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Announcement

3rd International Conference on the Foundations of Molecular Modeling and Simulation (FOMMS 2006), Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA, USA, July 9–14, 2006 <http://www.fomms.org>

The Editors of *Molecular Simulation* and the publisher (Taylor and Francis Group Ltd) are pleased to announce that the 3rd International Conference on the Foundations of Molecular Modeling and Simulation (FOMMS), will be held July 9–14, 2006, at Semiahmoo Resort (www.semiahmoo.com), in Blaine, WA, USA. Like its predecessors (FOMMS 2000 and FOMMS 2003) FOMMS 2006 will be a scientific meeting balanced between the methods of quantum mechanics, atomistic simulation, mesoscale methods and beyond, with application areas in chemistry, biology, materials and their respective industries. FOMMS is the only focused conference that brings together such a broad modeling community and emphasizes integration from the most fundamental level (electronic structure) through atomistic to meso- and macro-scale modeling.

Topics for the 2006 meeting, which highlight the impact and growing areas for modeling and simulation in technological fields and applications, are as follows:

1. Multiple Time Scale & Mesoscale Methods
2. Advances in Modeling & Simulation
3. Nanoscience & Nanotechnology
4. Biological Applications
5. Reaction Engineering
6. Educational Methods
7. Polymeric Materials
8. Future Vision

Invited speakers who have confirmed their participation include: Mike Allen (U. Warwick), Jerry Bernholc (North Carolina State U.), Emily Carter (Princeton U.), Richard Catlow (Royal Institution), Thom Dunning (U. Illinois), Denis J. Evans (Australian National U.), Glenn H.

Fredrickson (U. California - Santa Barbara), Shekhar Garde (Rensselaer Polytechnic U.), Carol Hall (North Carolina State U.), Warren Hehre (Wavefunction, Inc.), Shiaki Hyodo (Toyota Central R&D Laboratory), Gerhard Hummer (National Institutes of Health, USA), Katsumi Kaneko (U. Chiba), Kurt Kremer (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz), Mark Matsen (U. Reading), Vijay Pande (Stanford U.), Mark Ratner (Northwestern U.), and Randy Snurr (Northwestern U.).

Taylor and Francis Group Ltd are supporting the Conference through publication of selected papers contributed by participants as a special issue of the Journal. The manuscripts will be refereed to the usual high standard. Papers that incorporate some review material will be acceptable as long as novel work is also presented. The special issue is expected to appear early in 2007.

Interested participants are encouraged to submit an abstract for presentation at the conference website, <http://www.fomms.org>. For additional information about the conference please visit our web site, or contact us directly at chair@fomms.org.

We look forward to your participation in the conference.

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