Evangelos Manias an Author on Prize Winning Paper

Congratulations to Vikram Kuppa, Sirilak Menakanit, Ramanan Krishnamoorti, and Evangelos Manias, whose paper "Simulation Insights on the Structure of Nanoscopically Confined Poly(ethylene oxide)" was selected to receive the Journal of Polymer Science Part B: Polymer Physics Prize for 2006. This prize is awarded annually to the best paper published in the journal. A panel of editorial board members selected this paper from over 600 manuscripts published in JPSB during the past two years (2003-2005). The authors will receive their prize during the awards dinner at the meeting of the American Physical Society, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, March 2006.

Dr. Evangelos Manias, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, has been a faculty member at Penn State since 1999 making significant contributions in the field of polymer nanostructures and nanocomposites. Currently, Dr. Manias' research group consists of 9 graduate students and 2 postdocs. Co-author Vikram Kuppa received his PhD in 2003 under the advisement of Dr. Manias and is doing postdoctoral work at MIT; the paper above stands as a culmination of his PhD research. Sirilak Menakanit was a MS student in Manias' group and received her degree in 2002. She is currently working as a staff scientist in Ceramic Industry Development Center, Thailand. Ramanan Krishnamoorti is a Professor of Chemical Engineering in the University of Houston. The research depicted in the prize-winning paper was funded by NIST/BFRL and by the ACS/PRF.

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