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Plenary Speakers

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Christine Luscombe is a Professor at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. She earned her B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and was a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley. She began her independent career at the University of Washington, where she is now an Elected Member of the Washington State Academy of Sciences (2020). Prof. Luscombe's research on the synthesis of

semiconducting polymers and the study of microplastics has led to over 140 publications. Her work has been recognized with awards such as the NSF CAREER Award, DARPA Young Faculty Award, Sloan Research Fellowship, the Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry of Japan Lecture Award (2017), the Society of Polymer Science Japan Science Award (2022), the Jean-Marie Lehn Award (2024), and Dresselhaus Memorial Lectureship Award (2026). She is currently Editor-in-Chief for *Polymer Chemistry*, and serves on the Board of Directors for MRS and the Board for Society of Polymer Science Japan. She is the Vice President (President-elect) of IUPAC.

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