

**RAPS:**

The RAPS (Recent Appointees in Polymer Science) organisation was founded in 1998 supported with industry and EPSRC funding. RAPS aims to provide a forum for recent appointees in all sectors of UK polymer science to forge links and networks for the future. We believe the rapid assimilation of new polymer scientists will facilitate the growth of polymer science, lead to new ways of working and ensure a cohesive polymer community.

**RAPS annual meetings:**

These are intended to facilitate the integration of recent appointees in the UK polymer community and encourage collaboration between industry and new academics. These meetings give the participants the opportunity to present their research or research interests to an audience of their peers as well as interested industrialists. The emphasis is on relaxed networking helping to foster the RAPS spirit.

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## Recent Appointees in Polymer Science



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**September 7 - 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**  
**Loughborough University**

<http://www.raps.org.uk>

### **Accommodation Venue:**

Accommodation will be provided in en-suite rooms on the University of Loughborough campus.

### **Fees:**

Registration Fee: £100  
Accommodation: £100

The registration fee includes all meals and conference attendance. Places on the conference are limited to ensure ideal networking opportunities. Places will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

### **Financial support:**

RAPS grants are available covering the registration fee and the accommodation costs in full. The grants will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority given to recent appointees. There will also be a small number of partial RAPS grants available.

### **Post Doctoral attendees:**

Invitations are open to post doctoral researchers. Those researchers considering a career in academia or industry are particularly encouraged to attend. Post doctoral attendees are eligible to apply for a reduced registration fee of £50 and accommodation fee of £100.

### **Oral and poster contributions:**

Each half day will open with a plenary lecture from a distinguished polymer scientist.

We encourage attendees to participate – there will be a number of 20 minute (15 + 5) slots available for short oral contributions. Priority will be given to recent appointees to present their research and/or research interests. To be considered for a talk, please submit an abstract using the online application form. Talks can cover both current and future research interests. A poster session will also be held on both evenings.

### **Registration**

Please register online by either following the link from the RAPS website:

<http://www.raps.org.uk>

Or going directly to:

<http://goo.gl/D4eGT>

Please register as soon as possible, since places are limited. Payment is not required at the time of registration - details of how to pay will be sent later.

## **Programme**

### **Plenary speakers:**

**Prof. Terry Cosgrove**  
(Bristol University/Revolymmer Ltd.)  
**Prof. Neil Cameron (Durham University)**  
**Prof. Nigel Clarke (Sheffield University)**

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

12:00 Buffet Lunch, Registration and Welcome  
13:00 Plenary Lecture  
14:00 Oral Contributions: Session 1  
15:00 Coffee Break  
15:30 Oral Contributions: Session 2  
17:30 Poster session with wine  
20:00 Dinner

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

09:00 Plenary Lecture  
10:00 Oral Contributions: Session 3  
11:00 Coffee break  
11:30 Oral Contributions: Session 4  
12:50 Buffet lunch  
14:20 Plenary Lecture  
15:20 Oral Contributions: Session 5  
16:20 Coffee Break  
16:40 Oral Contributions: Session 6  
18:00 Poster session with wine  
20:00 Conference Dinner

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

09:00 Career Development Session 1  
10:40 Coffee break  
11.10 Career Development Session 2  
13:00 Buffet lunch and farewell