NH Aranzazu offers rooms at a rate of **599.50 €** (5 nights, 119.90 €/night) breakfast and tax included. Bookings: nhcollectionaranzazu@nh-hotels.com

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Each participant must arrange directly her/his reservation and will be charged by the hotel for room costs and extras. Please note that [availability and price of these rooms are guaranteed until June 15, 2025](#).

Other accommodation can be found in: <https://www.sansebastianturismoa.eus/en/>

WORKSHOP FEES

The workshop fee is 1,600 € (free of transfer charges) and covers attendance, workshop notes and conference dinner. Company members of the Industrial Liaison Program in Polymerization in Dispersed Media may register two people free of charge. Additional personnel from these companies may also register at half of the regular fee.

PAYMENT METHOD

The payment of the workshop fee can be made by credit card or by bank transfer to ES65 2095 0292 9010 6157 2763 (Bank: "KUTXABANK", C/Getaria 9-11, 20005 Donostia / San Sebastián, Spain) with the SWIFT code: BASKES2BXXX. If this second choice is used, please reference your name and the full name of your company and email a copy of the bank transfer paper to us.