



Soft skills session

"How to drive a career in academy or industry: success stories"



14:45 - 15:45 Maria Letizia Focarete (UNIBO), full professor, Department of Chemistry 'Giacomo Ciamician' University of Bologna Italy

I am full Professor of Polymer Science and Biomaterials at the Chemistry Department "Giacomo Ciamician" of the University of Bologna. The research interests concern the development of stimuli-responsive and functional polymeric materials for applications in various fields, including the biomedical, environmental, and energy sectors, through the study of structure-property correlation and the use of innovative manufacturing technologies



15:45 - 16:45 Patrick Maestro, Chief Scientific Officer, Solvay, France

Solvay is a science company whose technologies bring benefits to many aspects of daily life, to reinvent future forms of progress and create sustainable shared value for all through the power of science. As a global leader in Materials, Chemicals and Solutions, Solvay brings advancements in planes, cars, batteries, smart and medical devices, water and air treatment, to solve critical industrial, social and environmental challenges. As the Chief Scientific Officer' I have been particularly involved in anticipating the evolution of competencies and developing relationship with the academic world.





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**"Careers in Industry/academy" (HR tutorial + experience)**

**17:15 - 18:15 Susanne Schneider, R&D lab leader, BASF Construction Additives GmbH, Germany**

After PhD in Strasbourg in the groups of Prof. Nicolas Giuseppone and Prof. Jean-Marie Lehn, and a Postdoc in Strasbourg in the BASF Postdoc network JONAS, in 2018 I started working as a R&D lab leader at the research and development center of the BASF Construction Additives GmbH in Trostberg, Germany. The BASF Construction Additives GmbH manufactures more than 220 different products that improve the workability of construction materials and increase their durability.



**9:30 – 10:30 Ana Luiza Rodriguez, Senior Recruiter, Solvay, Portugal**

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I'm a Senior Recruiter based in Lisbon, Portugal, and I'm responsible for the Research & Innovation jobs worldwide.



Progress beyond





10:30 - 11:30 Alexandru Dan Sarbu, SOPREMA, France

With a history of more than 100 years, SOPREMA is a French family-owned company and one of the main construction materials players in Europe. With 100 plants worldwide, the product portfolio is mainly centered on waterproofing and insulation systems, coupled with light and water management. The waterproofing solutions include bitumen and synthetic membranes, as well as PU, PMMA and silane resins. The insulation activity is split into polymer foams (PU and XPS) and biobased systems (wood fibers and cellulose wadding).

After my PhD in Materials physico-chemistry from the University of Strasbourg, I joined SOPREMA in 2014. During my career, I occupied several R&D positions, and since 2020 I am in charge of the Materials Chemistry R&D Team. The purpose of the group is to ensure the connection between academic research and SOPREMA R&D, providing technical support and enabling the implementation of new technologies by the development teams.



Day 4 20 April afternoon and Day 5 21 April morning - CNR conference center, Piero Gobetti 101



### ESRs Presentations



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Lunch: 13:00 - 14:30  
End of Spring School



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