Greetings!

Welcome to the 3Q issue of PMSENews in 2016! Read on for selected highlights of the Fall 2016 National ACS meeting, meet the latest PMSE award winners, and learn where to find useful resources for career and professional development. These are exciting times at PMSE and several new initiatives are being created.

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Dr. Qinghuang Lin

Dear PMSE Members and Friends,

Hope that this PMSE Newsletter finds you in a great spirit after your summer break.

I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the ACS Philadelphia National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. It was a great event with many sessions and meetings. It was a pleasure to meet you all.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next event.

Best wishes,

Chair's Message

Dr. Qinghuang Lin
National Meeting last month. As always, I particularly enjoyed recruiting and meeting new PMSE members at the PMSE Lounge and other venues at the ACS National Meetings. Thanks to PMSE Meeting General Chair, Melissa Grunlan, the PMSE programming team (Xinqiao Jia, Brad Olsen, Christopher Stafford and Andy Tsou), symposium organizers, authors, attendees and countless volunteers, the PMSE Philadelphia meeting was a great success. I have heard many flattering comments about the relevant symposium topics, the cutting edge research presented, the top notch speakers, and the organization of the PMSE symposia in general. THANK YOU!

I would like to update the state of PMSE in the context of the five (5) Key Performance Indicators introduced last quarter. Overall, the state of PMSE is very strong:

- Technical programming: Our Division had a total of 13 symposia and more than 700 submissions at the ACS Philadelphia National Meeting. The number of submissions is the second highest at recent ACS national meetings. Several of the sessions I attended were standing room only, a great indicator of the relevance of the topics and the quality of the speakers/presentations. We also witnessed increased contributions and attendance from our overseas colleagues and friends at the PMSE Philadelphia meeting. The PMSE San Francisco meeting in the Spring 2017 has shaped up to the another great meeting with 16 fantastic symposia (Please insert link and make it hyperlink http://pmse.sites.acs.org/futureprogramming.htm). The ACS San Francisco National Meeting abstract submission (Please insert link and make it hyperlink: https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/membership-and-networks/td/abstractsubmission/maps-resources.html) is open. The abstract submission deadline is Monday, October 31, 2016.
- Finance: Our Division is fortunate to maintain a record account balance thanks to the stewardship of our Investment Committee, particularly David Chung, and our more prudent physical policy. As a result, PMSE will increase investments in select strategic future growth areas.
- Membership: Our Division membership is essentially steady again so far this year after gradual declines over the last several years due to the macro environment. We still have work to do to retain existing members and to recruit new members.
- Outreach: Our Division, in close collaboration with POLY, has steadily expanded student chapters and international outreach. At the ACS Philadelphia National Meeting, the PMSE Executive Committee approved a proposal to launch a new joint symposium series with the Brazilian Chemical Society and a new global student award to recognize graduate student research globally.
- Member Service: This is an area we need to continue to improve on, particularly services to those members who are not able to attend the ACS National Meetings. I hope you will take advantage of some of the service offerings ACS provides, such as ACS Webinars, Virtual Networking Events, etc. If you have any ideas and suggestions on how to better serve YOU, I would love to hear from you.

As always, I thank you for your continued PMSE membership and for your contributions to PMSE.

Respectfully yours,
Qinghuang Lin

Congratulations to PMSE Members who have been Elected as ACS Fellows!

- top-left: Lisa Saunders Baugh, ExxonMobil Research & Engineering
- top-right: Dean C. Webster, North Dakota State University
Congratulations to the recipients of the best poster award


Top right: PMSE 434: 3D printing of shear-thinning hyaluronic acid hydrogels with secondary crosslinking. **Liliang Ouyang**, University of Pennsylvania.


A look back at the PMSE Programming In Philly, 2016.
key themes

- Bioderived & Bioinspired Polymers
- Porous Polymers
- Fire & Polymers
- Oligomers & Polymers with Precisely Designed Microstructures: Synthesis, Properties & Applications
- Polymers Designed for 3D Printing Applications: Evaluation of the Fundamental & Applied Aspects of the Field
- Polymer & Polymer Hybrid Electronics & Biosensor

Click here to read the meeting preface from our Vice Chair, Melissa Grunlan.

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Professor Carraher is a prolific author of both peer-review journal papers (over 1,100) and books (over 75), the holder of the first patent for the chemical synthesis of nucleic acids (US Pat. 3,491,061) and is a highly visible presenter (along with many students he brings with him) at ACS meetings.

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