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Spring 2021 Newsletter

In this edition we update you on our journal and upcoming events.

✓ **Plastics, Rubber and Composites Journal**

Did you know we have our own journal linked to the IOM3 Polymer Group? As IOM3 members you get free access and reduced publishing fees?!

The Plastics, Rubber and Composites Journal has an impact factor of 1.543 and has seen year on year growth in impact for the last 5 years. It has an international audience and efficient review time.

Journals are published on the Institute's behalf by Taylor & Francis. For free online access to the journal (log in to the IOM3 website and click on the "Access journals" page in the side menu to reveal the link to the Taylor & Francis portal). And for a 30% discount on the usual article publishing charge use code YPRC-IOM3-2020!

✓ **Success of GRIPS 2021**

The [Global Research and Innovation in Plastics Sustainability conference](#), exhibition and showcase held on 16–18 March was a huge success. You can still access the talks via the link above.

As a Polymer Group we judged and awarded the IOM3 Polymer Group Award – for innovations in plastics sustainability. This went to Corinna Jacobs and Andrew Gill from [Floreon](#) for their work in PLA with Engineering polymer properties.



You can find a full write up at – www.iom3.org/resource/iom3-polymer-group-award-for-innovations-in-plastics-sustainability-winner-announced-at-this-year-s-grips-conference.html

✓ **PVC 2021**

The World's leading forum on polyvinyl chloride will be taking place 10–12 May 2021.

PVC 2021 will be a completely virtual event. We look forward to welcoming many regular and new delegates to engage with us online through a fully interactive, virtual conference experience, with emphasis on delivering the exceptional engagement, networking and knowledge exchange between our remote participants, for which the PVC Conference series is renowned. Registration is open at <https://www.iom3.org/events-awards/pvc-2021.html>

✓ **REIG Update**

The Rubber in Engineering Group has moved its regular quarterly afternoon technical discussion meetings online for the last 12 months. The number of participants for these meetings have grown significantly as a result, typically attracting between 400-550 registrants from all over the world. The webinar meetings are being recorded and can be watched on the IOM3 website.

The most recent meeting was on the use of elastomers use in sustainable energy generation on the 19th March 2021 can be viewed again at <https://www.iom3.org/resource/elastomer-use-in-sustainable-energy-generation.html>.

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Details of the future themed events planned in the calendar can be downloaded from the RIEG website at <https://www.iom3.org/group/rubber-in-engineering-group.html>

The events for the rest of 2021 include:

- 18 June 21 - Elastomer use in Infrastructure - <https://www.iom3.org/events-awards/ems-event-calendar/elastomers-in-infrastructure.html>
- 17 Sept 21 – Elastomer use in Additive Manufacturing
- 10 Dec 21 – Elastomer use in High Frequency Applications

✓ Website and social media

Following the IOM3 rebranding this month (hope you like the new logo!) we have a [new webpage](#). Linked to this we have setup a [LinkedIn Group](#) and a linked Twitter account [@IOM3Polymer](#). We will use this to signpost events and keep you up to date with the latest in polymer engineering and science.

You can also follow the wider Institute on Twitter [@iom3](#) and/or [LinkedIn](#).

Keep an eye on the website or social media for regular updates of upcoming events.

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