

The 19th European Symposium on Polymer Spectroscopy (ESOPS19), organized simultaneously as the 77th Prague Meeting on Macromolecules (PMM), took place in Prague on July 7–11, 2013. The symposium was organized by the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic as IUPAC-sponsored meeting. Both ESOPS and PMM series have more than 40 years tradition. The aim of ESOPS meetings is to bring together scientists specialized in different spectroscopic techniques to review the latest research and development in spectroscopic characterization of polymer systems. 100 active participants from 23 countries took part in the ESOPS19. The scientific program consisted of 9 invited lectures, 28 oral communications and 60 poster presentations. The symposium highlighted all fields of spectroscopy (infrared, Raman, UV-vis, fluorescence, NMR, EPR, mass, X-

ray, dielectric and mechanical spectroscopy) from theoretical and fundamental aspects to recent advances and novel developments in characterization and analysis of polymers. The invited lectures, presented by outstanding specialists in the given field, along with oral communications, offered to the participants a survey of the most up-to-date problems and well-founded new findings and views. Many interesting results were presented in two poster sessions. Summaries of all lectures and posters were published in the Programme Booklet. Full texts of selected, peer-reviewed contributions are published herein and provide an overview of the topics discussed during the meeting.

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