

Prof. Edvani Curti Muniz is the new President of the Council Board. Two new Associate Editors were also appointed

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Last October, 21, during the 18th Congresso Brasileiro de Polímeros, organized by ABPol and held in Campos do Jordão, SP, the members of the Polimeros Council Board met and various important proposals were approved, which the main ones are:

Prof. **Edvani Curti Muniz**, from Universidade Federal do Piauí, Teresina, PI, Brazil, (see his short CV below) was appointed the new President of the Council Board, effective from November, 22, 2025. He substitutes Prof. **Antonio Aprígio da Silva Curvelo**, from IQSC/USP, SP, who will remaining in the Council Board. We acknowledge the great work Prof. Aprígio has done to this journal during this past 8 years and salute Prof. Edvani to his new position.

Due to his recent retirement Prof. **Marcelo Silveira Rabello**, UFCG/PB, has asked to step down from the Editorial Board. Also, for private reasons, Prof. **Oswaldo Novais de Oliveira Junior**, IF/USP, Prof. **Raquel Santos Mauler** UFRGS, and Prof. **Regina Célia Reis Nunes**, UFRJ, asked to resign from the Editorial Committee.

Three new members were appointed to the Editorial Board: Prof. **Nikos Hadjikristidis**, from King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Thuwal, JED, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prof. **Artur José Monteiro Valente**, from Universidade de Coimbra, Coimbra, PBL, Portugal, and Prof. **Roberto Pantani**, from University of Salerno, Fisciano, SAL, Italy, with the latter two additionally serving on the Editorial Committee as Associated Editors.

The election of Prof. **Sebastião V. Canevarolo** as vice-representative of the Editors-in-Chief in the Exact and Earth Sciences and Engineering area of the SciELO Brazil Advisory Committee, for the period 2025-27.

To avoid fake reviewers a security measure was implemented by Polímeros, hiring the Web of Science (Clarivate) Reviewer Search tool to help Associated Editors the identification and selection of qualified and reputable reviewers.

Finally, the Article Publication Charge APC was adjusted to R\$ 1.000,00 for authors based in Brazil and USD 300.00 for authors based abroad, applicable to articles accepted that were submitted from January, 1 2026.

We welcome all newly appointed members of the Polimeros Editorial Committee, wishing all the best in their new positions.

Mini-CV

Professor **Edvani Curti Muniz** has been working in the field of Polymer Materials Chemistry since 1983. In 1986, he began his academic career in the Chemistry Department at the State University of Maringá (UEM), the same year he completed his master's degree in Materials Engineering at UFRGS. In 1993, he completed his doctorate at UNICAMP in the area of Polymer Chemistry/Physical Chemistry. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Université Libre de Bruxelles from 1998 to 2000. He has experience in the structure-property relationship of polymeric materials, chemometrics, multivariate data analysis, and physical chemistry. Professor Edvani's scientometric data (as of January 2026) are: H-index = 62 (Web of Science); H-index = 63 (Scopus); H-index = 74 (Google Scholar). By December 2025, he had published 334 articles in specialized journals (Web of Science). He has approximately 14,000 citations in ISI, which equates to an average of about 42 citations per published article. He holds 3 patents granted by INPI and has 3 patent applications under review. Current affiliations: Federal University of Piauí, as a Full Professor (since 2019); Federal Technological University of Paraná (Londrina), as a Visiting Professor (volunteer), since 2016; State University

of Maringá, as a Volunteer Professor, since retirement (2016). He was a member and coordinator of CA-MM, CNPq, from 2015 to 2018, and from 2022 to 2025. At CAPES, he served as deputy coordinator of the Materials area, from 2018-2022; currently, he holds the position of coordinator of the Materials area, valid until June 2026. He also held positions in the scientific associations SBQ (Director of the Materials Chemistry area) and ABPol (Director and Advisor, for several terms).