

The role of polymer science and engineering is vital in human life today and it is hard to imagine the world without more than 300 million cubic meters of polymer products produced and used each year. This huge quantity of materials certainly demands a strong research support in many fields, e.g. chemistry, physics, engineering, environmental sciences and much more.

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The ISPST series provided an international forum in a pleasant environment for presentation and discussion of the latest scientific concepts and technological developments covering all aspects of polymer fields, e.g. polymer chemistry, physics,

engineering and technology. The three days of the ISPST2007 program consisted of a number of plenary and keynote lecturers by leading experts along with 174 oral and 276 poster presentations accepted from 660 submitted abstracts from several countries. An exhibition participated by the industry as well as the academia was also organized during the conference. The ISPST2007 was a success according to participant comments and the organizers hope to improve this success in new future in ISPST2009.

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