

*The  
International Polymer  
Colloid Group  
1971 - 2017*



*A Brief History of the  
Early Years & Beyond*

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***Polymer Colloid Group***  
founded  
***September 27 , 1971***



***Irvin Krieger***  
***David Williams***  
***Gary Poehlein***  
***John Vanderhoff***

***A.S. Dunn***  
***Maurice Morton***  
***T.P. Wallace***  
***A.A. Robertson***

***John Gardon***  
***John Ugelstad***

***Robert Fitch***  
***Ronald Ottewill***

***V.T. Stannett***  
***B.M.E. van der Hoff***  
***D.H. Napper***

**1970**



***1<sup>st</sup> Micro-Symposium***  
***June 16 -17, 1972***

***Newsletter instituted***  
***David Williams, Ed.***

*Newsletter*  
*Sandy Dunn, Ed.*  
*1975 - 1987*



*F. Saunders*  
*V.I. Yeliseyeva*  
*Edward A. Collins*



*D.C. Blackley*  
*D.W.J. Osmond*  
*M. Nomura*  
*Irja Piirma*  
*S.G. Mason*



*A. Klein*  
*Per Stenius*  
*A. Homola*  
*T. Paxton*  
*A. Watillon*



*R. Rowell*  
*Chen-Chong Lin*

1975



1<sup>st</sup> NATO  
Advanced Study Institute  
Trondheim, Norway  
June 30 – July 11, 1975



1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Conference  
Polymer Colloids  
I. Krieger, Chair  
G.W. Poehlein, Vice Chair  
Holderness, New Hampshire  
August 22-26, 1977

# 'Fruits' of the IPCG

- Newsletters (4x, 3x, 2x per year)
- Meetings & Symposia
  - Gordon Conferences (1977 – 2007)
    - IPCG Conferences (2008 - )
  - NATO ASI
  - ACS
  - others
- Books & publications
- Intangibles



GORDON RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
Holderness School  
POLYMER COLLOIDS  
Irvin M. Krieger, chairman  
Gary Poehlein, vice chairman  
August 22-26, 1977  
*Achber Studio, Laconia, N. H.*

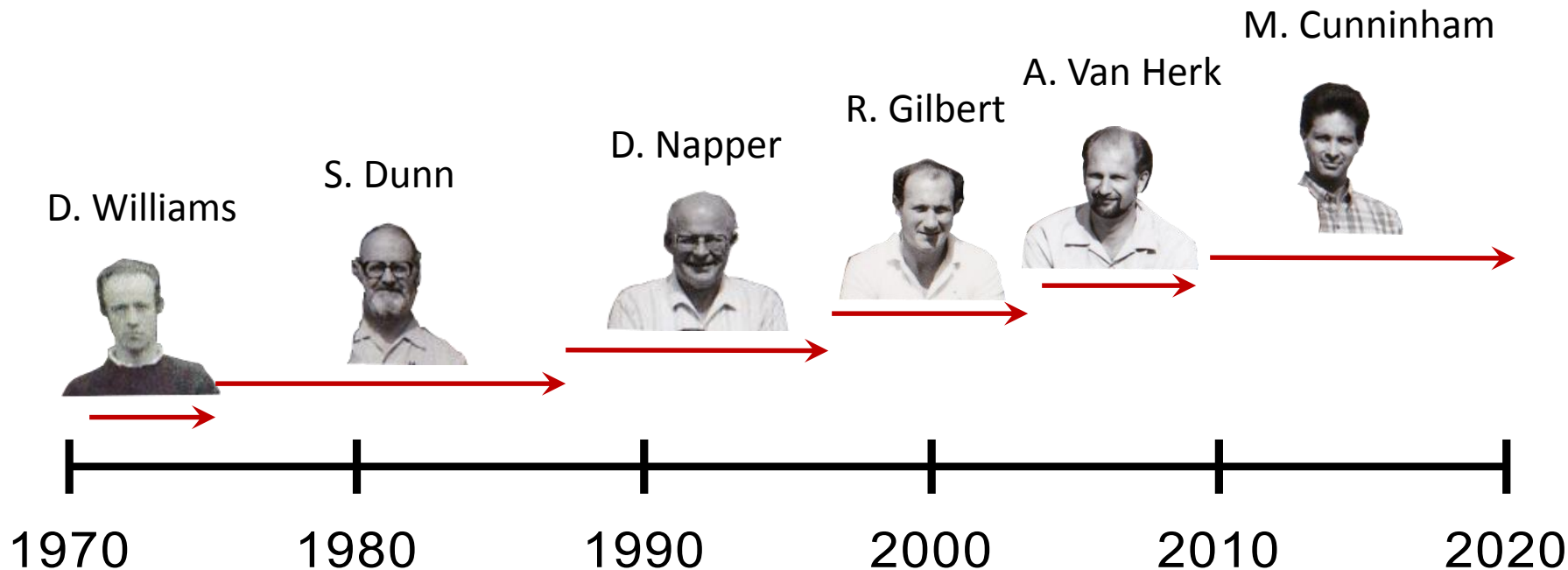




YEAR	CHAIR
1977	IRVIN M. KRIEGER
1979	GARY W. POEHLEIN
1981	ROBERT M. FITCH
1983	JOHN W. VANDERHOFF
1985	HITCHIE A. WESSLING
1987	E.H. OTTEWILL
1989	IRJA PHILMA
1991	MOHAMED S. EL-AASSER
1993	ANTON L. GERMAN
1995	DAVID R. BASSETT
1997	THEO VAN DE VEN
1999	DONALD C. SUNDBERG

YEAR	CHAIR
1999	FRANCOISE CANDAU
2001	DO IK LEE
2003	ROBERT G. GILBERT
2005	KOICHI TAKAMURA
2007	ALEX VAN HERK





**“For the new comers in the field of emulsion polymerization; PLEASE read old literature in the field; there are plenty of published valuable information!” PCG Newsletter, May 1972**

# The Life of an Editor (as a 'dentist')

International Polymer Colloid Group

Newsletter

-7 NOV 1973



Volume 3, No. 1 October 1973

D.J. Williams, Editor

I had my usual difficulties in extracting contributions from the membership, but Bob Fitch has gone to extremes in an attempt to avoid his obligation. His was the last to arrive a few days ago from Trondheim, Norway where he says he is working with John Ugelstad. First Russia and now Norway. Next month it will be the North Pole.

POLYMER COLLOID GROUP NEWSLETTER

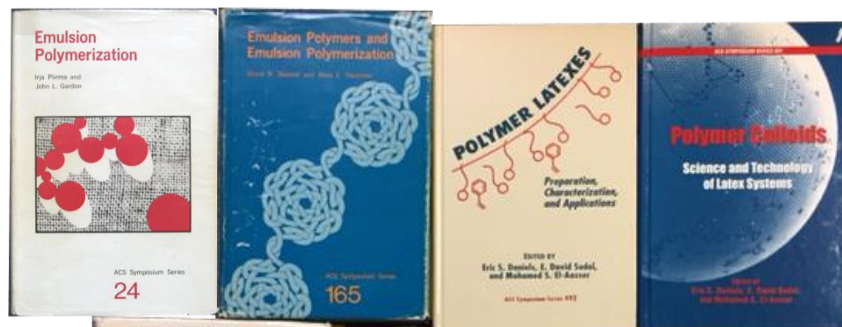
Vol. 5 No. 1

15 September 1975



Will both contributors, defaulters, and newly elected members make a note of the deadline for Volume 5, Issue 2 now? If need be, go out and buy yourself a 1976 diary instead of waiting in the hope that some one will give you one for Christmas!



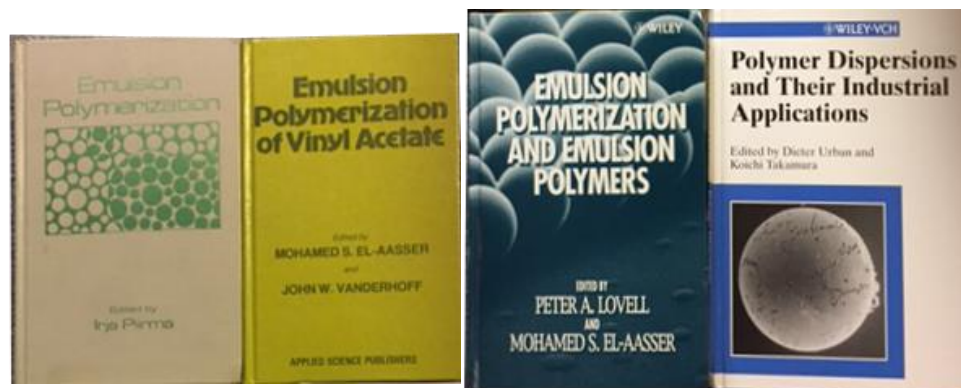


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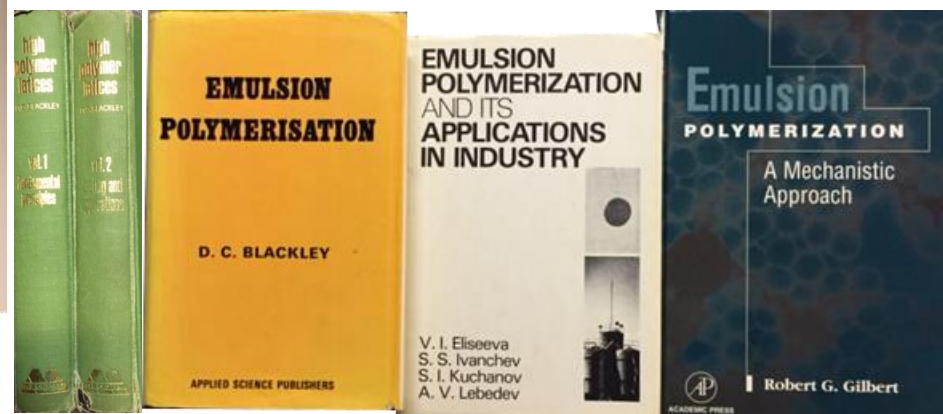
# Books



Edited based on NATO ASI Meetings



Edited invited papers



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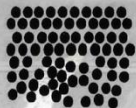


# First 'post-Gordon' Conference

## July 2009



PCG Conference



**INTERNATIONAL POLYMER  
COLLOIDS GROUP**



6-11 July 2009

# ***Personal Reflections***

## ***1966 – present***

- How my own career was shaped by IPCG?
- Words of advice to:
  - *The seniors* - nurture and lend-hand to IPCG members
  - *The juniors* -
    - don't underestimate beginners luck
    - scientific networking
    - collaboration & reciprocity
- Read “old” and “new” literature

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