

Registration form for Polish research institution

1. Research institution data (name and address):

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2. Type of research institution:

2) research unit of the Polish Academy of Sciences

3. Head of the institution:

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5. Research discipline in which the strong international position of the institution ensures establishing a Dioscuri Centre

Natural Sciences and Technology

Physical and analytical chemical sciences

6. Description of important research achievements from the selected discipline from the last 5 years including a list of the most important publications, patents, other (up to one page in A4 format):

We have developed an universal model for the description of adsorption of ionic surfactants, ionic – non-ionic surfactants mixtures and transformable (e.g. undergoing hydrolysis) at fluid interfaces. The model can be efficiently applied as liquid cores for encapsulation by multilayers of polyelectrolytes. Moreover, we developed an effective,

automatic method for controlling surfactant adsorption time at bubble surface and measuring velocity of a rising bubble, the method that can be used as a very sensitive way of detecting surface active contaminants in water. The method of direct determination of the three phase contact formation has a practical significance in froth flotation.

Selected publications in the field of functional coatings published in 2013-2018:

D. Kosior, J. Zawala, Initial degree of detaching bubble adsorption coverage and the kinetics of dynamic adsorption layer formation, *PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY CHEMICAL PHYSICS*, 20, (2018), 2403-2412, doi: 10.1039/c7cp06099h

M. Krasowska, J. Zawala, B.H. Bradshaw-Hajek, J.K. Ferri, D.A. Beattie, "Interfacial Characterisation for Flotation: 1. Solid-Liquid Interface", *Curr. Opin. Colloid Interface Sci.*, 37 (2018) 61–73

J. Zawala, A. Niecikowska, "Bubble-on-demand" generator with precise adsorption time control, *Review of Scientific Instruments* 88, (2017), 095106; doi:10.1063/1.5001846

K. Szczepanowicz, G. Para, K. A. Wilk, P. Warszyński, Co-Adsorption of Polyanions and Esterquat Surfactants; Effect on Formation and Stability of Micellar Core Nanocapsules, *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochem. Eng. Aspects*, 519, 2017, 117–124, doi:10.1016/j.colsurfa.2016.07.069

J. Zawala, C. Karaguzel, A. Wiertel, O. Sahba, K. Malysa, Kinetics of the bubble attachment and quartz flotation in mixed solutions of cationic and non-ionic surface-active substances, *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects*, 523, 20 (2017), 118-126, doi: 10.1016/j.colsurfa.2017.03.063

M. Kopeć, K. Szczepanowicz, P. Warszyński, P. Nowak, "Liquid-core polyelectrolyte nanocapsules produced by membrane emulsification as carriers for corrosion inhibitors", *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects*, 510, (2016), 2-10, doi: 10.1016/j.colsurfa.2016.08.056

Jarek E., Warszyński P., Krzan M., Influence of various electrolytes on bubble motion in ionic surfactant solutions, *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochem. Eng. Aspects*, 505, 2016, pp. 171-178, DOI: 10.1016/j.colsurfa.2016.03.071

P. B. Kowalczyk, J. Zawala, D. Kosior, J. Drzymala, K. Malysa, Three-Phase Contact Formation and Flotation of Highly Hydrophobic Polytetrafluoroethylene in the Presence of Increased Dose of Frothers, *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.*, 2016, 55 (3), 839–843; doi: 10.1021/acs.iecr.5b04293

G. Para, J. Łuczyński, J. Palus, E. Jarek, K. A. Wilk, P. Warszyński, „Hydrolysis Driven Surface Activity of Esterquat Surfactants“, *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 465 (2016) 174–182; DOI:10.1016/j.jcis.2015.11.056

J. Zawala, K. Szczepanowicz, P. Warszyński, „Theoretical and experimental studies of drop size in membrane emulsification - Single pore studies of hydrodynamic detachment of droplets“, *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochem. Eng. Aspects*, 470 (2015) 297-305 doi: 10.1016/j.colsurfa.2015.01.030

7. List of no more than 3 important research projects from the selected discipline awarded in national and international calls to the institution in the last 5 years (title, name of PI, source of funding, amount of funding):

[2018-2021] “pH stimuli responsive surfactants and copolymers for nanovehicles formation”, prof. Piotr Warszyński, NCN, Funds total: 1 494 180 PLN, for ICSC: 892 700 PLN

8. Description of the available laboratory and office space for the Dioscuri Centre (up to one page in A4 format):

The Dioscuri Centre will use an existing laboratories of ICSC PAS, which are devoted to studying surfactant adsorption, wetting, dynamics of rising bubble and three phase contact formation. The laboratory rooms are 40 sq m large and are well equipped with general laboratory devices (technical gases installations, vacuum hood) and bench space. Basic laboratory materials (e.g. general reactants) and consumables (e.g. laboratory glass) are already in place. The Dioscuri Centre will have access to all scientific instruments available at ICSC PAS (see below).

The office space of the head of the Dioscuri Centre will be a 20 sq m office room equipped with appropriate furniture, phone and personal computer with internet connection. Additional office space will be available for Dioscuri research personnel, depending on the needs of the Centre. The Institute has a valid subscription to major scientific literature data bases (e.g. Web of Science, Scopus) and a wide spectrum of scientific literature is available in an electronic form. The Institute library has a rich collection of scientific books and periodicals.

9. List of the available research equipment for the Dioscuri Centre:

The Institute is well equipped with up-to-date instruments for research in the field of catalysis, such as:

- a number of gas and liquid chromatographs of different types equipped with various detectors (also with mass spectrometers), some of them connected on-line to catalytic apparatus;
- high class spectrometers of different types and ranges (FT-IR of full range, UV-Vis, micro-XRF, ICP-OES, solid-state NMR, spectrofluorimeter) many of them with a broad selection of additional devices;
- installations for carrying catalytic tests in different scale and conditions (also at high pressure);
- microscopes: ultra high resolution Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope JEOL JSM-7500F and AFM-NT-MDT with "Olympus" optical microscope, ZEISS Confocal microscope;

- surface area and pore size analyzers capable of measuring physisorption and chemisorption: BET surface area and N₂ adsorption isotherms analyzer, microbalance for thermogravimetric gas and vapour sorption analysis, surface area and pore size analyzers, vacuum microbalances, water sorption analyser;
- microparticle size (DLS, Laser diffraction) and zeta potential (LDV) analysers;
- thermal analysis and calorimetric equipment: evolved gas analysis by mass spectrometry equipment (home made with quadrupole mass spectrometer (MS EGA), home made TPD equipment, Microscal gas flow-through microcalorimeter, simultaneous DSC/TG analyzer;
- equipment for structural analysis: powder X-ray diffractometer Siemens D5005 equipped with reaction chamber and grazing incidence attachment, powder X-ray diffractometer X'PERT PRO MPD;
- devices for surface nanostructures and thin films analysis: quartz crystal microbalance QS-E4 with Q-sense window module, spectroscopic imaging ellipsometer, surface potential sensor for surface potential measurements by using vibrating plate method;
- ultra-high-vacuum systems for surface science analysis (two multi-chamber analytic systems dedicated to surface and functional nanostructure studies STM/AFM/LEES/AES/XPS/UPS base pressure <math><1 \times 10^{-9}</math>Pa);
- apparatus for electrochemical, photochemical and photoelectrochemical measurements in catalytic systems;
- equipment for theoretical calculations: computer cluster of 356 CPU and 6 GPU cores (NVIDIA CUDA GPU).

Access to Polish National Synchrotron Radiation Facility SOLARIS (administered by Jagiellonian University) is also available. The PEEM/XAS experimental line of SOLARIS is operated within a cooperation between the Institute, SOLARIS and AGH University of Science and Technology.

10. List of the additional benefits (other than listed in call text) that the Institution declares to provide for the Dioscuri Centre (i.e.: additional funds, personal benefits, other) (up to one page in A4 format):

PhD Studies affiliated at the Institute, which have been awarded the “Chemistry Doctorate Eurolabel” by the European Chemistry Thematic Network, and various interdisciplinary PhD projects in which the Institute participates make the Institute benefits from a steady inflow of young researchers.

Subsidized theater and philharmonic tickets and subsidized access to sport facilities are available for all employees.

11. Other information about the internationalisation of the research institution, international researchers employed at the institution, the availability of English language seminars etc. (up to one page in A4 format):

ERASMUS+

The Institute participates in the ERASMUS+ network and both PhD students and employees benefit from research and training visits at foreign research institutions financed by this network. In addition, the Institute regularly hosts visiting students from abroad.

International cooperation

The Institute has a long standing tradition of both national and international cooperation. The international contacts manifest in numerous joint research projects realized by ICSC PAS (e.g. projects of EU Framework Programmes: [2008-2013] NEXT-GTL "Innovative Catalytic Technologies & Materials for Next Gas to Liquid Processes", EC 7th FP CP-IP 229183-2, [2009-2013] F3 "Factory Flexible, Fast and Future Factory - European Chemistry Consortium Begins the Journey into the Future of Production", EC 7th FP CP-IP 228867-2, EC [2012-2015] NanoEIS "Nanotechnology Education for Industry and Society", 7th FP CSA 319054, [2013-2015] HYPERCONNECT "Functional Joining of Dissimilar Materials Using Directed Self-assembly of Nanoparticles by Capillary-bridging", EC 7th FP 310420, and projects of the Polish-Norwegian Research Programme: [2013-2016] NanoNeucar "Nanoparticulate Delivery Systems for Therapies against Neurodegenerative Diseases" (core), [2013-2016] InlinePV "In-line Processing of n+/p and p/p+ Junction System for Cheap Photovoltaic Module Production", [2013-2015] FUNClay "Synthesis and Functionality of Innovative Porous Clay Hybrid Nanostructures"), coordination and participation in COST actions (Chair of the Action: [2012-2016] "Colloidal Aspects of Nanoscience for Innovative Processes and Materials" EU COST Action CM1101), numerous bilateral agreements and very many informal collaborations. All sorts of international collaborations result in ca. 35 scientific papers published each year with co-authors from abroad.

International conferences organized by ICSC PAS

The Institute regularly organises international conferences in the field of catalysis and surface chemistry. As the most recent examples may serve: International Conference on Catalysis and Surface Chemistry 2018, 8th World Congress on Oxidation Catalysis 2017, European School on Interfacial Engineering: Fundamentals, Applications, and Analytical Methods ESIE 2017, 16th International Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Catalysis ICTAC-16 2016, 4th, 5th, and 6th Meeting 'X-ray and other techniques in investigations of the objects of cultural heritage' 2012, 2014, 2016, 15th European Student Colloid Conference 2015, 3rd, and 4th International Symposium on Surface Imaging/Spectroscopy at the Solid/Liquid Interface 2012, 2015, 8th, and 9th International Symposium „Surface Heterogeneity Effects in Adsorption and Catalysis on Solids 2012, 2015, International

Symposium on Air & Water Pollution Abatement Catalysis 2014, 5th International Workshop Bubble and Drop Interfaces B&D 2012.

The Institute often hosts visiting professors from abroad, who give lectures or seminars (in English) that are open for the whole scientific community in Krakow. The Institute successfully attracts post-doctoral fellows from abroad (recently from Germany, UK and India).