



Autumn 2020 Newsletter

In this edition we update you on our new website and social media, changes to our committee and upcoming events.

✓ Committee Updates

We are pleased to welcome Ellis Marshall onto the committee. Ellis is a polymer chemist and technical lead for the Aura Innovation Centre in Hull.

Three longstanding members of the committee are also stepping back:

Stuart Patrick (FIMMM) - The outgoing chair has been involved in the committee and the previous Plastics and Rubber Institute (PRI) for over 40 years. He continues to serve on the committees of the PVC Organising Committee, the Manchester Polymer Group (MPG) and the IOM3's Sustainable Development Group.

Andrew Tinker – Andrew a former the director of TARRC, like Stuart is a previous chair of the polymer society and PRI serving for over 30 years.

John Dorken - John was the chief executive of the British Tyre Manufacturers Association until it became the British Rubber & Polyurethane Products Association where he served as director.

Our thanks to these faithful volunteers for their significant contributions over so many years.

We are looking to strengthen the industrial representation on the committee, if you are interested, [please](#) contact David Hughes (d.j.hughes@tees.ac.uk)

✓ New 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](#).

✓ Events 2021

We have a programme of events for 2021, which will be released in due course. These are aimed at supporting/developing you as polymer professionals and continuing to push the UK forward as a sustainable user and producer of polymer-based products.



Can we particularly highlight the [Global Research and Innovation in Plastics Sustainability conference](#), exhibition and showcase that will be held on 16–18 March 2021 online. It will bring together companies and individuals to highlight the best of the UK and selected international activities which will lead to plastics* being less likely to reach landfill, end up incinerated, or become fugitive in the environment. The conference is open to abstracts and registration now.



In 2021, the IOM3 PVC Conference, [PVC 2021](#) will be a hybrid event. We look forward to welcoming many regular and new delegates to Edinburgh, and understanding that some may face travel restrictions, we will at the same time provide a fully interactive, virtual conference experience. 9–12 May 2021 Edinburgh International Conference Centre – EICC.

Also see 'The ['Invisible Ocean Pollutants' from our Roads](#)' webinar 8 December 2020 12.30pm – 2pm BST.

Keep an eye on the website or social media for regular updates of upcoming events. You can follow @iom3Events on Twitter.

✓ IOM3 2021 Awards now open for Nomination

Nominations are now open for the following awards in the Polymer and Elastomer disciplines.

[Prince Philip](#) – For Polymers in the Service of Mankind – open to groups that have worked successfully together to meet the criteria of the award

[Colwyn Medal](#) - To an individual for outstanding services to the rubber industry of a scientific, technical or engineering character.

Dr David Hughes D.J.Hughes@tees.ac.uk

Chair Polymer Society Board

Website: www.iom3.org/group/polymer-society.html

The Polymer Society is a Division of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3).

IOM3, 297 Euston Road, London NW1 3AD 020 7451 7300