

IPCG 2021, Queens University, Kingston, Canada
International Polymer Colloids Group Conference

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Dear IPCG Members,

We hope this message finds you all well and healthy - it is still hard to believe how fast and complete the global COVID-19 pandemic has put its strong grip on all our lives and activities. In some countries, the situation has already started to improve noticeably, but in others the hard fight to get the Coronavirus under control is still ongoing.

As the IPCG 2021 organizing committee, we had just entered the most intensive phase of the conference preparation, when the Covid-19 pandemic started to put more and more question marks on many things we always took for granted. Slowly we had to realize that the impact of this crisis will last much longer than initially expected. It would be very difficult for potential speakers and conference participants to give a commitment in the next few months to join the IPCG conference in Kingston in June 2021.

A few weeks ago, we also learned that our fellow IPCG member Daniel Horak had to postpone the already well prepared symposium on Frontiers in Polymer Colloids, which was planned for 12-16 July 2020. As many of you, we had been already looking forward to meeting the polymer colloid community this summer in the beautiful city of Prague. After a discussion within the IPCG organizing team, we contacted Daniel Horak and offered to shift the next IPCG conference to 2022, so that he could move his symposium to the summer of 2021. He gladly accepted this offer and has already announced July 18 - 22, 2021 as new dates for FPCOL. Hopefully, Daniel and his team can utilize much of the already prepared program and organization for 2021. For more information see <https://www.imc.cas.cz/sympo/84pmm/index.html>

It was not an easy decision to postpone the next IPCG conference to 2022. However, after weighing all arguments, we saw this as the most reasonable way forward and hope for your understanding and continued support. The local organizing team in Kingston has already put together a great plan for the IPCG conference venue, and the organizing committee had just agreed on a general program scheme and were starting to discuss potential speakers. We will not stop our preparation activities, just slow them down a little. We are committed to organizing another great IPCG conference in June 2022. The exact date will be announced shortly on the IPCG web page at <https://ipcg.info/ipcg-conference-2022/>

Please stay safe and healthy, all the best.



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