

The fifth poster session *“Young scientists in the world of polymers”* was held on 05 June 2014 in the conference hall of the Institute of Polymers - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IP-BAS).

The event was organized in the framework of project POLINNOVA – “Strengthening the research capacity and innovation potential of the Institute of Polymers, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences” (Contract No 316086) by the WP5 leader and several young researchers from IP-BAS. The organization, started 2 months prior to the event, involved announcement of the event via web-sites, posters and personal invitations, and collection of application forms and posters of participants. The poster session in 2014 was attended by 26 PhD students, post-docs and young researchers working in the field of polymers and polymer materials. There were participants from the Institute of Polymers – BAS, Faculty of Pharmacy at the Medical University – Sofia, University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, Institute of Mechanics – BAS, Institute of Chemical Engineering – BAS and Institute of Electrochemistry and Energy Systems – BAS. Each participant received a certificate for participation on the poster session and a booklet including all posters presented.

The participants presented their recent results in different fields of polymer science from advanced synthesis techniques to applications of polymer materials in biomedicine, pharmacy, alternative energy sources, agriculture, etc. The poster session enabled also interesting discussions and exchange of knowledge among different researchers. At the end of the event four “best poster presentation” awards were given. The awarded young researchers received four books covering actual topics in polymer science purchased with the financial support of POLINNOVA project.