

## 2016 Macro Group UK Medal for Outstanding Achievement

The Macro Group UK Medal for Outstanding Achievement is awarded to a scientist based any-where in the world that has made outstanding contributions to the field of polymer science.



The 2016 award has been made to **Professor Nikos Hadjichristidis** (Polymer Synthesis Laboratory, KAUST Catalysis Center, Division of Physical Sciences & Engineering, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, KAUST).

Professor Hadjichristidis received his Ph.D in 1971 from the University of Liège, Belgium. He is best known for his work on the synthesis of well-defined polymers with complex macromolecular architectures using anionic polymerisation high vacuum techniques. These materials have led to numerous advances such as the development of nanorelief ceramics or the demonstration of tri-continuous cubic phases in copolymers. They are ideal models for validating established theory, understanding and improving the performance of industrial polymers and are potential candidates for high-tech applications such as nanolithography or drug delivery. Prof Hadjichristidis is a member on the Editorial Board of several leading polymer journals (Polymer Chemistry, European Polymer Journal, Progress in Polymer Science and Journal of Polymer Science) and has published more than 450 scientific papers. He has received numerous awards, including the International Award of the Society of Polymer Science, Japan, 2007 and the 2015 ACS National Award in Polymer Chemistry.