

Dear colleagues,

with this edition of the BP newsletter, we would like to draw your attention to the **2014 DPG spring meeting in Dresden**. BP is part of the condensed matter section (SKM) of the DPG, which will hold its next annual spring meeting at the Technische Universität Dresden, from **31 March – 4 April 2014**, with around 6.000 expected participants. For more information, visit <http://dresden14.dpg-tagungen.de>.

Important dates are: **Dec 1, 2013:** deadline for abstract submission  
 Feb 20, 2014: deadline for online registration (early-bird fee)  
 Mar 26, 2014: deadline for online registration (normal fee)

Please note that these are two independent steps. During abstract submission, you have to place your abstract into one out of several categories, which correspond roughly to the planned sessions. There might be changes during the final scheduling, but your choice helps the organizers to better plan the schedule. Apart from our own **13 categories in BP**, you can also choose from the topical sessions “Active cell and tissue mechanics” (focusing on the mechanics of development, mechano-chemical crosstalk in cells etc.) and “Modeling of non-linear dynamics in biological movement” (focusing on the thermodynamics of locomotion, muscle modeling, effects of scaling etc.). **If you are interested in organizing additional topical sessions, please inform Stefan Diez ([diez@bcube-dresden.de](mailto:diez@bcube-dresden.de))** asap. BP will also be co-organizer of three more symposia on “The Collapsed state of polymers: From physical concepts to applications and biological systems” (with CPP and DY), “Molecular Switches and Motors at Surfaces” (with O and CPP) and “Stochastic dynamics of growth processes in biological and social systems” (with DY and SOE). Of interest to BP will also be the tutorial “Nonequilibrium thermodynamics” organized by the junge DPG (jDPG). Like the last two years, we will have poster awards (one per poster session) sponsored by EPL.

Call for nominations (deadline 6 December 2013): The Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft will award (5.000 Euro) the „**Ars legendi-Fakultätenpreis Mathematik und Naturwissenschaften**“. The award will be for „herausragende und innovative Leistungen in Lehre, Prüfung, Beratung und Betreuung an Hochschulen“ in the fields of Biologie, Chemie, Mathematik, Physik: <http://www.dpg-physik.de/presse/pressemit/2013/dpg-pm-2013-15.html>.

Moreover, we would like to announce the 2014 Annual Meeting of the German Biophysical Society (<http://www.biophysical-congress.de>) taking place in Lübeck 14-17 September 2014. BP has again been kindly invited to organize and chair one session at this meeting.

We would like to encourage everybody to check if he/she is already member of BP. It is important that researchers who are active in this field are also members of our division (note: you can be member of two divisions). To make changes to your membership details, please follow this link: <https://www.dpg-physik.de/mitgliedschaft/formulare/aendern.html>.

Hoping to see you in Dresden 2014.

With best regards,

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