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International Conferences "Electronic Processes in Organic Materials" (ICEPOM) are organized periodically in the different regions of Ukraine to improve the international cooperation of scientists in the field of organic materials. Prof. Martin Pope is the initiator of these conferences series.

The 6th International Conference "Electronic Processes in Organic Materials" (ICEPOM-6) has been held in Gurzuf (Crimea, Ukraine) on September 25–29, 2006.

The objective of the conference is to discuss physical phenomena and processes in organic materials and at their interfaces with other materials as well as prospects of their practical applications.

Scientific Program:

- 1. Energy structure of organic materials and electronic processes in organic compounds
- 2. Electronic processes at interfaces of organic materials to metals, as well as biological, organic, inorganic media and nanostructures
- 3. Electro-optic processes in confined liquid crystals
- 4. Nonlinear properties of organic structures and composites
- 5. Electronic processes within polymer composites
- 6. Nanostructures. Polymer and hybrid nanophotonics
- 7. Novel organic materials and technologies for technical application and medicine
- 8. Physical aspects of composites and biological materials application. DNA and polymeric based bio photonics

More than 100 scientists from 10 European countries, US and Japan presented their reports to the conference. Eight plenary and three poster sessions were held.

Special sessions on novel organic materials and composites, including confined liquid crystals; nanostructures, polymer and hybrid nanophotonics, NLO properties were presented ICEPOM-6.

The participants of Conference agreed to continue the series of conferences, holding a next meeting (ICEPOM-7) in West region of Ukraine on May–June, 2008.

By the name of Organizing Committee we thank the conference sponsors: European Office of Aerospace R&D, MCLC and Taylor and Francis Group and special thank to Degussa AG for the awards supporting the best reports of young promising scientists.

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