

3rd ICPC

The 3rd *International Conference on Polyolefin Characterization* (ICPC) took place in the vibrant city of Shanghai, China, from November 7 to 10, 2010. It attracted about 116 industrial and academic delegates from 18 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America, joined in this truly international event by their common interests in new developments and applications in the area of polyolefin characterization and properties. The atmosphere of open debate and collegiality, which has distinguished the ICPC meetings since their inception in 2006, allowed for animated discussions during and after the conference sessions. It is one of main goals of the ICPC organizing committee to keep fostering this free exchange of ideas in our future meetings.

A total of 35 oral presentations were given in sessions dedicated to Separation-Fractionation, Molecular Structure and Properties, Morphology-Thermal Analysis, Rheology, Spectroscopy, and Mathematical Modeling. The 3rd ICPC also counted with an extensive poster session that included 45 presentations, and a Short Course on Polyolefin Characterization that was attended by 40 participants.

The members of the organizing committee started the ICPC conference series in 2006 with the main objective of *hosting a world-class technical conference that fills the industrial and academic need to share information on and to improve the understanding of polyolefin characterization*. In our third meeting in Shanghai, in one of the most important emerging markets in today's Polyolefin Industry, we felt that we have now consolidated our position as

the leading international conference on polyolefin characterization.

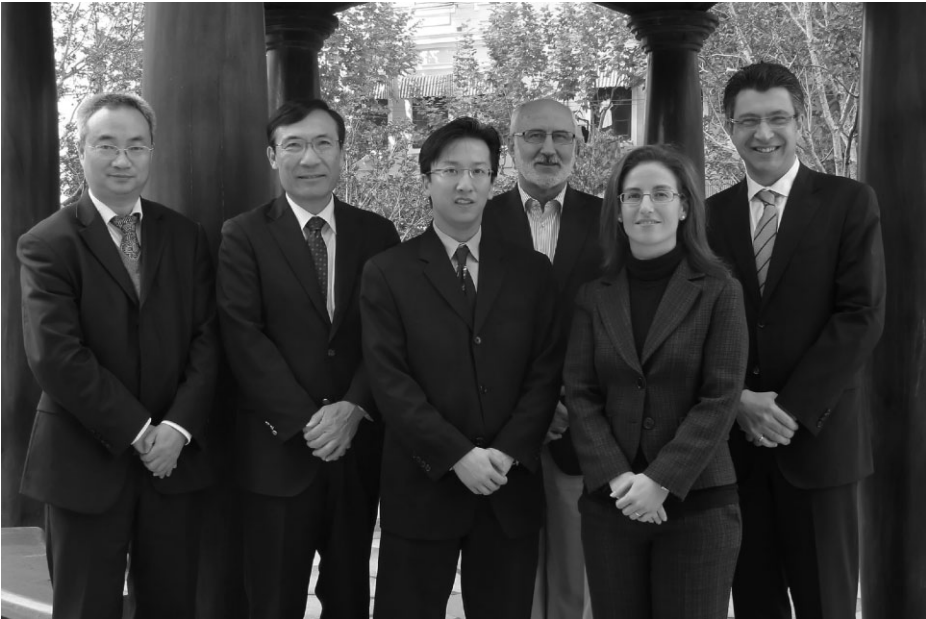
It was also a pleasure to welcome Professor Dujin Wang from the Institute of Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences as the newest member of our Technical Committee. We are also very thankful for the support of our industrial sponsors: The Dow Chemical Company, ExxonMobil, Ningbo Dacheng Advanced Material Co., SCG Chemicals, Agilent Technologies, Malvern Instruments, Polymer Char, Postnova Analytics and Wyatt Technology. Their kind help is greatly appreciated by all members of the organizing committee.

It is with great pleasure that I am in charge of organizing this issue of *Macromolecular Symposia* for the third time for some of the papers presented at the ICPC. On behalf of the 3rd ICPC organizing committee, I would like to thank all the authors for taking the time to prepare such an exceptional collection of papers on different polyolefin characterization techniques.

Plans for the 4th ICPC are well under way. We are going back to Houston, where it all started in 2006. The 4th ICPC will take place from October 22 to 24, 2012; as usual, the Polyolefin Characterization Short Course will be held the day before the conference starts, on October 21. Readers interested in being included in the conference's mailing list are welcome to send their requests to raquel.ubeda@icpc-conference.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Houston for the 4th ICPC.

João B. P. Soares



3rd ICPC organizing committee members standing on the courtyard Hyatt on the Bund Hotel. From left to right: Dujin Wang, Minoru Terano, Colin Li Pi Shan, Benjamin Monrabal, Raquel Ubeda, and João Soares.



Group picture of some of the 3rd ICPC participants in the Hyatt on the Bund Hotel.