

Editorial



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These are exciting times for polymer, colloid and interface science! Novel synthetic approaches and methods are continuously being developed, pushing the frontiers of polymer chemistry and allowing access to novel architectures and functions that were unimaginable 10–15 years ago. Our increased ‘molecular’ understanding of biology and advances in supramolecular chemistry now enable unprecedented control over the assembly of (macro)molecules at surfaces, interfaces or into nanoparticles. At the same time, physicochemical characterization methods have become increasingly powerful and allow to carefully study and understand the structure and properties of many of these new structures and materials. Polymer, colloid and interface science are naturally overlapping disciplines and the intersection between these has only grown over the past years.

Polymers, colloids and interfaces are very active fields of research in Switzerland. This Special Issue of CHIMIA is an attempt to capture and highlight some of the most exciting developments in these fields from a Swiss perspective and features contributions from a broad variety of research groups from all over our country.

I am very much indebted to all the authors for having agreed to contribute to this Special Issue and for their efforts in putting together an excellent collection of articles. It is my hope that this Special Issue will serve as a source of inspiration for others in these fields, both in Switzerland and beyond.

Enjoy reading!

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