
Publisher's note

I would like to inform all readers about a recent appointment to the group of Editors of *Polymer*.

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Yongming Chen from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, until now member of the Editorial Board of *Polymer*, became Associate Asian Editor for China as of 1 May 2007.

Yongming Chen was born in 1964 in China. He received his Master degree in 1990 from Northwest University at Xian in the area of coordination chemistry of rare earth. In 1993 he obtained his Ph.D. from the Institute of Polymer Chemistry, Nankai University in Tianjin for work on molecular recognition of polymers with Professor B. L. He. From 1994 until 1998 Dr. Chen was Postdoctoral Researcher and later Research Assistant at the Institute of Chemistry, CAS in Beijing, working with Professor F. Xi on dendrimer chemistry. He spent the period 1998–2001 as Postdoctoral Researcher in Germany: first at the Institute of Organic Chemistry and Macromolecular Chemistry II, University of Düsseldorf working with Professor G. Wulff on controlled polymerization of vinylsugars and later at the Institute of Physical Chemistry, University of Mainz, working with Professor M. Schmidt on

spherical polymer brushes. Since 2001, Yongming Chen is Professor at the Institute of Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing.

Professor Chen's research interests are in the areas of controlled polymerization and synthesis of well-defined polymers (especially tailor-made polymers with branched structure, persistent shape and controlled functionalities), self-assembly, supramolecular chemistry, composites, surface modification and biomaterials. He has published more than 60 scientific papers.

Professor Chen's role will be to assist the Editor for China Professor Charles C. Han in handling Chinese papers submitted to *Polymer*.

On behalf of Elsevier, I wish Professor Chen success in his editorial activities and would like to take the opportunity to express our thanks to all authors, referees, editors and readers for their contribution to the improving quality of *Polymer*.

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