

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

I would like to announce a change in the group of Editors.

Professor Theo Tervoort has decided to step down for personal reasons as Editor of the *European Polymer Journal* as of 31 October 2014.

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Alejandro J. Müller from the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Spain (until now member of the Editorial Board of the journal) has become Editor for Polymer Physics and Technology of the *European Polymer Journal* as of 1 November 2014.

Alejandro Müller studied Materials Engineering at Universidad Simón Bolívar (Simón Bolívar University, USB) in Caracas, Venezuela. He then moved to the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research (IVIC) near Caracas, where he did a Master of Science in Chemistry. He went on to do a PhD in Physics at the University of Bristol, U.K. under the guidance of Jeff Odell and Andrew Keller finishing in 1989. Dr Müller went back to Venezuela and created the Simón Bolívar University Polymer Research Group (GPU SB) that he coordinated until 2013 when he became an Emeritus Professor from USB. During his sabbatical leaves he worked with Reimund Stadler at Mainz University and Masamichi Hikosaka at Hiroshima University. Since September 2013 he holds an IKERBASQUE (Basque Foundation for Science) Research Professorship at The Institute for Polymer Materials (POLYMAT), Faculty of Chemistry, University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU) in Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain. Professor Müller has co-authored more than 400 publications, 220 of which are indexed in the Web of Science. He has tutored 85 B.Sc. theses and 51 postgraduate theses (both M.Sc. and Ph.D.). He has won several awards in Venezuela including the Lorenzo Mendoza Fleury, Polar Prize for basic science. In 2011 he received the international Paul J. Flory Polymer Research Prize. Professor Müller has given more than 60 keynote, plenary and invited lectures in more than 20 countries around the world. He has an h-index of 40 and has received 4,700 citations. His research interests include polymer solution rheology, structured fluids, structure, morphology, nucleation, crystallization and crystallization kinetics of semi-crystalline materials and multiphasic materials (in particular polymer blends, block copolymers, biopolymers and nano-composites).

I wish Alejandro Müller success in his work as Editor of the journal!

On behalf of Elsevier, I would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all authors, referees, Editorial Board Members, Editors and readers for their personal contribution to the rapidly improving quality of the *European Polymer Journal*.

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