



UNITED KINGDOM  
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# NEWSLETTER

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# Welcome

Welcome all. It has been a busy year both politically with Brexit, US Election and with several plastics shows including another successful K Show. There is also a lot of activity happening with the UK/Ireland section of the SPE. We have established a new student chapter, details below, we have a few conferences coming up before the end of the year. We would like to hear from you what you would like to see as events, conferences, get togethers for next year so please get in touch.

## List of Board of Directors

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Members also giving specialist support as required—Austin Coffey, Keith Barnes and Andy McGarry.

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Plastics: The Future, Updates and Recent Developments



Monday, 28th November 2016  
Lancashire County Cricket Club  
Emirates Old Trafford  
Manchester

[www.iom3.org/manchester-polymer-group/event/plastics-future-updates-and-recent-developments](http://www.iom3.org/manchester-polymer-group/event/plastics-future-updates-and-recent-developments)

SPE are pleased to support this event again with SPE members registering at the IOM3 rate of £40

### Programme includes

- Keynote Paper from Stuart Patrick FIMMM MRSC delivering the Swinburne Lecture 'A Lifetime in PVC and Plastics—What I have Learnt and still Learning'
- Sessions on Polymers—*Enhancement and High Performance, Sustainability 3 R's (REACH, Recycling, Renewable), Testing and Industry Support*

# The European Biopolymer Summit

7th & 8th December 2016, London, UK



[www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/biopolymer-conference-europe/](http://www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/biopolymer-conference-europe/)

The European Biopolymer Summit will be taking place in London on the 7th & 8th December 2016. The event has been designed with the key objective of uniting collaborations across the entire bioplastic value chain to come together to learn more about the innovations emerging in a host of markets as biopolymers begin to play a broader role in the industry. The event shall explore technology and recycling along with development of new polymeric materials with enhanced properties and reduced environmental impact.

## Key Topics:

- The Bio Based Economy—Meeting the Needs of All Parties: Achievements & Obstacles
- Where is Environmental Policy Going?
- How to Stay in the UK Market in a post- brexit world?
- Growing Global Bio Based Markets: Blends, Applications, Limitations & Bio Refining
- Biodegradable & Biobased Materials Development: Lessons Learned and Preparing for Future Challenges (practical strategy building)
- Next Generation Polymers: Biopolymers with Advanced Functionalities for High Performance Applications
- Future Perspectives and Advances in Processing & Application of Polymers
- Polymer Fundamentals: the Best Performing Features of the Design and Properties of Biodegradable Polymers
- Pioneering New Processes & Technologies
- Emerging Polymer Technologies: Nanotechnology for Bioplastics: Opportunities, Challenges & Strategies
- Emerging Polymer Technologies: Transformational potential of 3D printing and Nanotechnology
- Applications and Commercialization of Biopolymers
- The Retailer Interview: Retailer Perspective on Bio Based Products
- Sustainability Programmes & Composting Infrastructure: Bridging the Gap Between Interest & Action
- Optimising Waste Systems for the Future
- Scaling Up Smartly and Overcoming Barriers for Investments

# The Medical Plastics Conference

**7 - 8 March 2017**

Courtyard Marriott Brussels, Belgium



[www.medicalplastics-conference.com/](http://www.medicalplastics-conference.com/)

Plastics News Europe in association with SPE is pleased to announce The Medical Plastics Conference 2017 to be held on 7–8th March, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott hotel, Brussels. This year's conference will focus on “Converging Technologies into the Medical Device Arena—A New Era for Medical Polymers”

The purpose of this unique conference is to strengthen the interactions within the community of engineers, scientists and business leaders in new technology advancements in the field of medical polymers for a range of medical, ICT and pharmaceutical applications. The current status, challenges and requirements for future developments of medical polymers will be presented by leading experts.

**Early bird bookings available before 16th January 2017.**

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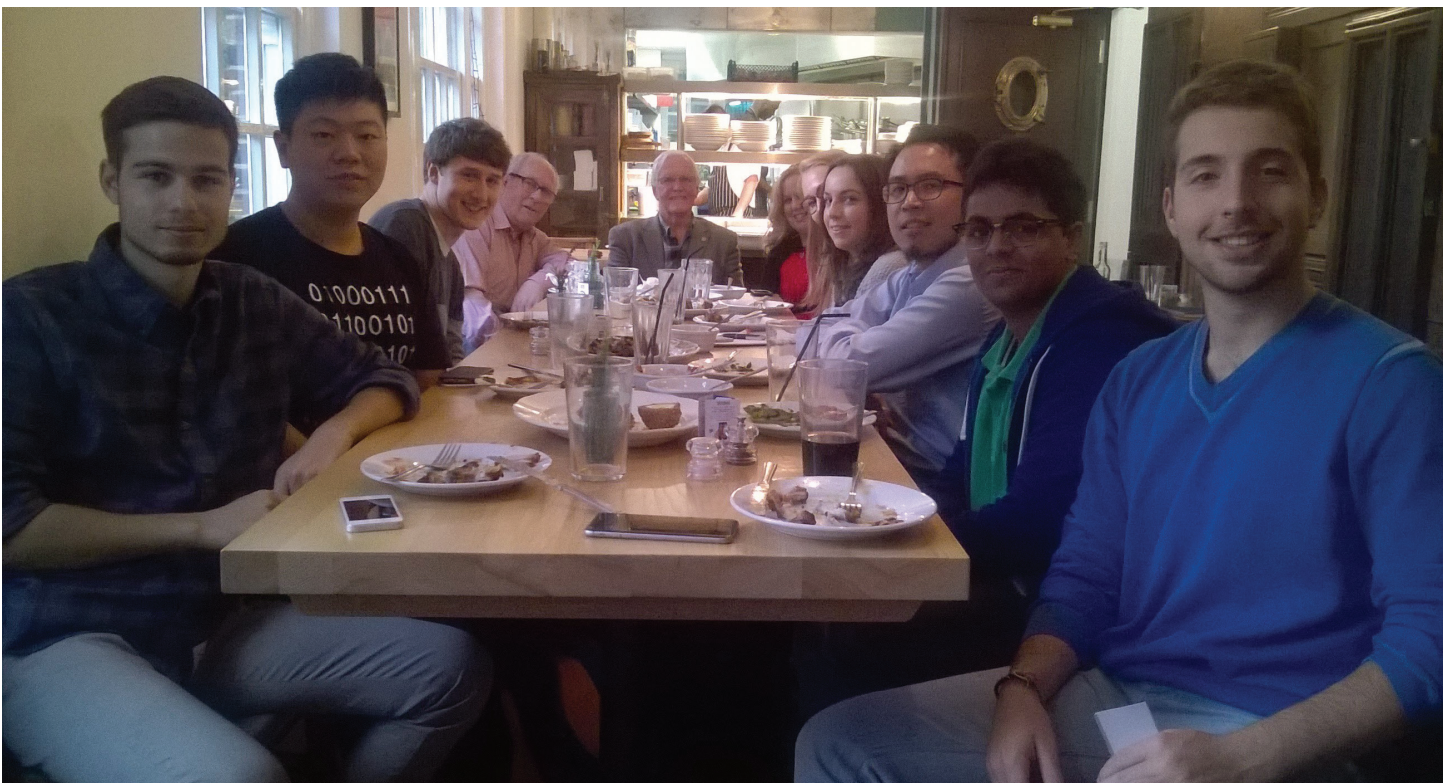
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# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

We are pleased to announce that we have a new student chapter established with Imperial College, thanks to all the organisational help of Manjula Sylvia. Students have established a board with over 12 new members.

We kicked off our first meeting in October and the students are interested in learning more about; blow moulding, injection moulding, Bioplastics and recycling to name a few topics. They will be holding regular meetings and they are interested in visiting manufacturing plants and hearing from the leaders in our industry, so please let us know if you would be interested to participate.



Imperial College SPE Student Chapter kick off meeting October 2016



## FEATURED TOPICS FOR FUTURE UK & IRELAND NEWSLETTERS

Let us know what sort of topics you would like to have included in future newsletters Contact Stuart Patrick at [stuartpatri@gmail.com](mailto:stuartpatri@gmail.com)