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Modification Degradation and Stabilization of Polymers

Workshop
POLYMERS AND SUSTAINABILITY
A reflection about the sustainability of the polymers

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Venue

The symposium will be held at the Lampedusa Island, Sicily, Italy.

In July, usually, climate in Sicily is very pleasant: (21°C/26°C).

In July Lampedusa can be easily reached by air. Daily flights leave from Palermo and Catania and from other Italian and International airports.

Lampedusa is the southernmost point of Italy. Politically and administratively, Lampedusa is part of Italy, but geologically it belongs to Africa since the sea between the two is no deeper than 120 metres.

The fauna and flora of Lampedusa are similar to those of North Africa, with a few pelagic endemic species. The *Isola dei Conigli* (literally "Rabbit Island"), close to the south coast of Lampedusa, is one of the last remaining egg-laying sites in Italy for the Loggerhead Sea Turtle, which is endangered throughout the Mediterranean. The beach and the neighbouring island are part of a nature reserve. Other species living along the island's coast include mantas and smaller cetaceans such as dolphins and Risso's dolphins. Recent studies revealed that the waters of Lampedusa are a wintering feeding ground for the Mediterranean group of fin whales. Humpback whale, a species used to be considered as a vagrant species in to the Mediterranean basin, has been seen around the island in recent years.

Along with Linosa, Lampedusa once was a stronghold for critically endangered Mediterranean monk seals until 1950s and they are likely to be regional extinct today.

Lampedusa has a semi-arid climate. It has very mild winters with moderate rainfall and hot, dry, and humid summers. The sea surrounding the island is relatively shallow. The waters are

warm most of the year, the highest temperatures recorded in August, typically 27 to 28 °C. The average annual temperature is 19.2 °C, the average winter is between 15 and 17 °C (59 and 63 °F), the summer between 28 and 30 °C.

Topics

The Workshop aims to bring together researchers from academia, research organizations and industry in the very important area of the sustainability of the polymeric materials.

The Scientific Program will cover all major relevant topics of current interest in the following areas:

- Biodegradable Polymers
- Microplastics and Sea
- Polymers and Environment
- Degradation and Recycling

We are looking forward to welcoming polymer scientists from all over the World to participate in the workshop in the beautiful Island of Lampedusa.

Paper Submission

Workshop participants are invited to submit one or more abstracts related to the Conference topics.

Two-page abstracts should be prepared in English according to specific instructions (template) provided by the Organizers and submitted electronically to the conference Secretariat in DOC or DOCX format.

Please download the template [HERE](#) and prepare your full paper by editing the file. *Authors are kindly requested to carefully follow the format provided.*

All submissions will be evaluated by the members of the Scientific Committee and the contributors will be notified for acceptance of their paper for oral or poster presentation.

Registration

Full delegates: € 400; Retired Professors: € 250; Students, *Ph.D. Students and post-doc students*: € 0*; Accompanying persons: € 100 before June 30, 2020.

Full delegates: € 500; Retired Professors: € 300; *Students, Ph.D. Students and post-doc students*: € 0*; Accompanying persons: € 100 before June 30, 2020.

*For students, PhD. Students and post docs who are MODEST Members (all attendees of the last Eurofillers PolymerBlends Meeting are members until Sep. 2020). For other students, PhD. Students and post docs, the registration fee is € 0, after the payment of the subscription fee to MoDeSt, € 35.

Registration fee for full delegates and retired professors include: Workshop Proceedings, coffee- breaks, lunches, welcome party, gala dinner and boat trip.

Registration fee for Ph.D. Students and post-doc students include: Workshop Proceedings, coffee- breaks, lunches and welcome party.

Registration fee for accompanying persons include: welcome party, gala dinner, boat trip.

The cost of the gala dinner is € 60. The cost for the boat trip is € 50.

All Workshop attendees must register on-line.

For additional information please contact:

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All information regarding the Workshop Program, paper submission, registration and hotel accommodation can be found at the following website:

<http://www.modest.org.uk/polymersinlampedusa>

Accommodation

July is high season in Lampedusa with a significant flow of tourism and early reservation will ensure you confidential rates.

Social Events

Welcome Party, Gala Dinner and Boat trip.

Important Deadlines

Abstract Submission: 05-30-2020 Notification of Acceptance: 06-20-2020

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