

This 1st “French-Brazilian-Polymer” FBPOL-2005 Conference has been jointly organized by the *Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina* (UFSC)-Florianopolis and the *Laboratoire de Chimie des Polymères Organiques* (LCPO), Bordeaux under the auspices of CNPq, CAPES, CNRS and GFP and held in “Jurere Beach Village Hotel, Florianopolis, SC, Brazil” on 24–29 of April 2005.

The goal of this conference was to bring together Brazilian scientists, engineers and students, with French lab leaders, from universities, industries and government institutions to exchange views on the latest developments, uses and applications of polymeric systems. FBPOL2005 has provided the Brazilian and French polymer communities with an opportunity to meet and discuss the mission and challenges of polymer science and technology in the 21st century, covering a broad range of topics in the area of polymer physics and chemistry.

To our point of view this 1st “French-Brazilian-Polymer” FBPOL-2005 Conference is a great success not only based on the number of participants (160 including 30 conferences and 120 posters) but also due to the scientific exchange during the different conferences and also the discussions during the poster sessions. Mechanisms for more efficient collaborations between Brazilian and French Universities will be pursued as part of the mission including polymer education.

We are very pleased and certainly proud of having organized such a meeting! We also know that some direct contacts between Brazilian and French scientists have already started during the meeting and that also some visits are planned for future collaborations. We therefore are extremely glad for that and at this point our goal as organizers is fully reached.

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