

# 2019 Summary of Activities

## Bio-based Colloids and Materials group

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**BiCMat**  
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# Introduction

## BiCMat Research Strategy

Our core activities involve biobased materials of different size scales, mainly those displaying large interfacial areas such as fibers (micro/nano fibers), fiber networks, particles, colloids and multiphase systems.

## BiCMat Focus

- Nano/microfibrillar ligno-cellulose, nanocrystals & bacterial cellulose. Nanochitin and dairy colloids
- Multiphase systems: dispersions, foams, gels, membranes and aerogels.
- Stimuli-responsive materials.
- Proteins, enzymes and (bio)sensing.

# Foreword

2019 was an exciting year for BiCMat and its members. The year was packed with activities and a great scientific productivity. A most important highlight is “BiCMat” newborns: *Congratulations to the proud parents: **Kati M., K. Helanto, N. Yau, S. Huan, B. Long, X. Zhang.***

In addition, **L. Wang** got married and **R. Ajdary** became engaged.

Special thanks go to **Jukka Hassinen** (FinnCERES manager), **Heidi Henrickson** (Materials Platform Coordinator) and her team, as well as **Mirkka Jones** (HYBER Coordinator). **Johanna Majoinen** (BioEICell coordinator), **Stina Grönqvist** and **Tekla Tammelin**, both from VTT and FinnCERES partners. **Marja Kärkkäinen** for her loyalty and support as well as **Leena-Sisko** and **Joe Campbell** (XPS). We also sincerely thank the assistance of BiO2 HR Manager, **Sanni Mero** and Controller **Jenni Ala-Hongisto**. **Sorana Nagy** (budget) and **Harri Koskinen** (IT) are also thanked.

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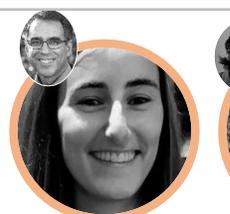
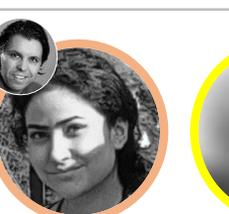
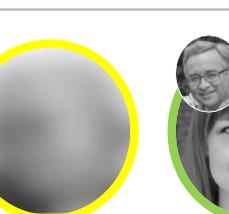


Molecular Engineering of Biosynthetic Hybrid Materials Research

**PhD & MS students**

 Konrad Klockars ERC	 Rubina Ajdary BioFuture TUTLI/UPM	 Ling Wang LIFT/UPM, end 2020	 Janika Lehtonen ERC, end 2020	 Tero Kämäräinen ERC, end 2020	 Roozbeh Abidnejad ERC, 5-20
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 Alvaro Gonzalez Arauco, Chile	 Annika Ketola VTT	 Karoliina Helanto Metsä	 Noora Yau FinnCERES	

**Seniors**

 Blaise Tardy ERC	 Bruno Mattos ERC	 Johanna Majoinen ERC	 Maryam Borghei INPAPER	 Guang Chu FinnCERES	 Wenchao Xiang ERC	 Marco Beaumont ERC	
 Jukka Hassinen FinnCERES	 Kati Miettunen AKA	 Heidi Henrikson Mat Platf + FinnCERES	 Sanna Hokkanen Valio	 Annamari Jukkola Foundation	 Monir Imani Patrick Gane	 Leena Sisko BiO2	 Marja Kärkkäinen BiO2

**Visitors**

 Filipe Ferreira Brasil, 01-20	 Shi Xueting ERC, 04-20	
 Yang Meng ERC, China	 Xiao Zhang China, 08-20	 Eric Hahnert Fulbright
 Shasha Guo China, 04-20	 Urs Dierker ERC	 Gonghua Hong China, 06-21

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# Group member International Exchange

**Janika Lehtonen** to Deakin University, Institute for Frontier Materials. Host: Dr. Ludovic Dumée, ARC DECRA Senior Research Fellow. 6 months, 2019

**Maryam Borghei** and **Katariina Solin** to Sorbonne University, France (hosts: Prof. Hubert Perrot & Dr. Ozlem Sel), April 2019:

**Maryam Borghei** and **Katariina Solin** to Cidetec Research Institute, Spain (host: Dr. Ana Vinuales), May 2019

**Blaise Tardy** to the Department of Chemical Engineering (Ray Degastine and Frank Caruso), University of Melbourne, Australia, November 25, 2019 to January 5, 2020



# PhD, Licentiate and MS defenses (7)



**Annamari Jukkola (PhD)**  
"Fractionation of Milk Fat Globule Membranes in Butter Processing"  
May 31, 2019  
Opponent: Dr. Jose Sanchez Marcano, Université de Montpellier, Institut Européen des Membranes

**Antti Kilpinen (MSc)**, "Regenerated cellulose-based films and laboratory scale equipment for their production", August 16, 2019

**Xuetong Shi (MSc)**, "Functionalized nanocellulose supported phase change material for thermal energy storage"  
October 1st, 2019

**Stefan Winklehner (MSc)**, "Compatibilization of plasticized cellulose acetate and thermoplastic elastomer with a multifunctional branching agent done by reactive extrusion",  
November 18, 2019

**Olli-Pekka Lehtinen (Licentiate)**, Colloidal structures of phospholipids in vegetable oil and their potential usage in surface treatment of nanocellulose for food applications",  
November 19, 2019

**Mikko Laine (MSc)**, "Biosynthetic Production of Bacterial Cellulose-Chitosan Composite by Modifying Hestrin-Schramm Broth Sugar Composition", December 9, 2019



**Wenchao Xiang (PhD)**  
"Interfacial Stabilization of Multiphase Systems with (Ligno)cellulosic (Nano)materials and Surfactants"  
December 5, 2019 .  
Opponent: Professor Lennart Bergström, Stockholm University, Sweden



# Hosted seminars (17)

Carlos Pascoal Neto, The Navigator company, Portugal. January 21, 2019.

Alejandro Carvajal and Jose Herrera, The Colonia2go GmbH company, Germany and Colombia. January 31, 2019.

Run-Cang Sun, Director, Beijing Key Laboratory of Lignocellulosic Chemistry, Industrial Biorefinery of Lignocellulose for Biomaterials, Bioethanol, and Chemicals in China, February 14, 2019.

Jordi Esquena, Surface Chemistry Group, Institute of Advanced Chemistry of Catalonia (IQAC), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Barcelona, Spain. Hydrogel Formation and encapsulation in Water-in-Water (W/W) emulsions, April 11, 2019





Jordi Esquena, Surface Chemistry Group, Institute of Advanced Chemistry of Catalonia (IQAC), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Barcelona, Spain. Design, properties and applications of porous materials obtained in highly concentrated emulsions, April 12, 2019.

Md Sarwar Jahan, Chief Scientific Officer, Pulp and Paper Research Division, BCSIR Laboratories, Dhaka and Mr. Harri Ahveninen, Senior Associate, Vision Hunters' Bangladesh expert, April 24, 2019.



Cosima Stubenrauch, Institute of Physical Chemistry, University of Stuttgart, Germany. Microfluidics: A Tool to Control Pore Size Polydispersity in Polysaccharide Foams, May 10, 2019.



Jose Sanchez Marcano, Directeur de Recherche, Institut Europeen des Membranes, Montpellier, France. Enzyme-grafted ceramic membranes in enzymatic membrane reactors: an experimental and modeling approach, May 29, 2019



Ray Dagastine, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Melbourne, Australia. Dynamic interactions between micro-drops and micro-bubbles: adhesion and mass transport, June 12, 2019



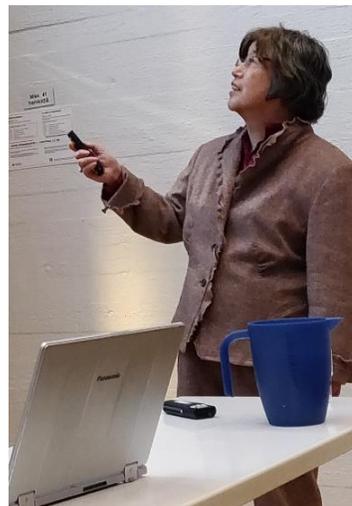
Ray Dagastine, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Melbourne, Australia. Novel methods to measure the diffusion and interactions of anisotropic nano-particles near a confining interface, June 13, 2019.

Gordon Selling – United States Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, IL, USA. Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks – Amylose Inclusion Complexes, July 15, 2019



Washington L.E. Magalhães, Nanotecnologia Embrapa Florestas. Embrapa Activities, August 10, 2019

Heather Trajano, Chemical and Biological Engineering, University of British Columbia. Capturing the Complexity of Hemicellulose Hydrolysis, September 19, 2019



Toyoko Imae, Honorary Chair Professor of Graduate Institute of Applied Science and Technology and Joint Chair Professor of Department of Chemical Engineering, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan. Activity of catalysts embedded in cellulose nanofiber films, October 8, 2019.



Lennart Bergström, Department of Materials and Environmental Chemistry, Stockholm University, Sweden. Nanocellulose based materials: assembly and interfacial engineering, December 4, 2019

## Other visitors hosted:

- Antonio Cardenas, Universidad de Los Andes, Venezuela, July 9, 2019
- Bomin Lee, Yemi Yang, Global Challengers, Seoul National University, July 11, 2019
- Steve Kelly (NCSU) and TappiNano support team, August 27, 2019
- Claus Felby, Head of Biotech, Novo Nordisk Fonden and, Dina Petranovic Nielsen, Senior Scientific Officer, Novo Nordisk, October 31, 2019
- Maria Intscher, Vice President & Design Director, Ready-to-Wear Vera Wang Group, November 2019
- Beijing working group in Finland, Ziqi Zhu, Zhongguancun Science Park (Z-park), Jun Xue, Founding Partner, THG Ventures Co., Ltd and others. December 2, 2019

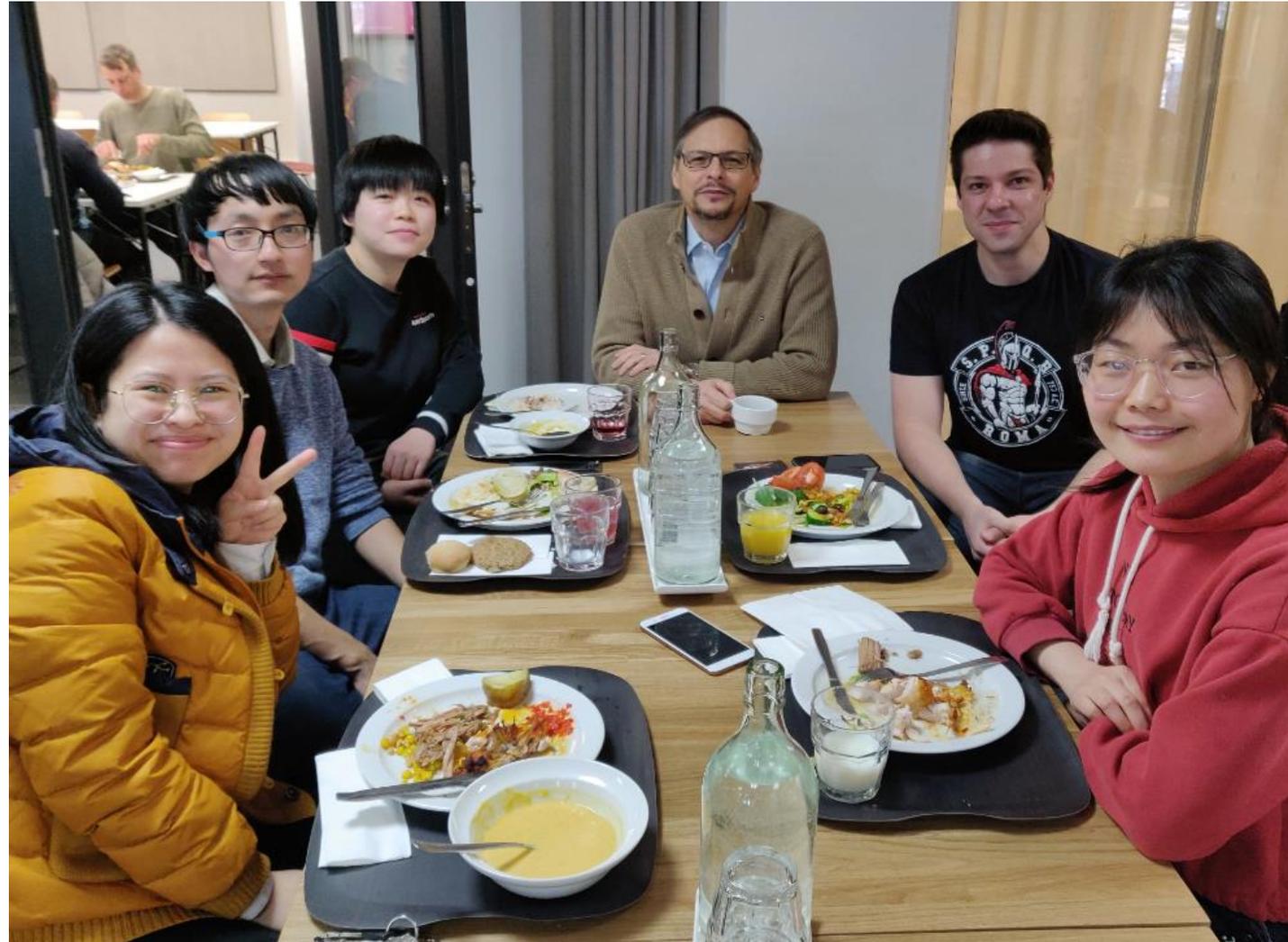


# Hosted research Exchanges (29)

1. **Ruth Rojas**, Chemistry Department, Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica, January 28 - February 20, 2019
2. **Kenly Araya**, Chemistry Department, Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica, January 28 - February 20, 2019
3. **Gabriela L. Berto**, Escola de Engenharia de Lorena, Universidade de São Paulo, Laboratório de Biocatálise e Bioprodutos Renováveis – BBioPRO, August 12, 2018-July of 2019
4. **Lisandra de Castro Alves**, Materials Science, University of Santiago de Compostela, July 4 to August 20, 2019.
5. **Caio Gomide Otoni**, University of Campinas, Brazil, May 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019
6. **Filipe Vargas**, University of Campinas, Brazil, January 2019 to January 2020
7. **Prof. Shi Yan**, Tianjin University of Commerce, Tianjin, P.R. China, July 22, 2019 to October 31, 2019
8. **Eva Pasquier**, Grenoble, France. Gabriela Berto, Escola de Engenharia de Lorena, Universidade de São Paulo.
9. **Xiao Zhang**, College of Material Science and Engineering, Northeast Forestry University, 1.8 years
10. **Yang Meng**, College of Materials Science and Technology, Beijing Forestry University, 1 year



11. **Carlos Eduardo Silveira da Silva**, Ciências Ambientais e Florestais (UFRRJ), Brazil, August 12, 2018- August, 2019
12. **Niu Xun**, Ph.D. student, College of Chemical Engineering, Nanjing Forestry University, August 1, 2018 to April 30, 2020.
13. **Antonio Maria Borrero Lopez**, Química Física y Ciencia de los Materiales, Universidad de Huelva, Spain, 3 months.
14. **Washington Luiz Esteves Magalhães**, Embrapa Florestas Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (Embrapa), Curitiba, Brazil, August 6, 2019-Septmeber 30, 2019
15. **Hongbin Xie**, College of Bioresources Chemical and Materials Engineering, Shaanxi University of Science and Technology, November 10, 2018 to March 10, 2019.
16. **Lin Li**, College of Bioresources Chemical and Materials Engineering, Shaanxi University of Science and Technology, November 10, 2018 to March 10, 2019.
17. **Peiyao Wang**, College of Bioresources Chemical and Materials Engineering, Shaanxi University of Science and Technology, November 10, 2018 to March 10, 2019.
18. **Xiaoli Zhen**, College of Bioresources Chemical and Materials Engineering, Shaanxi University of Science and Technology, November 10, 2018 to March 10, 2019.
19. **Shasha Guo**, December 8, 2019-March 1, 2020
20. **Gonghua Hong**, Beijing Forestry University, 15 October, 2019 December 2020.
21. **Catia Almeida**, The Navigator Company, Portugal, October 7 to November 11, 2019



**22. André Luiz Missio**, UFSM, Executive Editor - Brazilian J. Wood Sci., September 01 to October 5, 2019.

**23. Carmen Hervés**, Department of Advanced Chemistry of Catalonia, Spanish National Research Council, Spain, 3 months.

**24. Marco Beaumont**, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria, Cellulose Nanoparticles, 2 months.

**25. Jorge Luengo**, CMPC, Chile.

**26. Eric Hahnert** as Fulbright scholar from University of Louisville, 1 year.

**27. Emily Facchine**, North Carolina University, 5 months.

**28. Soo Ah Jin** North Carolina University, 5 months.

**29. Ossi Kettle**, Middle School, TET student, April 2019.





Farewell Lisandra de Castro Alves



Steve Kelly (NCSU) and TappiNano support team, August 2019



Forest Academy



Ossi Kettle, April 2019

# BiCMat cooperation with Lignin group of Mikhail Balakshin



- Aalto grant on AI-WOOD (related to use of Artificial Intelligence and in cooperation with Prof. Patrick Rinke)
- Cooperation in LIFT Project (NordForsk)
- Cooperation on the use of lignin from Hydrothermal Treatment (HTT)
- Recent cooperation article: Lourençon T.V., Greca L.G., Tarasov D., Borrega M., Tamminen T., **Rojas O.J.**, Balakshin M.Y., Lignin-first integrated hydrothermal treatment (HTT) and synthesis of low-cost biorefinery particles, **ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering**, Accepted (2020). DOI: [10.1021/acssuschemeng.9b06511](https://doi.org/10.1021/acssuschemeng.9b06511)

# Examiner/opponent activities in 2019 (6)



**Zhaoxuan Feng, From Polysaccharides to Functional Materials for Trace Pharmaceutical Adsorption, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Department of Fibre and Polymer Technology, May 23, 2019**



**Yunjuan He, Corrosion protection and nanomechanical properties of waterborne acrylate-based coating with and without nanocellulose on carbon steel, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Department of Chemistry, Stockholm, November 22 - 2019**



**Tor Sewring, Precipitation of Kraft Lignin from Aqueous Solutions, Chalmers University of Technology, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Gothenburg, Sweden, March 28, 2019**

**Sophie Groult, Pectin-based aerogels: Advanced materials for thermal insulation and drug delivery applications, MINES ParisTech, Mécanique Numérique et Matériaux, Antibes France, May 28, 2019 (committee member)**

**Preeti Tyagi, Nanocellulose-based Sustainable Barrier and Antimicrobial Coatings, North Carolina State University, Department of Forest Biomaterials, July 8, 2019 (committee member)**

**Alexander Sokolov, Pulsed corona discharge for wastewater treatment and modification of organic material, Lappeenranta University of Technology, April 2019 (pre-examiner)**

# Material Exhibitions

- Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, October 19-27, 2019.
- Materials Matter Exhibition 3.0 at Finlandia Hall, 2019.
- SLUSH, 2019.



**Noora Yau and Urs Dierker** are active in the use of nanomaterial for art and design in collaboration with several members of the group (K. Klockars, B. Tardy, J. Lehtonen and others).

Collaborators: Pirjo Kääriäinen, Lily Diaz-Kommonen and Kirsi Niinimäki

# Awards to group members

- **Anurodh Tripathi** for the James K. Ferrell Outstanding PhD Graduate Award, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, North Carolina State University, 2019
- **Anurodh Tripathi**, Distinguished Graduate Dissertation Award, 2019 Distinguished Graduate Dissertation Award from the College of Engineering, 2019
- **Prajesh Adhikari**, Nonwovens Institute Best Presentation Award
- **Rubina Ajdary**, Young Researchers Marcus Wallenberg Young Researchers Challenge (€ 800), 2019.
- **Rubina Ajdary**, Encouragement grant, Tekniikan Edistämmissäätiö, TES (€ 5000)
- **Ling Wang**, Kaute foundation (PoDoCo program ), “High-performance carbon fibre from wood”
- **Ling Wang**, Puunjalostus-insinöörit for her attendance to the ‘Tappi 2019 Intl. Conference Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials
- **Maryam Borghei**, #EITJumpstarter 2019, Best European Association Training
- **BiCMat**, receives TUTLI funds to Develop Individualised Biomaterials for Medical Treatment (Business Finland)
- **Blaise Tardy**, MSE visiting Fellowship for visit in Australia
- **Wenchao Xiang**, Puunjalostusinsinöorit, Research Grant 2019
- **Wenchao Xiang**, Engineer Travel Grant Scholarship (Insinöörien matka-apurahaston stipendit) 2019”
- **Meri Ludhal**, Heinz-Mondi-Sappi Award (€ 3333), 2019
- **Alexey Khakalo**, Heinz-Mondi-Sappi Award (€ 3333), 2018
- **Meri Lundahl**, Aalto University, CHEM Best Dissertation, 2019
- **Annamari Jukkola**, Jenny & Antti Wihuri foundation-PD research (€ 15000), 2019
- **Jukka Hassinen**, special mention as CHEM Facilitator of 2019
- **Kati Miettunen**, Tandem Forest Value project funding (€ 200k, 1.9.2020-31.8.2024)
- **Alexey Khakalo** (VTT), Niilo Ryti Award (€ 5000), 2019
- **Hannes Orelma** (VTT), promoted as Team Leader of “Functional Cellulose”.





Surprise celebration on behalf of BiCMat for Orlando Rojas



Farewell lunch with Rafael Grande, visiting postdoc



# Promotion Evaluations

1. Name not disclosed, Provas de Agregação, nanocellulose: an endless source of innovative bio-based materials, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal, June 17, 2019
2. Name not disclosed Imperial College, Department of Aeronautics, Reader in Polymeric Materials
3. Name not disclosed Professorship promotion, Faculty of Physics and Chemistry, University of Cambridge, December 2019
4. Name not disclosed Docent in Food Materials Science, Faculty Council of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Helsinki, March 07, 2019.
5. Name not disclosed, Tier 2, Canada Research Chair in Advanced Renewable Materials, March 6, 2019



Jury for promotion examination in University of Aveiro, Portugal

# BiCMat Journal Publications in 2019 (50)

1. Tardy B.L., Richardson J.J., Greca L.G., Guo J., Ejima H., Rojas O.J., Exploiting supramolecular interactions from polymeric colloids for strong anisotropic adhesion between solid surfaces, **Advanced Materials**, accepted (2020). DOI:
2. Tardy B.S., Mattos B.D., Garcia Greca L.G., Kämäräinen T., Klockars K.W., Rojas O.J., Biomimetic Templating: Tessellation of Chiral-Nematic Cellulose Nanocrystal Films by Microtemplating, **Advanced Functional Materials**, 29, 1808518 (2019). DOI: [10.1002/adfm.201808518](https://doi.org/10.1002/adfm.201808518)
3. Huan S., Mattos B.D., Ajdary R., Xiang W., Bai L., Rojas O.J., Two-Phase Emulgels for Direct Ink Writing of Skin-bearing Architectures, **Advanced Functional Materials**, 1902990 (2019). DOI: [10.1002/adfm.201902990](https://doi.org/10.1002/adfm.201902990)
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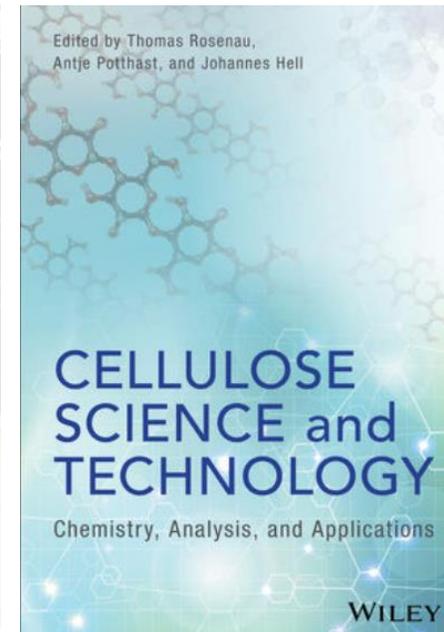
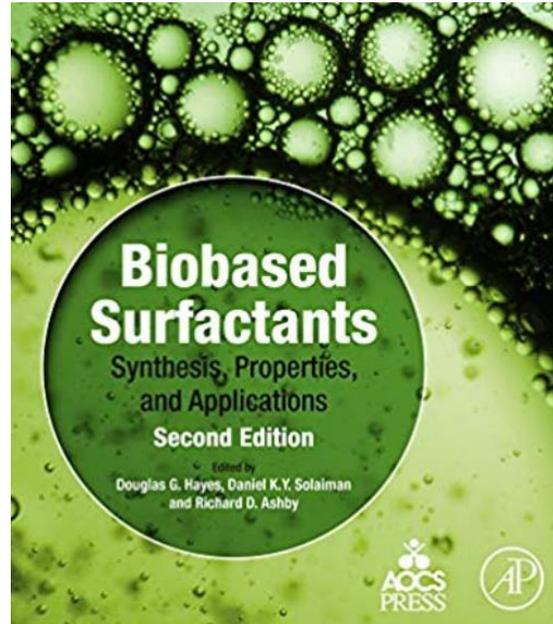
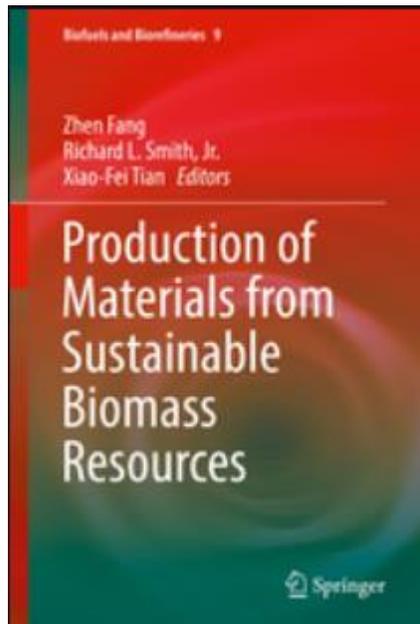


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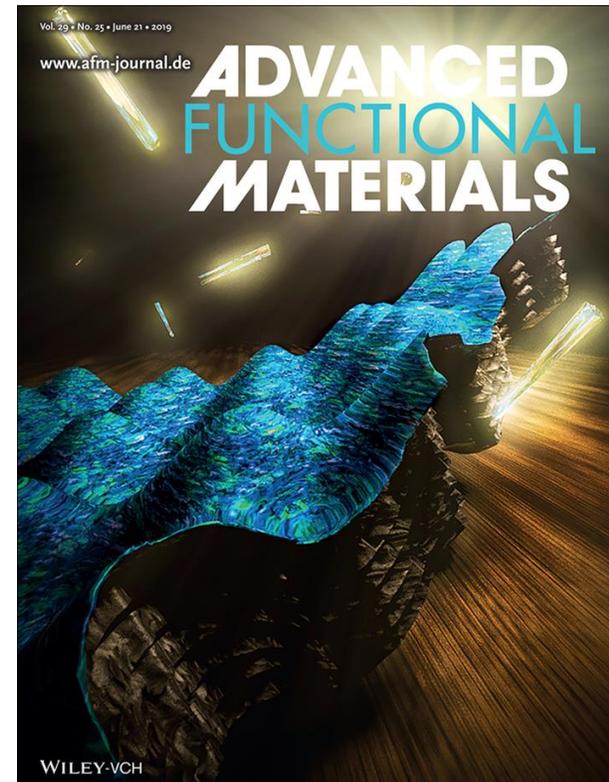
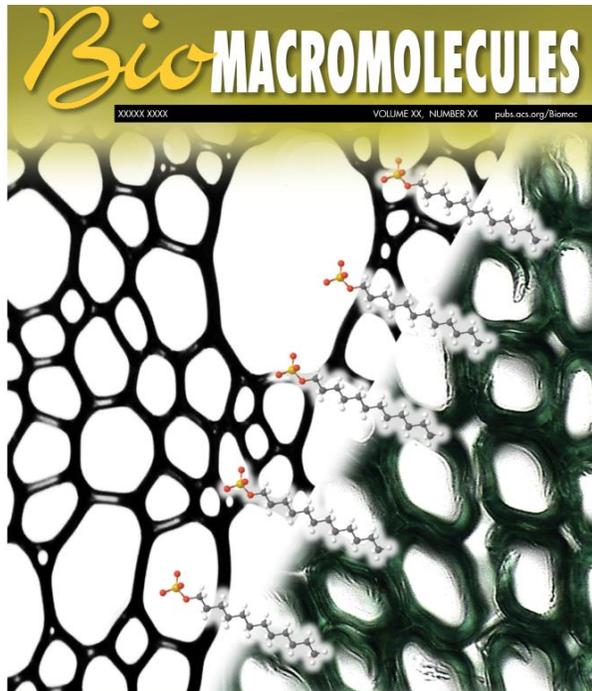


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35. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Lecture**), Bio-based nanostructures, characterization, bioapplications and imaging, Nanomedicines for Biomedical Applications Series, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, May 17, 2019.
36. Rojas O.J. (**Invited talk**) Science and Impact of HYBER and FinnCERES, HYBER-FinnCERES Symposium, Helsinki, Finland, May 15-17, 2019.
37. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) Interfacial Assembly and structuring of renewable nanoparticles for advanced materials, LGP2 - Unité Mixte de Recherche Grenoble INP-CNRS, France, May 26, 2019
38. Rojas O.J. (**Plenary**) Lignocellulose nanomaterials and nanotechnologies: Keys to enable the biobased economy, **2nd International Workshop on Biorefinery of Lignocellulosic Materials (IWBLCM2019)**, Cordoba, Spain, June 4-6, 2019

39. L. Wang, M. Borghei, P. Lahtinen, A. Papageorgiou, M. Lundahl, M. Ago, O.J. Rojas, (**Invited**) Conductive Carbon Microfibers Derived From Wet-Spun Lignin/Nanocellulose Hydrogels, **4th International Conference on Natural Fibers**, Porto, Portugal, July 1- 3, 2019.
40. M. Beaumont, B. Tardy, A. Potthast, T. Rosenau, O.J. Rojas, Spherical cellulose ii core-shell nanoparticles decorated with carboxyl groups, **2nd International Workshop on Biorefinery of Lignocellulosic Materials (IWBLCM2019)**, Cordoba, Spain, June 4-6, 2019
41. CG Otoni, O Rojas, W Loh, Routes for functionalizing nanostructured natural polysaccharides towards antimicrobial foams, **2nd International Workshop on Biorefinery of Lignocellulosic Materials (IWBLCM2019)**, Cordoba, Spain, June 4-6, 2019
42. Rojas O.J., Kangas H., Siqueira G., (**Plenary**) Renewable nanomaterials developments in the Boreal Belt, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
43. Bai L., Rojas O.J., Cost-Effective and Functional Emulsions Stabilized with Renewable Particles, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
44. Mattos B., Rojas, O.J., Robust and Non-Hazardous Porous Constructs Enabled by Compositing Nanoparticles with Nanocelluloses, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
45. Bai, L., Rojas O.J., Fabrication of Edible Oil-in-Water Pickering Emulsions by Microfluidization Using Nanocellulose: Impact on In Vitro Digestion of Triglyceride, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
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47. Tardy, B., Rojas O.J., Simple Framework for the Complete Morphological Characterization of CNFs to Enable Accurate Prediction of their Assembly Behavior, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
48. Ling, W., Rojas, O.J., Carbon Microfibers With High Conductivity Derived From Wet-Spun Lignin/Nanocellulose Hydrogels, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
49. Majoinen J., Rojas O.J., Unconventional CNC Derivatives, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
50. Ajdary R., Rojas O.J., Monocomponent Nanocellulose for Biobased 3D Printing, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.
51. Klockars K., Rojas O.J., Self-Assembly of CNCs Around Complex Contours, **International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials**, Chiba, Japan, June 3-7, 2019.

52. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Lecture**) Nanocelluloses: Interactions and biosensors, **Surface Plasmon Resonance Workshop**, Tampere University, Finland, June 5-11, 2019
53. Rojas O.J. (**Keynote**) Adsorption and interfacial stabilization with nanochitin, nanolignin and nanocelluloses (Track Particles & Molecules at Fluid Interfaces), **93rd ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium**, Atlanta, GA, June 16-19, 2019.
54. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Panelist**), Material Revolution, Finnish Consulate General in NYC, New York, United States, June 25, 2019.
55. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Talk and Panelist**), Material Revolution: bio-based solutions for the future, Finnish Embassy in the US, Washington DC, United States, June 27, 2019.
56. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Talk**) Hydrogels of Chiral–nematic Cellulose Nanocrystals and Nanochitin, **ECI Colloidal, Macromolecular & Biological Gels: Formulation, Properties & Applications**, Cork, Ireland, July 21–24 2019
57. Rojas O.J. (**Invited talk**) Introduction to use of bio-based materials for functional devices, **4th International Conference on Manipulation, Automation and Robotics at Small Scales, MARSS**, Helsinki, Finland, July 1-5, 2019.
58. Ketola A., Xiang W., Hjelt T., Lappalainen T., Pajari H., Tammelinen T., Ketoja J.A., Rojas O.J., Revealing foam-fibre interactions in the production of lightweight materials: captive bubble study with model silica and cellulose surfaces, **Bubble & Drop Conference**, Sofia, Bulgaria, 24-28 June 2019
59. Tardy, B.L., Mattos B., Greca L.G., Klockars K., Kämäräinen T., Rojas O.J., Microarchitecturing of chiral-nematic films - expanding the opto-mechanical property spaces, **Elsevier International Conference on Multifunctional, Hybrid and Nanomaterials (HYMA)**, Sitges, Spain, March 11-15, 2019
60. Blaise, T., Rojas O.J. (**Invited Talk**) Exploiting electrostatic and coordination interactions from bio-based polymers and colloids to direct nano- to macro-construction, **9th International Workshop on Polymer-Metal Nanocomposites**, Helsinki, Finland, July 22-24, 2019
61. Rojas O.J. (**Plenary talk**) Recent Developments in Advanced Materials from Nanopolysaccharides and Nanolignins, **International Symposium of Renewable and Sustainable Materials 2019**, Taipei, Taiwan, August 8-10, 2019
62. Rojas O.J. (**Invited talk**) Microfibers and Textile Materials from Dry- and Wet-Spinning of Structured Biopolymer Hydrogels, **The 2nd Conference on Nanomaterials and Advanced Composites**, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taipei, Taiwan, August 10-11, 2019
63. Bai L., Tardy B.L., Greca L., Mattos B., Klockars K., Xiang W., Imani M., Rojas O.J., Lignocellulosic nanofibrils and nanochitins: films and coatings, **Euromat 2019**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1-5, 2019.
64. Greca L., Tardy B.L., Mattos B., Rojas O.J., Sol-gel like process for novel functional, multiscale particulate coatings - Luiz G. Greca, Blaise L. Tardy, Bruno D. Mattos, Orlando J. Rojas, **Euromat 2019**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1-5, 2019.
65. Otoni C., Silva D., Capeletti L., Cardoso M., Rojas O.J., Bernardes J., Loh W., Correlating surface characteristics with antibacterial efficiency of nanofibrillated cellulose foams, **Euromat 2019**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1-5, 2019.

66. Jin S.A., Khan S., Rojas O.J., Spontak R., Elucidating the Mesomorphic Behavior of Cellulose Nanocrystal Films at Low Ionic Strength, **Euromat 2019**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1-5, 2019.
67. Facchine E., Rojas O.J., Khan S., Critical concentration for self-assembly of biopolymer nanocrystals, **Euromat 2019**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1-5, 2019.
68. Tardy B.L., Klockars K.W., Yau N., Tripathi A., Rojas O.J., Side-by-side tethering of the long-range order and the optical and mechanical properties of aerogels and films formed from cellulose nanocrystals, **Euromat 2019**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1-5, 2019.
69. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Talk**) Assembly of nano-polysaccharides and plant polyaromatics at interfaces, **RISE Lignocellulosic Workshop**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 5, 2019.
70. Rojas O.J. (**Invited seminar**) The next material revolution will start in forest, Seminar, University of Santiago de Compostela, School of Physics, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, September 11, 2019.
71. Rojas O.J. (**Keynote speaker**) Back to the Future with the Forest, in BPI Researcher days, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, September 17, 2019
72. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) BioColloids in the formulation of Multiphases, **O Boticário**, Curitiba, Brazil, September 19, 2019
73. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) Assembly of nano-polysaccharides and plant polyaromatics at interfaces, **Universidade Federal do Paraná**, UPFR, Curitiba, Brazil, September 19, 2019
74. Rojas O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) Assembly of nano-polysaccharides and plant polyaromatics at interfaces, **EMBRAPA**, Curitiba, Brazil, September 20, 2019
75. Rojas O.J. (**Key Note**) Assembly of nano-polysaccharides and plant polyaromatics at interfaces, **XVIII Brazil MRS meeting**, Balneario Camboriu, Brazil, September 22-27, 2019.
76. Mattos B.D., Greca L.G., Tardy B.L., Rojas O.J., Hybrid supraparticles with highly localized functional domains enabled by cellulose nanofibrils, **XVIII Brazil MRS meeting**, Balneario Camboriu, Brazil, September 22-27, 2019.
77. Berto G.L., Mattos B.D., Rojas O.J., Arantes V., Systematic investigation of the defibrillation of cellulose fibers into nanofibrils assisted by single-step enzymatic treatment, **XVIII Brazil MRS meeting**, Balneario Camboriu, Brazil, September 22-27, 2019.
78. Tardy B.L., Tripathi A., Mattos B., Greca L., Klockars K., Kämäräinen T., Rojas O.J., Transitions from liquid crystalline suspensions of cellulose nanocrystals to multi-scaled, hierarchically-structured films and aerogels, **XVIII Brazil MRS meeting**, Balneario Camboriu, Brazil, September 22-27, 2019.
79. Otoni C., Silva D., Cardoso M., Bernardes J., Rojas O.J., Loh W., Antimicrobial aerogels based on natural polysaccharides, **XVIII Brazil MRS meeting**, Balneario Camboriu, Brazil, September 22-27, 2019.
80. Greca L.G., Lehtonen J., Tardy B.L., Mattos B.D., Rafiee M., Karakoc A., Rojas O.J., From bioinspiration to biofabrication: superhydrophobic surfaces for the production of nanocellulose-based 3D biofilms, **XVIII Brazil MRS meeting**, Balneario Camboriu, Brazil, September 22-27, 2019.
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82. Rojas O.J. (**Keynote lecture**) 3D-structured Cellulose Biofilms and Applications, **4th International Symposium on Bacterial Nanocellulose**, Porto, Portugal, October 3-4, 2019.
83. Rojas O.J. (**Keynote seminar**) Assembly of nano-polysaccharides and plant polyaromatics at interfaces, Chemistry and Engineering of Formulation, **UCCS-ENSCL-University Lille**, Lille, France, October 11, 2019
84. Rojas O.J. (**Keynote lecture**) Development of Advanced Lignocellulosic Bioproducts. Colloidal behavior, phase transitions and applications, **Master CIF (Chemistry and Engineering of Formulation)**, National School of Chemistry, University Lille, Lille, October 10, 2019
85. Rojas O.J. (**Plenary Lecture**) Cellulose nanocrystals: chemistry, self-assembly and applications, **6th International Polysaccharide Conference**, The European Polysaccharide Network of Excellence (EPNOE), Aveiro, Portugal, 21st– 25th October 2019
86. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited talk**) Assembly of nano-polysaccharides and plant polyaromatics at interfaces, **SCUT Forum on Biomass Materials, Biorefineries and Pulp and Papermaking**, Guangzhou, China, November 4, 2019
87. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited Seminar**), Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing, China, November 6, 2019.
88. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) Dalian Polytech University, Dalian, China, November 11, 2019
89. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) College of Food Science, Huazhong Agricultural University, November 13, 2019.
90. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) Wuhan University, November 13, 2019
91. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited Seminar**) Dept. Biomedical Engineering, Huangzhou Univ Science and Technol, November 15, 2019.
92. Rojas, O.J. (**Invited talk**) Co-continuous systems from cellulose and its derivatives, **All-cellulose composites Workshop**, Aalto University, Espoo, Finland, November 21, 2019
93. Lourencon T.V., Greca L.G., Borrega M., Tamminen T., Rojas O.J., Balakshin M., Lignin-First Integrated Biorefinery via Hydrothermal Treatment (HTT) of Biomass: A New Angle of a Known Process, The 20th International Symposium on Wood, Fiber, and Pulping Chemistry, Tokyo, Japan, September 9- 11, 2019.
94. Blaise, T., Deakin University, "Assembly of bio-colloids as a strategy to form high performance and sustainable materials", December 2019.
95. Blaise, T., The University of Melbourne, "Assembly of bio-colloids as a strategy to form high performance and sustainable materials", December 2019.



- Organizer, Polysaccharides in the formulation of multiphase systems, 6th International Polysaccharide Conference, the European Polysaccharide Network of Excellence (EPNOE) , Aveiro, Portugal, 21st– 25th October 2019
- International Symposium of Renewable and Sustainable Materials 2019, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taipei, Taiwan, August 8-10, 2019 , [Advisory Committee]:
- Scientific Committee, 1st International Symposium on Nanocellulosic Materials, Tianjin, China, may 16-17, 2019

# BiCMat highlight of 2019 (I): Bioeconomy trip in the US with Aalto leadership

## Aalto and Bioeconomy activities in the US

- **PVH Corp-TUG**, Maria Gadosky (Sr. Director, Raw Materials & Packaging) and Senthil Lingamoorthy (Director, Raw Materials-Advanced Concepts), June 24, 2019
- **The New School**, CDO Mark Gibbel, June 24, 2019
- **Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA)**, Sara Kozlowski, Director of Education + Professional Development, June 25, 2019
- **Panel at NYC Consulate General**: Event Material revolution
- **American Chemistry Council**: Anne Kolton, Executive Vice President, Communications, Sustainability & Market Outreach; Kathryn StJohn, Senior Director; Bryan Kuppe, Director, Sustainability; Keith Christman, Managing Director; Steven K. Russell, VP ACC's Plastics Dept; Patrick Hurston, Economics Communications, June 26, 2019
- **The Ocean Foundation**, Kate Killerlain Morrison, Strategic Partnerships Director, June 27, 2019.
- **Plastics Industry Trade Association**, Patrick Krieger, Director Regulatory & Technical Affairs, June 27, 2019.
- **Material Revolution**: bio-based solutions for the future, Evening event at the Embassy, Washington DC, June 27, 2019



Above: Panel at NYC Consulate General: Janne Laine (VP Innovation-Aalto), O Rojas; Kay Makishi (founder of the <https://makishiapparel.com/>), Representative of Eileen Fisher, Loren Nadres, Director of Economic Development from NYC Mayor's Office for International Affairs and Ilkka Niemelä (President, Aalto).



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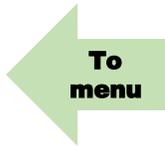
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# BiCMat highlight of 2019 (II): Exchanges with China

South China University of Technology, Nanjing Forestry University, Wuhan University, Dalian Polytech, Huazhong Agricultural University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology



O. Rojas appointed Distinguished Professor (NJFU), Visiting Professor (Dalian) and Guest Professor (SCUT), 2019



# BiCMat highlight of 2019 (III): Exercise activities





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### Core members



Long Bai,  
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Label-friendly emulsions for food, personal care and cosmetics, nanochitin.  
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Huan Siqi,  
PDR  
01/10/20-

3D printing with nanocellulose hydrogels, electrospinning, emulsions and composites.  
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Niu Xun,  
PhD student  
03/01/20

Cellulose-based multi-functional materials, ILs, plasticized films, BC.



Xu Tong Shi,  
PhD student  
03/01/20

Phase-changing materials, thermal insulation.

### Visiting PhD students



Shasha Guo,  
SCUT,  
03/20-12/21

Pickering emulsions based cellulose and lignin nanomaterials.



Tianyu Guo,  
NJFU  
02/20-02/21

Design of bioinspired nanocellulose-based materials with self-healing performance. Cellulose-dopamine/mineral hybrids



Junhua Xu,  
NJFU  
02/20-02/21

In-situ co-precipitation of layered HAP in chitin nanofibril hydrogels



Ming He,  
QLU  
05/20-05/21

Preparation and application of nanocelluloses, Deep Eutectic Solvent, papermaking

### Visiting Faculty



Tingting Xu,  
NJFU  
02/20-04/21

Biomaterials, Synthesis, Self- & Direct Assembly of Biobased Colloidal Systems for Food Pathogen Detection.



Yanxia Zhang,  
Soochow Univ  
03/20-09/20

Biomaterials, Bioactive surfaces, scaffolds, bacterial cellulose.

*Planned exchanges (Aalto-UBC):  
Katariina Solin, Rubina Ajdary and others*

