

Preface

Since its first establishment at Durham in 1982, the Conference on Langmuir---Blodgett Films (LB Conference) has been the international forum covering the entire field of organized films and consequently has been renamed as International Conference on Organized Molecular Films (ICOMF). The 14th conference held in Paris, France on July 10---13, 2012 was the occasion to celebrate 30 years of meetings. Indeed, ICOMF 14 was following highly successful biennial conferences organized in various countries and continents. The ICOMF framework provides an excellent opportunity for scientists, researchers, and engineers from academics, national research institutes and industry to gather and discuss their latest results in the general field of molecular thin films, including nano-objects, nano-structures and bio-inspired systems. ICOMF14 has attracted a representative international scientific community for a valuable forum for the development and extension of international cooperation. Young scientists have been strongly encouraged to participate and were very well represented in the program which contained more than 280 communications including 12 invited lectures, 90 oral presentations and 190 poster contributions. A plenary lecture opened each of the three conference days. The scientific program has been organized in sessions covering the 8 following topics:

- Langmuir and Langmuir Blodgett Films
- Self-Assembly and Nanoscale Organization
- Membranes
- Liquid Crystals and Polymers at Interfaces
- Nano-Objects
- Biological and Bioinspired Systems
- Organic and Hybrid Devices
- Multilayers

We thank all the participants to the conference for their scientific contributions and the PhD students and colleagues who meaningfully took the organization in charge. We are also indebted to all institutions, exhibitors and sponsors who have supported us in order to make this conference another successful event in the ICOMF---LB series.

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