

Editorial
Polymer Science – From Catalysis to Application

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Science itself is important, interesting and beautiful. But the imagination of every scientist will be inspired by the aspect that his contributions will consequently improve the lifestyle and take care of the environment. Polymer scientists experience both. Plastics materials are used in a wide range like health care, nutrition, housing, energy saving, recreational activities, and locomotion. And in principle, they can be made from biogenic sources. Also polymer research and plastics industry is well known to drive the economy tremendously.

The objective of this special issue and of the 8th Austrian Polymer Meeting held on 20–22nd of

September 2006 in Linz where many of the papers of this issue have been presented is to bring together the specialists needed for the way from synthesis to application of polymers.

Consequently this issue contains special reports on synthesis, catalysis, modification, compounding, characterization, processing and material testing.

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