

Objectives of the Workshop

The field of conducting polymers has made significant growth during the past ten years. As in any field with rapid growth and diverse science and technology development, it is of value to occasionally attempt to stand-back, assess the present goals and directions, and redirect some of these, if necessary. It is also unfortunate that diverse areas of science develop different languages and approaches to the definition and solution of the same problems. Thus it may be difficult at times to intergrate and direct approaches in common for the solution of these problems. The area of conductive polymers has to a large degree within research groups been fortunate in the ability to integrate many efforts. To the extent that such diversity has occurred, the objectives of this workshop were related to the intergration of efforts between research groups from these diverse fields of science, to access the present activities, and to develop new unified approaches in defining future directions. Therefore, this was an attempted "meeting of the minds" of synthetic chemists, physical chemists, polymer physicists and theoretical physicists.

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