



Macro Group UK Medal for Contribution to UK Polymer Science 2008



This year's award has been made to **Prof. Steve Howdle** (University of Nottingham) for his outstanding contribution to the UK polymer community. For over 15 years Prof Howdle has been at the forefront of the use of supercritical CO₂ as a green solvent to process polymeric systems and to synthesise new polymers with advantageous morphologies, the most commercially interesting of which are metal-polymer nanocomposites and tissue engineering scaffolds. He has published in excess of 250 invited and refereed papers and has 10 patents to his name. He is an integral member of the International Biomaterials Research Association, an initiative

which links recognised centres of excellence in polymeric science in Australia, USA and the UK. In 2002 Prof Howdle founded Critical Pharmaceuticals a company spun-out from his research into the use of scCO₂ for polymer processing.
