

JAPAN

The Society of Polymer Science, Japan (SPSJ)
Since 1951

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3. Main Objectives:
 - 1) To promote development and dissemination of polymer science and technology
 - 2) Contribution to the promotion of scientific progress
 - 3) Service for an exchange between academic and industrial achievements in polymer science and technology
4. Main Activities:
 - 1) Research and development in polymer science
 - 2) Sponsoring conferences, lecture meetings, symposia, and other meetings
 - 3) Publication of periodicals and books on polymer science
 - 4) Other activities in order to attain the objective
5. Publication(s):
 - 1) Periodical(s)
 - (1) Polymer Journal (monthly in English)
 - (2) Kobunshi Ronbunshu (monthly in Japanese)
 - (3) Kobunshi (monthly organ of SPSJ)
 - 2) Book(s) (already published)
About 200 kinds of books and video tapes
6. Meeting(s)
 - 1) Annual Meetings in May; about 3,500 participants
 - 2) Symposium on Macromolecules; about 3,000 participants
 - 3) Polymer Materials Forum; about 700 participants
 - 4) Summer schools; about 300 participants
 - 5) Some International meetings
 - 6) Some other meetings over 400 are held by the Research Groups and by the branches every year
7. Award(s)
 - 1) The Award of the Society of Polymer Science, Japan
 - 2) Award for Distinguished Service in Advancement of Polymer Science
 - 3) SPSJ International Award
 - 4) SPSJ Wiley Award
 - 5) SPSJ Mitsubishi Chemical Award
 - 6) SPSJ Hitachi chemical Award
 - 7) SPSJ Asahi Kasei Award
 - 8) Award for the Outstanding paper published in Polymer Journal
 - 9) Award for Encouragement of Research in Polymer Science
 - 10) SPSJ Fellow
8. Number of Members:
 - 1) Individual members
 - Honorary/Life members: 141
 - Regular
 - Academia: 2,444
 - Industry: 5,156
 - Student: 2,680
 - 2) Supporting Company: 306
 - 3) Others, if any
9. Annual Membership Fee(s)/year:
 - 1) Individual member
 - Regular JPY 9,200.-
 - Student JPY 4,600.-
 - 2) Supporting Company
 - A) JPY: 300,000.-
 - B) JPY: 60,000.-
 - 3) Others, if any
10. Annual Budget: US\$ 4,085,896
11. Postdoctoral fellowship, international exchange programs, and related programs for exchanging polymer scientists and graduate students
 - 1) Human Exchange with Polymer Society of Korea (Mutual invitation of presidents and younger scientists to the annual meetings of each society)
 - 2) Recommendation for exchange programs by the Japan Society of Promotion of Science, etc.
12. Quantitative and/ or qualitative comments on the trends in polymer science
 - 1) Increasing number of papers at SPSJ Annual Meetings in all sub-areas in polymer science
 - 2) Typical subjects of special symposia that attracted large audience: Nanotechnology, Nanomaterials, Photoelectronics, Hybrid materials, Bionanotechnology
 - 3) Increased interest in so-called emerging and interdisciplinary areas such as informatics, photoelectronics, gene technology, etc.
13. Chemical Society:
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