

## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

# *“Future Directions in Soft Ionization of Polymers”*

**NOVEMBER 9-10, 2005**

**Hosted by:**

**Polymers Division  
National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Gaithersburg, MD**

**Chairmen:**

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### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Industrial, academic, and government researchers, practitioners, and laboratory managers interested in the application of mass spectrometry to synthetic polymers including blends, copolymers, and prepolymers.

### DESCRIPTION

This workshop will bring together researchers and practitioners to present new results, discuss recent trends, and identify important problems in the area of soft ionization of polymers especially by MALDI, ESI, and related methods. The format for the 1.5-day meeting will be 30-minute talks followed by informal discussion. All talks are invited. Each speaker is an internationally recognized leader in his/her field. A special session will be held where workshop participants will be asked to present measurement problems they have encountered in their own work for comment and discussion by the other workshop participants. The second session will include a discussion of NIST's evolving role in the US Measurement System and the current state of polymer mass spectrometry.

Space is limited to 75 attendees. Early registration is encouraged. Pre-registration is required. There is no on-site registration for this workshop. Last year's workshop was filled to capacity.

**REGISTRATION FEE \$100**

**A BLOCK OF ROOMS WILL BE SET ASIDE AT A NEARBY HOTEL FOR ~\$109 PER NIGHT**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO RECEIVE FUTURE UPDATES**

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