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UK & Ireland Board

We have had a lot of exciting events in 2014 including our seminar to the students of Brunel University, participation at the Manchester Polymer Group seminar and the various BPF seminars that are offered to SPE members at a discounted rate. A new SPE website was also launched. There are a lot of exciting events in 2015 that you will find listed below. We encourage everyone to participate and we need to hear from you and want you would like to see from the SPE in the future. I would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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More volunteers are urgently sought by the Board to widen the pool of expertise and help with events.



Upcoming Events supported by SPE

SPE sponsors Polymer Study Tours 2015 – Free 4 day Residential CPD Course for Teachers

As a Gold Sponsor, SPE will be assisting in **Bringing the Curriculum to Life** for Science and Design & Technology teachers who will be attending at one of three universities across the UK. So please spread the word to your teacher and/or educational contacts.

Overall, the aim of the course is to provide sources of material, relevant to the National Curriculum, whilst allowing delegates the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of plastics and rubber technology. This is achieved through a mixture of lectures, discussions, practical laboratory sessions and industrial visits where modern plastics processing can be observed at work first hand. The course leaders and lecturers are a mixture of leading academics and industry professionals.

The course also allows teachers to meet in an informal environment to exchange views on this cross curricula subject. The maximum number at any location is 20.

The actual cost per delegate to run the Tours is around £850 but this residential course is entirely **FREE** to teachers once they arrive at the venue due to the generous sponsorship of the Horners' Educational Trust (a City of London Livery Company), companies in the polymer industry, and organisations such as SPE involved in supporting education. The cost of travel to/from your chosen venue, and the cost of any replacement teaching staff, is the responsibility of the teacher and/or school. A £50 booking deposit, which is refunded when you attend the course, is also required.

Each delegate will receive a Certificate of Attendance to enhance their CPD portfolio.

The dates for 2015 are as follows:

- Edinburgh Napier University 21 to 24 June
- London Metropolitan University 28 June to 01 July
- University of Manchester 05 to 08 July



[Further details and application form](#) Alternatively contact Dr Diane Aston diane.aston@iom3.org Tel 01476 513882
Application Form: <http://www.iom3.org/content/pst>

BPF Seminars in 2015 – Associate Members Rate for SPE Members

We are pleased to announce that we have negotiated that SPE members can enrol in all BPF seminars at the Associated member's rate. We thank BPF for their support.

The first seminar in 2015 will be [ProcurePlas 2015](#) - **26th February 2015**
London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park, London, E20 2ZQ
http://www.bpf.co.uk/Events/Procureplas_2015.aspx

ProcurePlas 2015 is a new concept event providing a platform for specifiers and procurement professionals to exchange experiences and to learn from the market leaders in achieving energy efficiency improvements, cost savings and resource efficiency.

The event will unite procurement experts with members of the plastics industry supply chain providing information on best practice examples in the procurement of construction products.

SPE ANTEC® Brussels 2015 Conference **08 Sep 2015 - 09 Sep 2015, Brussels, BELGIUM**

This is the third conference of its kind to be held in Europe; EUROTEC® 2013, which took place in Lyon, successfully presented 150 quality papers to attendees from 28 different countries. These presentations covered a wide-range of topics involving polymer converting technologies and applications, product developments, and elite plastics industry innovations. EUROTEC® 2013 was the largest technical conference in Europe that year.

Event Location

Courtyard by Marriott Brussels Hotel
Avenue des Olympiades 6
Brussels
1140
BELGIUM

Programme

The conference will consist of exclusive sessions involving;

Composites and Nanocomposites

Automotive Trends

Extrusion Technologies



Innovations in Polymers and 3D Printing

Medical Polymers

And More!

In addition to selected peer-reviewed presentations, the conference will also offer a compact exhibition where you can interact with suppliers presenting their newest products.

Organiser details

Society of Plastics Engineers

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Student Activity-Brunel University Seminar

On the 5th of November Manjula Silva head of the student liaison for UK/Ireland section of the SPE held a seminar at Brunel University for the graduate and post graduate students from the College of Engineering, Polymer research and Environmental research. Ken Braney opened discussing who the SPE is and the benefits that it can offer. We were also privileged to have Bepak speak about the job opportunities that the plastics industry can offer to engineering students. We are pleased that we had an interest from the students to start up a student chapter.

Featured topics for future UK & Ireland Newsletters

Let us know what sort of topics you would like to have included in future newsletters.

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