# Preface

This issue of Macromolecular Symposia is dedicated to the 12th CBPol (12th Brazilian Polymer Conference), which was held in Florianópolis, state of Santa Catarina, Brazil, between the 22nd and the 26th of September, 2013. The CBPol conference has been organized every two years by the Brazilian Polymer Association (ABPol) since 1991 and currently constitutes the biggest and most important scientific event in the polymer field in Brazil. The next edition of CBPol will take place in Natal, state of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, between the 18th and the 22nd of October, 2015.

CBPol is a scientific and technical forum for discussion of matters related to polymer production and applications, counting with the strong support of the Brazilian and Latin American scientific and technical communities. The number of participants in the 12th CBPol was equal to 977, including researchers and students of Brazilian and other international universities, research institutes and industries, from a total of 11 countries. 1119 papers co-authored by researchers from at least 20 different countries were presented during the conference, including 7 invited plenary conferences, 27 oral invited talks, 125 oral presentations and 960 posters, which covered the areas of adhesives and coatings; additives and formulations; biopolymers, biomaterials and biodegradable polymers; polymer blends; composites and nanocomposites; correlation between polymer structure and final properties; degradation and stabilization; polymer emulsions and latexes; polymer membranes; marketing and technological applications; process modeling and simulation; polymer modification; applications in the oil-and-gas industry; magnetic and electro-electronic applications; education in the polymer field; polymer rheology and processing; polymerization processes; recycling; polymer synthesis; characterization; and polymer nanostructures.

Among the many papers presented during the conference, 59 papers were submitted for publication in this special issue of Macromolecular Symposia and reviewed by referees, with acceptance of the 26 papers that we are proud to present here. The selected papers illustrate some of the scientific discussions that took place during the conference and the topics that motivate researchers that work in the polymer field in Brazil.

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See you in Natal-RN.

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