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Introduction

Interfaces play a key role in the function of a plethora of chemical systems spanning the range from biological membranes, solid state materials, catalysts, all the way to organic bulk heterojunction materials for photovoltaics. The "Physical Chemistry of Interfaces and Nanomaterials" Conference provides a venue for the intermixing of physical chemists, physicists, biophysicists, and chemical engineers that can foster new ideas that can advance each other's field.

This year's thirteenth edition of the conference moved along the spirit of previous years including sessions on charge generation at organic interfaces, charge transfer across device interfaces, photophysics of hybrid photovoltaic systems, hybrid and inorganic nanomaterials, and physical understanding of biological systems. Two sessions were dedicated to properties and applications of novel perovskite-based nanomaterials, given the heightened recent interest of the optoelectronics community in these materials, and one session to singlet exciton fission in organic semiconductors. A new feature this year was also the inclusion of sessions dedicated to experimental methods for probing kinetics of energy and charge transfer at interfaces as well as emerging experimental tools for biophysics.

The common interest in organic photovoltaics spurred two joint sessions this year with the "Organic Photovoltaics XV" conference on charge transfer at the organic heterojunction. A real melting pot of experimentalists striving for uncovering the fundamental mechanisms behind device efficiencies, others discovering novel spectroscopic methods to study those interfaces and theoreticians modelling charge generation processes.

Overall, this was an exciting conference with lively discussions and fruitful exchanges of ideas.

We are grateful to SPIE, the Organizing Committee and most of all to the speakers that contributed to the success of this meeting.

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