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First Announcement - Call for Papers

# 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS AND SUSTAINABLE COMPOSITES

(BIOPOL - 2009)



30 SEPTEMBER  
2 OCTOBER  
2009

ALICANTE - SPAIN

## INVITATION AND SCOPE

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2nd International Conference on Biodegradable Polymers and Sustainable Composites (BIOPOL-2009) to be held from September 30 to October 2, 2009, at the University of Alicante, Spain. Scientists from both academic and industrial laboratories who are interested in biodegradable polymers and biocomposites are encouraged to participate with the aim to exchange up-to-date ideas on current research and new applications.

The conference has the aim to provide a forum for researchers and engineers from all over the world to exchange up-to-date ideas and opinions on current research and new applications of biodegradable polymers and biocomposites.

The conference programme will feature review lectures by expert speakers from throughout the world. We encourage participants to present their current research work as short oral communications or posters in one of the topics of the programme.

- Biodegradable Polymers and Blends.
- Biobased Composites and Nanocomposites.
- Characterization and Properties
- Vegetable Oils.
- Biodegradation and Environmental Fate.
- New and Emerging Markets and Applications.
- Regulatory and Ecological Issues.

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The conference will feature invited lectures (30 minutes), contributed oral (20 minutes) and poster presentations. Abstract and poster formats are available on the web site. There will be no parallel sessions.

## BACKGROUND

The first BIOPOL was organized in Alicante in October 2007. It was an immediate success, with more than 170 researchers from around the world participating and presenting their latest results on the field of biodegradable polymers and Biocomposites. Presentations covered a wide range of subjects, from synthesis of biomaterials to characterization and application to different industrial sectors, such as packaging, automotive and agriculture. The success of this first edition aimed the Organising Committee to go on with the second edition. Our challenge would be to improve the already excellent scientific program of the first edition as well as to organise social activities to promote contacts between participants in a relaxed and pleasant environment.

## LOCATION

The Conference will be held in the University of Alicante, Spain. The nearest airport is the Alicante International Airport, located at 8 Km from the city centre and around 10 Km from the University Campus. Direct flights from major Spanish airports as well as other European destinations are scheduled. By the beginning of October the weather in Alicante is still warm and pleasant (around 25°C).

## CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official language will be English. No translation service will be considered.

## DEADLINES

Abstracts: 30 June 2009  
Acceptance of papers: 15 July 2009  
Early bird registration: 31 July 2009

## REGISTRATION FEES

Full	€ 500
Early registration (before 31 July 2009)	€ 400
Students (Certificate required)	€ 200

Fee includes Proceedings, Lunches and Coffee Breaks and Conference Dinner.

## ACCOMMODATION

Special rates for accommodation will be offered in Alicante hotels and Villa Universitaria (<http://www.villauniversitaria.com/>). All information regarding accommodation and travel to Alicante will be continuously updated in the BIOPOL-2009 web site.

## ABSTRACTS

(2-page abstracts, e-mail to [alfjimenez@ua.es](mailto:alfjimenez@ua.es))  
Abstracts should be received before 30th June 2009. Their length should be 2 pages of A4 size format (2Mb maximum), including tables, figures and references. Abstracts should be submitted in electronic form (MS Word). Detailed instructions and the abstract template will be published in the conference web site  
<http://www.sri.ua.es/congresos/biopol2009/>

## PUBLICATION

Full text of selected papers will be considered for publication in a special volume or journal issue dedicated to BIOPOL-2009, following the usual peer reviewing procedure. More details will be published in the web site.