



Press release

## “Prospects in Porous Materials” Conférence:

### Success and strategic relevance for Pôle chimie Balard

Balard Chemistry scientific cluster organized in Montpellier for 4 days, from April 5 to April 8, 2016 an international conference about « Prospects in Porous Materials ». About 100 people convened to this High level international conference and participated to comprehensive and fruitful debates about the state of art of chemistry science and moving research forward.

“Prospects in Porous Materials” was the second edition of the Balard Conference series. As for the previous conference, it added value to knowledge through gathering a wide spectrum of stakeholders from various background, among which students and well-known researchers.

Balard Chemistry Scientific Cluster provides a dialogue platform for academics, to enhance and share knowledge, discuss research progress and identify challenges to be addressed. The Balard conference aimed to tackle core research chemistry issues, on both aspects : operational and fundamental.

As a multi-partner platform, the Balard Chemistry Scientific Cluster is a, championing collective action to tackle global chemistry issues, the conference has a distinctive contribution by bridging the gap between different fields of research, all using chemistry. Under the umbrella of porous materials, the role of the liquid-solid interface in the synthesis and the applications will be stressed. Chemical synthesis, modification of surface, confinement effects etc., all fundamental and practical aspects will be tackled, as well as the various applications, ranging from catalysis and separation, energy and electrochemistry, to health.



#### *About Balard Chemistry scientific cluster*

*Montpellier University, the CNRS (French National Research Agency), the CEA (French Atomic Energy Commission) and the National Graduate School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Montpellier (ENSCM) decided to unite their forces in terms of teaching, research, and promoting their activities by creating the Balard Chemistry Centre for Sustainable Development. Setting up a LabEx (laboratory for Excellence), bringing together all the forces in Montpellier on one site to enable to share technological equipments, improving synergies in some common scientific objectives at the horizon of 2020 are among the ambitious objectives of Balard Chemistry Center.*

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