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## Mitsui Chemicals Holds Mitsui Chemicals Symposium on Advanced Materials at ISIS-ULP in France

Japan's Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (MCI) has held its international symposium at Institut de Science et d'Ingenierie Supramoleculaires (ISIS), namely the Institute of Supramolecular-Engineering Science which is located at University Louis Pasteur (ULP) in Strasbourg, France, on November 22 under the theme: "Advanced Materials Enabling New Functions," MCI announced today.

The symposium consisted of the lectures by six scientists engaged in the advanced-materials researches from the domestic and international network as well as the poster session that included thirteen presentations.

The company held The First Mitsui Chemicals Symposium on Catalysis Science (MICS 2003) in March last year (2003). This year, MCI has hosted the symposium at ISIS where the Nobel Prize laureate and the lecturer at MICS 2003, Prof. Jean-Marie Lehn takes overall responsibility.

Pursuing the objective of changing its business structure under its current medium-term business plan, MCI is pushing ahead with expanding and growing the functional-materials sector. The holding of the symposium this time looks to the collaboration with the research bodies in the field of advanced materials in Europe as well as generating business opportunities. This being the first time for MCI to host a symposium overseas, the company is very pleased to note that the symposium has ended with great success inviting some 180 participants mainly from academe and industry in Europe.

Also, MCI will be hosting its Second International Symposium on Catalysis Science (MICS 2005) in March, 2005 under the leading theme "Green Catalysts for Specialty Chemicals." It is the strong hope of Mitsui Chemicals that MICS 2005 would serve as a forum of extensive interchange among researchers from around the world and an excellent opportunity for creating new knowledge in the field of catalysis science.

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## The General Outline of the Symposium

1. Title of the symposium:

Mitsui Chemicals Symposium at ISIS-ULP  
ISIS: Institut de Science et d'Ingenierie Supramoleculaires  
ULP: University Louis Pasteur

2. Theme:

Advanced Materials Enabling New Functions

3. Date:

November 22 (Monday), 2004

4. Venue:

ISIS-University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France

5. Lecturers and Lecture Titles

Prof. Jean-Marie Lehn (ISIS-University Louis Pasteur, France)  
"DYNAMERS: Dynamic Molecular and Supramolecular Polymer"

Prof. Makoto Fujita (The University of Tokyo, Japan)  
"Function through Architecture:  
Metal-Directed Self-Assembly of Large Hollow  
Frameworks as Applied to Molecular Flasks "

Prof. Gero Decher (ISIS-University Louis Pasteur, France)  
"Design of Functional Surfaces"

Prof. Rolf Mulhaupt (Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg, Germany)  
"New Routes to Polymerization Catalysts and  
Advanced Polyolefin Materials"

Dr. Terunori Fujita (Research Fellow, Catalysis Science Laboratory,  
Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. , Japan)  
"Creation of Value-Added Polylmers Using New Olefin  
Polymerization Catalysts"