

The sixth poster session “Young scientists in the world of polymers” was held on 04 June 2015 in the conference hall of the Institute of Polymers- Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IP-BAS).

This event was organized by the WP5 leader and a team of young researchers from IP-BAS with the financial support of project POLINNOVA - "Strengthening the research capacity and innovation potential of the Institute of Polymers, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences" (Contract No 316086). The organization of the poster session began with announcement of the event via POLINNOVA web-site, listings and personal invitations.

The sixth poster session “Young scientists in the world of polymers” was attended by 25 PhD students, post-docs and young researchers, working in the field of polymers and polymer materials. Participants from the Institute of Polymers – BAS, Institute of Biophysics and Biomedical Engineering – BAS, Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University – Sofia, University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy and Faculty of Biology of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", University of Mining and Geology "St. Ivan Rilski" and the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency presented their recent results in different fields of polymer science involving advanced synthesis techniques, (nano)materials preparation and characterization, nanocomposites and hydrogels. Most of the works were focused on the potential applications of polymer materials in biotechnology, medicine, pharmacy, agriculture, etc.

The poster session gave rise to many interesting scientific discussions and exchange of knowledge among the attending young researchers. At the end of the event one first and two second “BEST POSTER” awards, selected by a committee, were given by the organizers to Dimitrina Babikova, (PhD student at IP-BAS), Dr. Marin Simeonov (Sofia University) and Dr. Ekaterina Stoyanova (IP-BAS), respectively.