

Programme

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

15h00 Registration

16h00 Opening Ceremony

Session Chair: Claudia Caltagirone

16h15 **Prof Takuzo Aida (University of Tokyo)**

"Supramolecular Polymers for a Sustainable Future"

19h00 **Welcome Party**

Monday, May 25th, 2026

Session Chair: Kristin Bartik

09h15 **Prof Stefan Kubik (RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau)**

"Key Concepts of Molecular Recognition: How Molecules Find the Right Partner"

10h55 **Coffee break**

Session Chair: Antonella Dalla Cort

11h25 **Prof Hennie Valkenier (Université Libre de Bruxelles ULB)**

"Development of receptors for the transmembrane transport of ions"

13h05 **Lunch**

Session Chair: Luca Conti

14h15 Dr Irene Regeni (University of Strasbourg)

"What can happen on the road toward an independent career"

15h35 Coffee break

Session Chair: Vito Lippolis

16h05 Plenary Lecture:

Prof Steve Goldup (University of Birmingham)

"Synthesis, stereochemistry and applications of interlocked molecules"

20h00 Dinner

Tuesday, May 26th, 2026

Session Chair: Alessandra Garau

09h15 Prof Paola Ceroni (University of Bologna)

"Photocatalysis: Unveiling Unexpected Photochemical Mechanisms"

10h55 Coffee break

Session Chair: Sarah Pike

11h30 Prof Sebastian Koltzenburg (BASF, Heidelberg Univ)

"From Supramolecular Polymer Chemistry to Industrial-Scale Everyday Products"

13h00 **Lunch**

Session Chair: Marta Da Pian

14h20 **Prof Alberto Credi** (University of Bologna)

“Supramolecular chemistry in action: mechanical switches, machines, and motors at the nanoscale”

16h00 **Free Time**

19h00 **Poster session (cheese and wine)**

Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

Session Chair: Riccardo Montis

08h45 **Prof Kari Rissanen** (University of Jyväskylä)

“Supramolecular Crystallography”

10h25 **Dr Marta Da Pian** (Elsevier)

“Publish or Perish: The Psychological Cost of Academic Productivity”

11h10 **Coffee break**

Session Chair: Giacomo Picci

11h40 **Alex Plajer** (University of Bayreuth)

“As the Chains Grew Longer: Building an Independent Career with Supramolecular Polymers”

13h00 **Lunch**

Session Chair: Kristin Bartik

14h20 **Laura Rodriguez Raurell** (University of Barcelona)

“Luminescent Supramolecular assemblies using Au(I) and Pt(II) synthons”

16h00 **Coffee break**

Session Chair: Antonella Dalla Cort

16h30 **Prof Palli Thordarson** (University of New South Wales, Sidney)

“ The importance of model selection (1:1, 1:2, 2:1...) in binding studies to investigate complex (bio)supramolecular systems”

20h00 **Dinner**

Thursday, May 28th, 2026

Session Chair: Laura Rodriguez Raurell

09h15 **Prof Antonio Frontera** (Universitat de les Illes Balears UIB)

“Computational Tools for Exploring Non-Covalent Interactions and Supramolecular Assemblies”

10h55 **Coffee break**

Session Chair: Luca Conti

11h25 **Prof. Kay Severin** (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, EPFL)

“Structure, Dynamics, and Host-Guest Chemistry of Some Metal-Based Molecular Cages”

13h05 **Lunch**

15h00 **Collateral events/free afternoon**

20h00 **Dinner**

Friday, May 29th, 2026

Session Chair: Claudia Caltagirone

09h00 **Prof Anna Slater** (University of Liverpool)

“Working from the fundamental to the applied in supramolecular chemistry”

10h40 **Coffee break**

Session Chair: Riccardo Montis

11h10 **Dr Ilaria Gimondi** (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, CCDC UK)

“Analysing Crystal Packing and Intermolecular Interactions Using the Cambridge Structural Database”

Session Chair: Giacomo Picci

12h20 **Best Poster Presentations**

12h50 Closing Cerimony

13h15 Lunch