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## Texas Soft Matter Meeting comes to Austin

AUSTIN, Texas – June 11, 2014 – The third annual [Texas Soft Matter Meeting](#) is coming to Austin this year, taking place at the Norman Hackerman Building at The University of Texas at Austin on August 22, 2014; it costs \$18.00 to register and registration is now open to the public.

The goal of the Texas Soft Matter Meeting is to encourage collaboration among researchers from industry and academia in Texas who work with soft materials, ranging from polymers to soft condensed matter to biomaterials.

This meeting is intended to provide an interdisciplinary forum in which faculty, students, postdoctoral researchers, and professionals can exchange ideas in an informal setting.

The term Soft Matter was coined in 1970 initially as a joke but ended up sticking since it is generally used for describing all materials that are neither a solid nor a liquid.

Soft Matter displays unique characteristics combining the flexibility and suppleness of fluids with the stronger interactions and sometimes long-range order otherwise seen in solids.

“There is a significant amount of soft matter research and development being performed within the State of Texas and this meeting is an unique opportunity to bring these researchers together,” said Christopher Ellison, Assistant Professor at the McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering and the Texas Soft Matter Meeting program organizer.

This workshop rotates between institutions in Texas and each year new speakers from different Texas universities are invited to talk about various subjects. Previous meetings have been held at the University of Houston and Texas A&M University.

Last years topics included manipulating polymer with light activated chemistries, carbon nanotubes and graphene, materials by design through heterogeneous structures, the calorimetric glass transition under nanoconfinement, and the physical chemistry of Sickle Cell Anemia.

Each year contributors strive to include longer invited talks and more short contributed talks to appeal to soft materials academia from the entire state of Texas, and this year they are expecting nearly 200 attendees.

For more information and registration please visit the registration website:

<http://lifelong.engr.utexas.edu/tsm/>



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