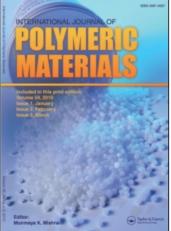
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We are pleased that Professors W. Brostow and A. A. Collyer accepted the task of guest editors for the special issue of the journal covering the advances in Polymer Liquid Crystals. The accomplishments of these two distinguished scientists place them among the leaders in the dynamic field of LCPs.

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