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Dear Soft Matter Colleagues,

We are well on our way into 2009 with a month full of new exciting conferences for students and researchers. Also, a new **Newsletter Archive** section has been added to allow anyone to look over old newsletters.

Please continue to encourage your students and colleagues to take a look at our site and register with the mailing list in the **Contacts** section.

- **This Month's Research Highlights:**

- **Free downloads for all Biophysics articles for one month through RSC publishing.org.**

- RSC publishing.org is offering free downloads on a selection of biophysics-themed Soft Matter articles for one month. You can download articles on cell adhesion, virus assemblies, and membrane flow patterns, amongst others. The promotion begins on the 23rd of February and continues for one month.

- **Picture Perfect Particles**

- US scientists have developed a microfluidic method for making complex 3D microparticles they claim could be used in tissue engineering.

- **Conference News:**

- The **Planer Smoluchowski Workshop on Liquid Crystals and Colloidal Dispersions** will be held in the medieval city of Lviv, Ukraine on **June 22, 2009**. The workshop will bring together prominent scientists working at the forefronts of soft materials science and statistical physics, postdoctoral fellows, students and will enable them to discuss recent advances in the field of liquid crystals and colloidal dispersions. Additionally, the workshop will celebrate the legacy of Julius Planer and Marian Smoluchowski who made pioneering contributions to the understanding of these classical soft condensed matter systems. Visit the **PSSM website** for more information.

Registration is now open for the **I-CAMP summer school session** being held from **June 28 to July 19, 2009** spread out across four Chinese cities - Shanghai, Hangzhou, Qingdao and Beijing. The Inter-Continental Advanced Materials for Photonics (I-CAMP) Summer School will provide education for young scientists (primarily advanced undergraduates, graduates and postdoctoral fellows) working in materials science, optics, photonics, biophysics, nanoscience, and related fields. This is a spectacular opportunity aimed at the young soft-matter scientists allowing them to combine advanced education with learning about cultures worldwide. [Visit the website](#) to register and learn more.

- **Employment News:**

New positions in Switzerland and Germany posted on the [Notice Board!](#)

[The International Helmholtz Research School offers research fellowships at Jülich Research Center, Germany](#)

Home to some of the best scientists and research equipment in the world, The Jülich Research Center is accepting applicants in the Biophysics and Softmatter (BioSoft) Department.

[Post-Doc Position in Polymer Physics Group in Fribourg, Switzerland](#)

A 2 year position for a Postdoctoral Research Assistant is available in the field of polymer physics, specifically self-assembly of block copolymers containing mesogenic rod blocks.

- **Gallery:**

We need your soft matter images to add to the [Gallery!](#) If you have any that you would like featured on the site please [email the editor](#) (editor@softmatterworld.org) and attach your file (RGB image, maximum 800px on the long edge at 72dpi) with a suitable description, your name and the year the image was produced.

- **Soft Matter Network:**

Find out where researchers all over the world are doing soft matter research! Browse the different groups for opportunities and Network with new colleagues. If you or a colleague have a research group and would like to be added to the map visit the [Global Research Network](#) section on the website or email the editor.

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