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Publisher's note

I would like to announce several changes in the group of Editors.

David Haddleton has stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of another journal. Dave became Editor-in-Chief in June 2002, together with a group of five new Editors. During the last seven years Dave has been instrumental to the rapidly increasing quality and impact factor of the journal: from below 1 to 2.248 at present. On behalf of Elsevier, myself and the other Editors, I would like to express our deep gratitude to Dave for his extraordinary positive contribution to the *European Polymer Journal* and for the pleasure of working with him and wish him success in his new editorial challenges.

I am very pleased to welcome to the *European Polymer Journal* two new Editors: Professor Yves Gnanou (University of Bordeaux and Ecole Polytechnique, France) as the new Editor-in-Chief and Professor Bert Klumperman (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa) as a new Editor of the *European Polymer Journal*.

Yves Gnanou was born in 1955 and gained his PhD in Polymer Science and Engineering in 1985, from Institut Charles Sadron-Strasbourg University. His PhD research dealt with the synthesis and characterization of so-called model networks for biomedical applications and it was carried out under the guidance of Prof. Paul Rempp. He then worked on different topics related to polymer chemistry: macromonomers and their applications, controlled radical polymerization, anionic polymerization, macromolecular engineering of complex architectures. His current research interests include the synthesis and applications of dendrimers of poly(ethylene oxide), the use of "green" organic catalysts in polymerization, the synthesis of functional architectures based on natural polymers. He is the author of more than 250 peer reviewed papers, reviews, book chapters and patents. He has recently co-authored two textbooks with Prof. Michel Fontanille, one in French (*Chimie et physico-chimie des polymers*) and the other in English (*Organic and Physical Chemistry of Polymers*), and has been the co-editor with Profs. K. Matyjaszewski and L. Leibler of a four-volume book entitled "*Macromolecular*

Engineering: Precise Synthesis, Materials Properties, Applications".

Prof. Yves Gnanou joined the Laboratoire de Chimie des Polymères Organiques (LCPO), ENSCPB-CNRS-Université Bordeaux-I in 1991 and has been the Director of LCPO for about nine years, from 1999 to 2007. He is currently the Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Ecole Polytechnique in Paris. He was a visiting professor at MIT in the 1990's for one academic year and is currently courtesy professor of chemistry at the University of Florida (Gainesville). He is a member of the editorial boards of *Progress in Polymer Science*, *Polymer*, *e-polymers*, *Designed Monomers and Polymers*.

Bert Klumperman was born in the Netherlands in 1962. After obtaining his MSc from the University of Twente, he started to work at DSM Research. While working at DSM he obtained his PhD degree in 1994 at the Eindhoven University of Technology under the supervision of Prof. A.L. German and Prof. K.F. O'Driscoll (Univ. Waterloo). In 1995 he started his academic career at the Eindhoven University of Technology where he still holds a part-time position as Associate Professor. In 2006 he was one of the first twenty awardees of a South African Research Chair through an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa. In 2007 he received a prestigious A-rating from the NRF, and in 2008 he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa. His current research group focuses on synthesis, characterization and morphology of advanced macromolecular architectures, and on kinetic and mechanistic studies of polymerization reactions. His research group is composed of one Researcher, two Post-Docs, eleven PhD students and three MSc students. Bert is author of around 125 scientific publications, book chapters and patents. He has been the supervisor of 19 completed PhD studies. From 2005–2007 he served a term on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Macromolecules* and since 2002 he has been member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *European Polymer Journal*.

We wish Professors Gnanou and Klumperman success in their new editorial positions with the *European Polymer Journal*!

It is my pleasure to also announce the promotion of Julius Vancso to Senior Editor of the *European Polymer Journal*. Julius joined the journal as Editor in 2002 and has been in charge of the Section on Macromolecular Nanotechnology which was launched, following his idea, in September 2005. Julius has made a very strongly positive contribution to the success of the *European Polymer Journal* and we look forward to his further impact on the journal in his new position.

I would also wish to announce the introduction of graphical abstract to the journal. All authors will now be expected to submit a graphical abstract with their manuscripts.

On behalf of Elsevier, I would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to each of our authors, referees, Editorial Advisory Board Members, Editors and readers for their personal contribution to the rapidly improving quality of the *European Polymer Journal*.

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