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## Waterborne Electrospinning of Poly(N-Isopropyl Acrylamide) towards Stable Nanofibers

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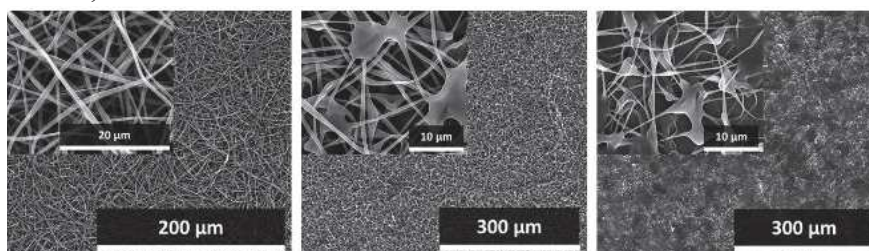
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With increasing toxicity concerns and ecological consciousness, ecological production techniques become more and more important, also for the electrospinning of nanofibers.[1] However, lots of electrospinnable polymers require the use of strong acids and/or toxic solvent systems.[1] Thermoresponsive polymers, such as poly(N-isopropyl acrylamide), show potential for ecological electrospinning from water, *i.e.* waterborne electrospinning, as they are water-soluble beneath their lower critical solution temperature. Moreover, poly(N-isopropyl acrylamide) nanofibers show major potential to many application fields, including biomedicine, as they combine the well-known on-off switching behavior of PNIPAM, thanks to its LCST, with the value of nanofibers. Previous studies report poor electrospinnability of PNIPAM from water, leading to more deleterious processes.[2] However, despite the known thermoresponsive behavior of the polymer, none of these studies exploit this behavior for electrospinning. This work, therefore, provides an in-depth study of the electrospinnability of PNIPAM in water, leading to the first work about the ecological, full water-based production of uniform, bead-free PNIPAM nanofibers (**Fig. 1** left) that are stable in water at temperatures above PNIPAM's LCST, making them suitable to many applications such as drug delivery, cell culture, etc.



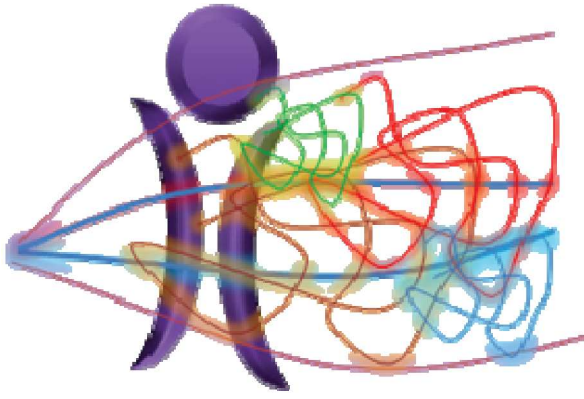
**Fig. 1:** By exploiting the thermoresponsive behavior of PNIPAM, its electrospinnability in water is altered.

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## Conference Programme

Conference/MP1206 final MC meeting Venue: University of Cyprus, New University Campus,  
(1 Panepistimiou Avenue 2109 Aglantzia, Nicosia. P.O. Box 20537, 1678 Nicosia, Cyprus)

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April				
08.00-	Registration			
<b>Session A (Building: XQΔ02, Room B205)</b> <b>Chair: T. Krasia-Chistoforou</b>				
9.00-9.10	Welcome and Opening Remarks			
9.10-9.50	<b>PLENARY</b>		<b>G. L. Bowlin</b> Electrospun Templates: Designing Tools for Directing Endogenous Tissue Regeneration	
9.50-10.30	<b>PLENARY</b>		<b>E. Zussman</b> Mechanical Stress Induced Drug Delivery from Nanofibers	
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
<b>Session B1</b> <b>Energy, sensors and actuators</b> <b>(XQΔ02, B205)</b> <b>Chair: S. Cavaliere</b>			<b>Session C1</b> <b>Biomedical applications</b> <b>(XQΔ02, B204)</b> <b>Chair: E. Kijeńska</b>	
11.00-11.25	<b>INV1</b>	<b>Y. Truong</b> Electrospun nanofibre membranes for energy and biomaterial applications	<b>INV7</b>	<b>A. Jedlovszky-Hajdú</b> Creating silver loaded artificial matrix for biomedical applications
11.25-11.50	<b>INV2</b>	<b>A. Macagnano</b> CdSe/ZnS-TiO <sub>2</sub> nanofibers: A suitable combination for a low cost and effective sensor device	<b>INV8</b>	<b>B. Mijovic</b> Electrospun composite scaffolds for ocular tissue regeneration
11.50-12.15	<b>INV3</b>	<b>D. Pisignano</b> Enhanced photon coupling and transport properties in electrospun nanowires	<b>INV9</b>	<b>A. Odysseos</b> Tissue-Engineered Biomimetic Platforms for Signaling Analysis in the Tumor Microenvironment
12.15-12.40	<b>INV4</b>	<b>A. Camposeo</b> Controlling energy migration and emission properties in semiconducting electrospun polymer fibers	<b>INV10</b>	<b>M. Järvekülg</b> 3D scaffolds from electrospun gelatin
12.40-12.55	<b>O1</b>	<b>L. Lozzi</b> Near-field electrospinning: an easy method to grow nano-structured systems	<b>O5</b>	<b>A. Rinaldi</b> Statistical methods for the design of scaffolds for tissue engineering and cell culturing
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>			
<b>Session B2</b> <b>Energy, sensors and actuators</b> <b>(XQΔ02, B205)</b> <b>Chair: D. Pisignano</b>			<b>Session C2</b> <b>Biomedical applications</b> <b>(XQΔ02, B204)</b> <b>Chair: A. Jedlovszky-Hajdú</b>	
14.30-14.55	<b>INV5</b>	<b>S. Cavaliere</b> Nanocomposite membranes based on electrospun nanofibers	<b>INV11</b>	<b>R. Machado</b> Electrospun silk-elastin fibres functionalized with silver nanoparticles as antibacterial wound dressings

14.55-15.20	<b>INV6</b>	<b>L. Persano</b> Piezoelectricity in electrospun polymer nanofibers: Fundamental phenomena and applications	<b>INV12</b>	<b>E. Kijeńska</b> NGF loaded bio-composite scaffolds for peripheral nerve tissue regeneration
15.20-15.35	<b>O2</b>	<b>K. Polak-Krasna</b> Electrospinning of polymer of intrinsic microporosity for hydrogen storage applications	<b>O6</b>	<b>A. Da Costa</b> Antibacterial protein-based fibres: combining recombinant DNA technology with electrospinning
15.35-15.50	<b>O3</b>	<b>T. Tätte</b> Self-formed metal oxide ceramic microtubes and their applications	<b>O7</b>	<b>C. Voniatis</b> Prospects of poly(vinyl)alcohol scaffolds in abdominal hernia treatment. A study of bio-adaptability in small animals
15.50-16.05	<b>O4</b>	<b>W. Woon-Fong Leung</b> Light harvesting in dye sensitized solar cell based on co-sensitizer in core-shell nanofiber configuration reducing charge recombination	<b>O8</b>	<b>M. Kruse</b> Electro-spun sPEEK Membranes for Oxygenation Applications
16.05-16.20			<b>O9</b>	<b>P. Sajkiewicz</b> The effect of a solvent on structure, biodegradability and cellular response of electrospun PCL/gelatin and PCL/collagen nanofibers
16.20-16.35			<b>O10</b>	<b>I. Wimpenny</b> Co-electrospun biomimetic grafts for regeneration of axons in CNS
16.35-16.50			<b>O11</b>	<b>L. Zajíčková</b> Electrospun PCL/PEG nanofibers with varied biodegradability coated by bioactive amine plasma polymers
<b>17:00-20:00</b>	<b>Poster and photo competition sessions/cocktail buffet</b>			
	<b>Social Activities Building, Room 010</b>			

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April / MP1206 COST Session			
Session D (Building: XΩΔ02, Room B205) Chair: T. Krasia-Chistoforou			
9.00-9.40	<b>PLENARY</b>		<b>W. Sigmund</b> Functional Nanomaterials via Electrospinning
9.40-10.05	<b>INV13</b>		<b>S. Agarwal</b> Fibers with special morphologies by electrospinning
10.05-10.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>Session E1</b> <b>Processing, morphology control and applications (XΩΔ02, B205)</b> Chair: A. Macagnano		<b>Session E2</b> <b>Processing, morphology control and applications (XΩΔ02, B204)</b> Chair: S. Agarwal	
10.30-10.55	<b>INV14</b>	<b>K. De Clerck</b> Advanced colorimetric sensors based on dye-functionalized nanofibers	<b>INV18</b> <b>J.M. Lagaron</b> Development and characterization of novel electrospun biopolyester coatings for barrier paper applications
10.55-11.20	<b>INV15</b>	<b>C. Adlhart</b> Amphiphilic ultralight 3D aerogels from electrospun nanofibers	<b>INV19</b> <b>B. Pilić</b> Nanofiber based intelligent packaging
11.20-11.45	<b>INV16</b>	<b>P.D. Topham</b> Block copolymer self-assembly: Rinse-resistant superhydrophobic fabrics made using a combination of electrospinning and electrospaying	<b>INV20</b> <b>T. Uyar</b> Decoration of metal nanoparticles (Pt-NP and Pd-NP) on electrospun nanofibers via atomic layer deposition for catalytic applications
11.45-12.10	<b>INV17</b>	<b>M.L.Focarete</b> Atmospheric pressure non-equilibrium plasma applied to electrospinning processes and products	<b>INV21</b> <b>K. Pielichowski</b> Surface modification of polylactide by electrospinning of chitosan/nanosilica outer layers to improve flame retardant properties
12.10-12.25	<b>O12</b>	<b>I. Savva</b> Magnetoactive Electrospun fibers: Fabrication, characterization and applications	<b>O14</b> <b>L. Daelemans</b> Nano-engineering highly toughened fibre reinforced polymer composites by interleaving electrospun nanofibres for advanced applications
12.25-12.40	<b>O13</b>	<b>N. Radacsi</b> Temperature effects on the fiber diameter during the fabrication of PVP and PVA nanofibers by needleless electrospinning	<b>O15</b> <b>P.Heikkilä</b> Electrospun sheet materials from CA, PES and PLLA as supports for ALD coating
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>		

<b>Session F1</b> <b>Environmental and agricultural applications (XΩΔ02, B205)</b> <b>Chair: N. Radacsi</b>			<b>Session C3</b> <b>Biomedical applications (XΩΔ02, B204)</b> <b>Chair: J.M. Lagaron</b>	
14.30-14.55	INV22	<b>H.E. Hummel</b> Electrospun mesofibers in precision viticulture: A new alternative for dispensing sex pheromones in mating disruption schemes for IPM	INV26	<b>A. Greiner</b> Release of artemisone from electrospun nonwovens for the treatment of malaria
14.55-15.20	INV23	<b>F. De Cesare</b> Development of smart nanofibrous plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR) biofilms for agricultural applications	INV27	<b>S.K. Bhullar</b> Deformation mechanism of smart nanofibrous stents and drug delivery systems
15.20-15.45	INV24	<b>Y. Truong</b> Large scale preparation and characterization of electrospun carbon particle-nanofibre composites for ammonia adsorption	INV28	<b>U. Stachewicz</b> 3D analysis of cell responses to electrospun polymer nanofibers scaffolds
15.45-16.10	INV25	<b>M. Roso</b> Different strategies for enhancing the performance of TiO <sub>2</sub> based nanostructured membranes for VOCs abatement	INV29	<b>E. Kijeńska</b> PLLA and PCL-based electrospun scaffolds for tissue engineering applications: fabrication and biological characterization
16.10-16.25	O16	<b>Y. Truong</b> Preparation and characterisation of electrospun gelatin-saponin composite nanofibers	O22	<b>Ž. Rukuižienė</b> Electrospun web with baltic amber particles
16.25-16.40	O17	<b>M. Maryšková</b> Enzyme-loaded nanofibrous mats by electrospinning for biomedical and environmental applications	O23	<b>A.S. Sarac</b> Conductive polyanthranilic acid nanofibers
16.40-17.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
<b>Session F2</b> <b>Environmental and agricultural applications (XΩΔ02, B205)</b> <b>Chair: K. De Clerck</b>			<b>Session C4</b> <b>Biomedical applications (XΩΔ02, B204)</b> <b>Chair: A. Greiner</b>	
17.00-17.15	O18	<b>P. Papaphilippou</b> Electrospun polymer-based fibrous membranes as adsorbents for bacteria and organic compounds removal from water contaminated media	O24	<b>S. Metwally</b> Production of charge induced nanofibres scaffolds
17.15-17.30	O19	<b>D.G. Ruzgar</b> Electrospinning of wool keratin/poly(ethylene	O25	<b>P. Mikes</b> Complete analysis and comparison of poly(lactic acid-co-

		oxide) blend nanofibers for air filtration application		caprolactone) nanofibers for tissue engineering applications
17.30- 17.45	<b>O20</b>	<b>G. Schlatter</b> Hierarchical metal@carbon composite hairy nanofibers for catalytic applications	<b>O26</b>	<b>K. Molnár</b> Poly(amino acid) based nano gel fibers for tissue engineering
17.45- 18.00	<b>O21</b>	<b>W. Woon-Fong Leung</b> Loading and Cleaning of Nanofiber Air Filter After Long-Term Use		
<b>18.30:</b> <b>19.30 -:</b>	<b>Transportation to the conference dinner venue Conference dinner</b>			

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April / MP1206 COST Session (XΩΔ02, B205)</b>	
<b>9.30-11.30</b>	<b>COST MP1206 Management Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Session C5 Biomedical applications Chair: T. Krasia-Christoforou</b>	
11.30- 11.45	<b>O27</b> <b>J. E. ten Elshof</b> Sol-gel derived ceramic nanofibers and their applications in biomedical engineering and electronics
11.45- 12.00	<b>O28</b> <b>L. Liverani</b> Multilayered scaffolds and graded mineralization for osteocondral tissue engineering applications
12.00- 12.15	<b>O29</b> <b>M. Omastová</b> Conducting polycaprolactone/polypyrrole nanofiber mats prepared by electrospinning
12.15- 12.30	<b>O30</b> <b>I. Safarik</b> Magnetically-modified electrospun chitosan-based fibers: Fabrication, characterization and bioapplications
12.30- 12.45	<b>O31</b> <b>Š. Zupančič</b> Antimicrobial nanofibers for treatment of local infections
<b>12.45- 13.00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
<b>13.00- 15.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	
<b>Post-Conference Social Programme: Post-conference Guided Tour</b> Mountain villages on Troodos Mountains: Kakopetria, Troodos, Omodos (Optional)	

## POSTER SESSION

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 17:00**  
**Social Activities Building, Room 010**

POSTER NUMBER	PRESENTER'S NAME	POSTER TITLE
PO.1	E. Schoolaert	Waterborne electrospinning of poly(N-Isopropyl Acrylamide) towards stable nanofibers
PO.2	J. Dusza	Development of Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> electrospun fibers
PO.3	T. Meireman	Interlaminar toughening of resin transfer moulded laminates by electrospun polycaprolactone: Effect of interleave morphology
PO.4	S. Yildirim	Electrospun nanofibers as food contact layer for palladium based oxygen scavenging films
PO.5	M. Mader	Ultralight, biodegradable and highly porous soft polymer sponges based on electrospun fibers
PO.6	A. Portone	Nanocomposite electrospun fibers embedding 2D-Materials
PO.7	N. Radacsi	3D-electrospinning: A novel method to control the structure of nanofibers and its application for nanostructured fuel cells
PO.8	S. Reich	Highly conductive and flexible nonwovens for application as electrodes
PO.9	V. Vassiljeva	Electrospinning of SAN conductive reinforced membranes
PO.10	K. Castkova	Ceramic fibres for energy applications
PO.11	V. Tsigkis	Naturally-derived electrospun fibers with potential applications in batteries
PO.12	W. Gieparda	Flammability and structure of PLA/PHB nanofibers modified with different types of carbon nanotubes.
PO.13	I. Ristić	Electrospun conductive nano-fibres based on poly(lactide)
PO.14	C. Sofroniou	NSAD drug release from electrospun polymer nanofibers
PO.15	C. Voniatis	Prospects of poly(vinyl)alcohol scaffolds In abdominal hernia treatment. A study of mechanical properties.
PO.16	M. Kokonou	Electrospun PEO/PLLA Fibrous Membranes for Sustained Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors Delivery in Situ
PO.17	K. Christodoulou	Anthracene-containing electrospun fibers for ammonia gas sensing



<b>PO.18</b>	G. Papapaskeva	Synthetic strategies towards the combination of hydrogels with electrospun fibers
<b>PO.19</b>	A. Christofi, C. Christou	Lime-based composites reinforced with electrospun fibers
<b>PO.20</b>	M. Nikolaou	Effect of UV irradiation and sonication on the morphology of electrospun polymer-based nanocomposite fibers
<b>PO.21</b>	A. Rinaldi	Cross-cutting opportunities in Europe for technologies for extreme applications and low or null critical raw material content
<b>PO.22</b>	I. Savva	Chitosan-based electrospun nanocomposite fibrous mats and their bioapplications