

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**  
**ON**  
**POLYMER SURFACE**  
**MODIFICATION:**  
**RELEVANCE TO ADHESION**  
**To be held June 20-22, 2011; Danbury,**  
**Connecticut, USA**

**AMONG TOPICS TO BE COVERED ARE:**

**SURFACE MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES**

- ▶ Plasma, ultraviolet, corona, laser, ion beam, atmospheric plasma, flame ...
- ▶ Mechanical roughening
- ▶ Monolayer deposition, grafting and wet chemical

**POLYMER SURFACE MODIFICATION FOR ADHESION IMPROVEMENT OF:**

- ▶ Metal layers (metallized plastics)
- ▶ Organic coatings, inks, composites, adhesive joints, microorganisms

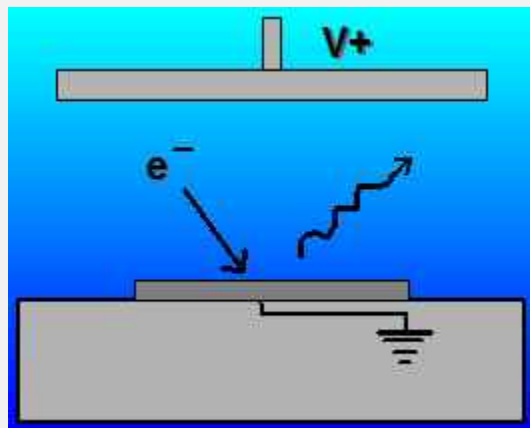
**APPLICATIONS AND SURFACE CHARACTERIZATION**

- ▶ Packaging, composites
- ▶ Biomedical applications
  - i. implants
  - ii. sterilization
  - iii. improved cell adhesion
- ▶ Microelectronics, aerospace, marine...
- ▶ All methods for characterization of surface chemistry and morphology, (ESCA, SIMS, AFM ...)

**SYMPOSIUM HISTORY AND MOTIVIATION**

This symposium eight in the series which continues the tradition set by the first in the series entitled: "Polymer Surface Modification: Relevance to Adhesion" which was held in Las Vegas, NV, 1993. As with its predecessors, this symposium will be concerned with the technological areas where surface modification is a key technology which allows for the processing and manufacture of products which would otherwise be unobtainable.

Proper adhesion characteristics are vital to the success of any practical implementation of polymer materials. Though polymers are generally not very adhesionable, careful surface modification can result in greatly improved adhesion without altering bulk properties.



**AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPATION**

This symposium is organized to bring together scientists, technologists and engineers interested in all aspects of polymer surface modification, to review and assess the current state of knowledge, to provide a forum for exchange and cross-fertilization of ideas, and to define problem areas which need intensified efforts.

**SUBMITTING A PAPER**

This symposium is being organized by MST Conferences under the direction of Dr. K. L. Mittal, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Adhesion Science and Technology(JAST). Presenting authors are invited to submit their papers for publication in the Journal of Adhesion Science and Technology. Please notify the conference chairman of your intentions to present a paper as early as possible. An abstract of about 200 words should be sent by **January 15, 2011** to the conference chairman by any of the following methods:

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