



POLYMAT Spotlight 2026



29.Jun - 02.Jul 2026

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Mod.:

Face-to-face

Edition

2026

Activity type

Workshop

Date

29.Jun - 02.Jul 2026

Location

Miramar Palace

Languages

English

Academic Validity

40 hours

Web

<https://polymat-spotlight.eu>

Organising Committee



Description

POLYMAT and the University of the Basque Country initiated in 2016 a series of international workshops entitled **POLYMAT Spotlight**.

Objectives

This workshop series aims at exploring and increasing the visibility of emerging and technologically-relevant macromolecular materials.

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Directed by



Aurelio Mateo Alonso

POLYMAT, UPV/EHU, Ikerbasque, Ikerbasque Research Professor

Aurelio Mateo-Alonso obtained his BSc (1999) and MSc (2000) degrees in organic chemistry from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain). In 2004, he completed his PhD at Queen Mary University of London (UK). Between 2004 and 2009 he was a Postdoctoral Researcher at Università di Trieste (Italy). In 2009 he joined the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (Germany) as a Group Leader. Since 2012 he has been an Ikerbasque Research Professor and Group Leader at POLYMAT and at the University of the Basque Country in San Sebastian (Spain). He has been the recipient of the Young Investigator Prize of Università di Trieste (Italy 2007), the Eugen-Graetz Prize of Universität Freiburg (Germany 2009), the Sigma-Aldrich Young Investigator Prize of the Spanish Royal Chemical Society (Spain 2011), and the Young Investigator Award of the Nanocarbons Division of the Electrochemical Society (USA 2012). In 2016 he received a Consolidator Grant of the European Research Council (ERC).

Teachers



Juan Casado Cordon



Jeanne Crassous



Birgit Esser

Ulm University

Birgit Esser is full professor of Organic Chemistry at Ulm University, Germany. She obtained her Ph.D. in 2008 at the University of Heidelberg. After postdoctoral studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as Leopoldina fellow from 2009–2012, she joined the University of Bonn, Germany, as Liebig and later Emmy-Noether junior group leader. From 2015–2021 she was associate professor of Molecular/Organic Functional Materials at the University of Freiburg, Germany. Her research focusses on organic electrode materials for batteries, including post-lithium batteries, the synthesis of hoop-shaped, conjugated π -systems as well as small molecule semiconductors and photocatalysis.



Irena G. Stara



Robert Gilliard



Kenichiro Itami



Ramesh Jasti

University of Oregon



Malika Jeffries-EL



Niveen Khashab



Zhichang LIU

A founding faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at Westlake University, he is also a recipient of China's National Science Fund (Class A) for Distinguished Young Scholars (previously the National Science Fund for Outstanding Young Scientists). He received his PhD in polymer chemistry in 2010 with Professor Tien-Yau Luh from Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, CAS. During the period from 2010 to 2018, he pursued research in the group of Sir Fraser Stoddart at Northwestern University as a Postdoctoral Fellow. In 2018, he joined Westlake University to begin his independent academic career and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2024. To date, he has published 78 high profile scientific papers and been an inventor of 11 patents. For his research into the isolation of gold, he was the co-recipient of two prestigious Awards—the North America Chemical Engineering Project of the Year Award and the Highly Commended in Sustainable Technology Award for Innovation & Excellence—from the Institution of Chemical Engineers. Dr Liu is also the co-founder of a startup company—named Cycladex—which is focused on gold purification. He serves as Associate Editor of SmartMat, Editorial Board Member of Chin. Chem. Lett., Mem



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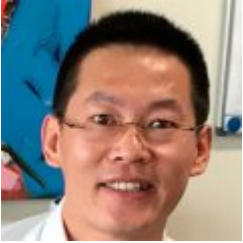
Marina Petrukhina

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Tanja Weil



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Registration fees

| REGISTRATION | UNTIL 15-05-2026 | UNTIL 26-06-2026 |
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| General | 629,00 EUR | 699,00 EUR |

Place

Miramar Palace

Pº de Miraconcha nº 48. Donostia / San Sebastián

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