Physical Organic Chemistry
20–25 August 2006, Warsaw, Poland

“New Interactions, New Materials, New Prospects in Physical Organic Chemistry”—these will be the themes of the 18th IUPAC International Conference on Physical Organic Chemistry (ICPOC 18) to be held in Warsaw, Poland, 20–25 August 2006. The event will be held at the Gromada Hotel near the Warsaw Airport. Warsaw, Poland’s capital, is one of the fastest-growing cities in Europe; with a population of nearly 2 million, it houses the country’s largest university and research center and is known for its historic buildings and glorious past. The conference topics will cover the diversity of modern research in physical organic chemistry and its interplay with other fields of science. Three parallel stream sessions will be held, devoted to structural versus chemical properties and biochemical functions; nanotechnology and new machines; and new materials, new processes, and interactions.

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Radical Polymerization
3–8 September 2006, Il Ciocco, Italy

The 4th International Symposium on Radical Polymerization: Kinetics and Mechanism will take place in September at the Il Ciocco hotel in the province of Lucca (Tuscany), Italy.

This symposium series is based on a scientific program covering all aspects of radical polymerization. It emphasizes poster sessions and avoids parallel sessions. The Italian setting contributes to the atmosphere, and all participants are accommodated in the same hotel, Il Ciocco, encouraging and facilitating interactions between participants. The previous three symposia were held also held in Italy: at Santa Margherita Ligure in 1987 and 1996, and at Il Ciocco in 2001.

The meeting will take place from Sunday evening (3 September 2006) through Friday evening (8 September 2006). No lectures will be given on Wednesday, when two main excursions will be organized.

The scientific program will center on the following topics:

- fundamentals of free radical polymerization
- heterogeneous polymerization
- controlled radical polymerization
- polymer reaction engineering
- polymer characterization

Each topic will be covered by main lectures given by invited speakers (approximately 23). Eight more short lectures will be selected from the submitted poster abstracts. The preliminary program can be found on the conference Web site.

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