

## 2017 Macro Group UK Young Researchers Medal

The Macro Group UK Young Researchers Medal is awarded annually to a UK based scientist with up to 12 years of experience since completion of PhD on December 31st of the preceding year (exclusive of career breaks) and whose contributions to polymer science show out-standing promise for the future.



The 2017 award has been made to **Dr Rachel Evans** (University of Cambridge)

Dr Rachel Evans obtained her PhD in Physical Chemistry in 2007 from Swansea University. She was a Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at the Université

Paris-Sud, France and subsequently held an FCT research fellowship between the University of Coimbra and the University of Aveiro, Portugal. In 2009, she was appointed as a Contract Lecturer in Physical Chemistry at Trinity College Dublin (TCD), and in 2011 became the Ussher Assistant Professor in Device Fabrication. She was subsequently made a Fellow of TCD and promoted to Associate Professor. In 2017, Rachel moved back to the UK to take up a University Lectureship at University of Cambridge in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy. Rachel's research is multidisciplinary and involves polymer, colloid and photophysical chemistry. Her current work is focused on the development of photoactive polymer-hybrid materials for luminescent solar devices, organic photovoltaics and stimuli-responsive membranes. Rachel has numerous national and international collaborations and is a member of the Editorial Board for *Materials Chemistry Today*. Previous awards for her research include the RSC Ronald Belcher Memorial Lectureship and the Dillwyn Medal from the Learned Society of Wales.