

POLYMERS WEATHERING CONFERENCE

22nd BANDOL-
CONFERENCES

11th EUROPEAN
WEATHERING
SYMPOSIUM EWS

XXXIIIrd Colloquium of Danu-
bian Countries on Natural and
Artificial Ageing of Polymers

Meet us
in Lyon!



September 22-24, 2026 | Lyon, France



Conference Invitation

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate and present a paper at the Polymers Weathering Conference – a collaborative event of the 11th EWS (XXXIIIrd Colloquium of Danubian Countries on Natural and Artificial Ageing of Polymers) and 22nd Bandol Conferences, to be held in Lyon, France, September 22–24, 2026.

Launched in 1967 by four relevant institutes from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, the Colloquia of Danubian Countries have been the only exclusive meetings in the field of natural and artificial weathering of polymers. Relaunched as EWS they have attracted a broader scope of attendees from industry and academia to learn from each other.

Important topics will be:

- Weathering of Polymeric Products – Plastics, Sealants and Coatings
- Determination, Simulation and Effects of Relevant Climatic Quantities
- New Test Procedures and Devices
- Weathering Reference Materials Analysis of Polymer Degradation
- Service-Life Prediction



Schedule

September 22, 2026

02.00 p.m. - 05.30 p.m. *Workshops or Technical tour*

September 23, 2026

08.30 a.m. - 05.30 p.m. *Conference day 1*

07.30 p.m. - 22.30 p.m. *Conference dinner*

September 24, 2026

08.30 a.m. - 03.00 p.m. *Conference day 2*

Guideline

Presentation

Contributions to the Symposium can be presented either as oral presentations or as posters.

Please submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words together with the exact title and name(s) of the author(s) and the type of presentation (oral/poster) by e-mail to secretariat@gus-ev.de.

The form for abstract submission is available as a word file at www.weathering-symposium.org.

Written versions of oral and poster presentations will be published in the Symposium Proceedings, which will be available online at the start of the event. Guidelines for preparing the text will be sent to the authors.

Deadlines

Submission of abstracts

March 29, 2026

Acceptance notice to authors

May 15, 2026

Distribution of the program

May 29, 2026

Early registration

June 30, 2026

Hotel room reservation (see Accomodation)

before June 30, 2026

Submission of full
camera-ready manuscripts

June 24, 2026

Program and Language

The program will be available on www.weathering-symposium.org and the www.bandol-conferences.com. The conference language is English.

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Organization/Conference Management

The Polymers Weathering Symposium is jointly organized by the Bandol Conference Series and the European Weathering Symposia Organizers (GUS, CEEES), with local support from the French Association ASTE.

The GUS secretariat is the point of contact for the EWS community.

Conference Venue

The symposium will be held at:

[Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre Château Perrache](#)

12 cours de Verdun Rambaud, Esplanade de la gare
69002 Lyon, France,

Participation Fee

The participation fee is € 900,-- until June 30, 2026, and € 1,080,-- thereafter. It includes lunches, refreshments, a technical tour, welcome reception, sightseeing tour, and conference dinner.

Reduced fees of € 610,-- apply to speakers, poster presenters, and PhD students. Participants with a table exhibition space pay € 1.800,--.

Cancellation

If written cancellation is received before August 12, 2026, a refund will be given minus € 100,-- administration charge. No refunds can be provided for registrations cancelled after this date.

Registration

Please register online at www.weathering-symposium.org or mail the attached registration form to:

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Accommodation

A reserved room block is available at the conference venue:

[Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre Château Perrache](#)

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Reservations must be made directly with the hotel before June 30, 2026. The Mercure Lyon Centre Château Perrache is a centrally located 4-star hotel in Lyon.

Registration Form Polymers Weathering Conference

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Registration oral and poster presenters, PhD students	€ 610,--
Registration participants with a table exhibition space	€ 1.800,--
Accompanying person (welcome reception, dinner, visits)	€ 90,--

Payment

By money order (after receipt of invoice)

I agree to the processing of my data for participant management, communication, and invoicing (after receipt of invoice from Co-Organizer SEVAR), and to the publication of photos taken during the event.

Date

Signature