Understanding the sophisticated functionalities offered by objects and processes found in nature will guide the design of materials with desirable properties to meet challenging applications. Zwitterionic materials, inspired by cell membranes and proteins, are excellent examples of bioinspired materials and have emerged as a new class of biomaterials. ICBZM 2017 aims to capture the excitement of this emerging field.

This conference will focus on zwitterionic materials as polymers, hybrids and molecular assemblies. The purposes are to update latest developments in zwitterionic materials and identify challenges and opportunities in biomaterials.

The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for researchers from different fields in biomaterials, polymers, chemistry and bioengineering to discuss recent advances, share innovative ideas, and promote international collaborations.

**Topics**
- Bioinspired materials, zwitterionic polymer materials, and supramolecules
- Synthesis and assembly with the bioinspired materials
- Fabrication and functionality of bioinspired hydrogels and nanoparticles
- Applications in medical devices, sensors and scaffolds for tissue regeneration
- Applications in nanomedicine and nanodiagnostics
- Applications in marine, membrane and energy systems

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Temporary schedule:

October 18(Wed), 2017
Opening ceremony (start afternoon)
Plenary lecture
Welcome reception

October 19(Thu), 2017
Scientific session
Invited presentation
Oral presentation
Poster session
Banquet

October 20(Fri), 2017
Scientific session
Invited presentation
Oral presentation
Poster session
Closing ceremony (finish evening)

Abstract submission and registration:

WEB-site open: September, 2016
Abstract submission: July 1, 2017
Abstract acceptance: July 15, 2017
Registration open: April 1, 2017
Early registration deadline: August 20, 2017

Poster presentation Award:
In order to encourage young researchers, it will provide a poster award. The award will be selected from submitted posters presenters, who is less than 35 years old.

Previous Conference:
1st ICBZM 2013 (December 1-3, 2013
Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, P.R. China)
(http://polymer.zju.edu.cn/icbzm2013/)

2nd ICBZM 2015 (August 13-14, 2015
University of Washington, Seattle, USA)
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