

## **VISIT OF THE EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO THE INSTITUTE FOR POLYMERS AND COMPOSITES**

On June 11 and 12, 2006, the international members of the External Scientific Committee (ESC), prof. dr. Mosto Bousmina, prof. dr. ir. Han Meijer and prof. dr. Georg Michler visited the Institute in Guimarães.

In the afternoon of the first day, the ESC members had preliminary discussions with the President of IPC. In the morning of the second day, the IPC laboratories were visited and a meeting with all the PhD members was held, involving a presentation of the Institute followed by a general discussion. In the afternoon, the ESC had a private meeting to prepare a preliminary version of the assessment report and proposals for the Institute's future development. This was followed by another general meeting with IPC members to present and discuss that report.

The visit was very fruitful, allowing the ESC members to acquire an in-depth knowledge of IPC, its facilities and researchers. It also proved to be a dynamic forum for the advancement of a number of suggestions that will have a clear and positive impact on the future activities of the Institute. The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee are included in the annexed report. The next visit of the External Scientific Committee to Guimarães is scheduled for June-July 2007



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