

**PRESS RELEASE**

**IKV postpones 31st International Colloquium Plastics Technology until late summer**

Instead of in March, IKV will invite plastics experts from around the world to network personally on 7-8 September 2022 in Aachen. The International Symposium on Plastics Technology is also being postponed.

Aachen, November 2021 – “Back live again“ was the intended motto for the International Colloquium Plastics Technology on 16-17 March, 2022. The resumption of intensive face-to-face networking in Aachen was to have been at the focus of the event after the 2020 Colloquium had taken place in digital format because of the pandemic. However, in view of the current record figures as regards the Covid 19 pandemic, the organisers felt that staging the event was neither responsible nor realisable. The uncertainty among the population is clearly noticeable and companies are becoming increasingly cautious when it comes to their employees travelling and attending events. Especially international trips seem unlikely for spring 2022. IKV has responded to these circumstances by postponing the Colloquium to 7 and 8 September, 2022. The International Symposium on Plastics Technology will also be postponed: in agreement with the co-organisers – the Polymer Processing Society (PPS) – IKV has decided to stage the Symposium on 5 and 6 September, 2022. Both events will take place in the Eurogress Aachen.

The items on the agenda for the events in September have already been planned: Alongside the programme of lectures, which, with plenary papers from renowned experts, will focus in particular on the present and future topics of circular economy, digitisation and hydrogen technology, the Colloquium will offer an opportunity to visit the IKV testing facilities and pilot plants as part of “IKV-360° live” and, with the accompanying industry trade show and Beer Colloquium, will provide an excellent occasion for networking and keeping abreast of the latest developments. The Georg-Menges Prize and the Reifenhäuser Sponsorship Award will also be presented in September during the Colloquium. For the Symposium, more than 90 submitted scientific papers from 14 nations promise an interesting and informative programme that will reflect the state of science in all areas of plastics research.

[www.ikv-colloquium.com](http://www.ikv-colloquium.com)

[www.ikv-aachen.de/industry-trade-show](http://www.ikv-aachen.de/industry-trade-show)

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