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# IMP – Days

3rd edition

## SOFT POLYMER NETWORKS AND GELS

**April 7-10 2026 Lyon, France**

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# SOFT POLYMER NETWORKS AND GELS

Starting from 2022 as a tribute to Prof. Jean-Pierre Pascault, the Polymer Materials Engineering Laboratory (IMP) organizes the **IMP-Days** conference every two year. The topics are related to front leading areas of polymer science implemented at IMP.

The third edition of IMP Days will be dedicated to **Soft Polymer Networks and Gels**, a major topic in Soft Matter involving chemistry, physico-chemistry and physics. These materials include various families of **elastomers, hydro-, organo-, eutecto- and ionogels**. They are synthesized and processed through a large variety of chemical and physico-chemical strategies. Such multiscale materials exhibit intrinsically complex (time dependent and/or stimuli-responsive) behavior, that requires specific characterization methods. Sustainability by design and end of life management are current key concerns in the field.

Soft Polymer Networks as well as Chemical and Physical Gels cover a wealth of applications answering many of today's challenges in transportation, energy, agriculture, food products, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, advanced bio-medical devices and others.

We will welcome presentations on the following indicative topics:

- **Elastomers**: silicones and rubbers
- **Bio-based gels**: natural polymers and/or solvents, bio-based monomers
- Hydrogels for **bio-medical** applications
- Hybrid gels, colloids and nanocomposites
- **Stimuli** responsive gels

## KEY DATES

<b>Abstract Submission Deadline</b>	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
<b>Notification of acceptance</b>	January 15, 2026
<b>Opening registration</b>	October 15, 2025
<b>Early-Bird deadline</b>	February 15, 2026
<b>Registration deadline</b>	April 10, 2026



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## CONFIRMED INVITED SPEAKERS

**Pr. Rachel Auzély-Velty** (CERMAV-CNRS, Grenoble, France)  
**Dr Bernard Cathala** (INRAE, Nantes, France)  
**Pr. Anne Ladegaard Skov** (Danish Polymer Centre, Denmark)  
**Pr. Alba Marcellan** (ESPCI Paris)  
**Pr. David Mecerreyes** (UPV/EHU, Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain)  
**Dr Salvatore Pagano** (Michelin Research Center, France)  
**Dr Daniele Parisi** (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

## VENUE

The event will take place at **INSA Lyon** on the La Doua Lyon Tech campus, 50' from Lyon Saint-Exupéry airport, 20' from Part Dieu train station

## REGISTRATION FEES

500 € regular, 350 € students (VAT included)  
Included lunch meals, coffee breaks, welcome party and conference dinner on April 9<sup>th</sup>

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