

Dear colleagues,

Upon return from the summer holidays, we want to wish you a good start to a new dynamic and successful academic year.

In this first SPP2080 newsletter we report on several recent developments within the SPP2080. In fact, you will receive a periodical newsletter from SPP2080 from now on.

- ❑ From *September 2019*, **Dr. Alexey Boubnov** is the newly appointed Postdoc within the coordination committee of the SPP2080 at KIT. His expertise in the field of *in-situ* and *operando* catalysts characterization will be an asset to the scientific efforts within the SPP2080, in addition to the administrative coordination assistance.
- ❑ *September 16-19, 2019*, the “**Hands on course on *in-situ* / *operando* XAFS**” will take place at DESY Hamburg, where a number of SPP2080 scientists are participating.
- ❑ The first “**SPP2080 PhD and Postdoc workshop**” will be carried out on *September 19-20, 2019*, at DESY Hamburg, where the PhDs and Postdocs working on the SPP2080 projects will have a chance to present their results, network and, this time, receive training on presentation skills.
- ❑ The next **SPP2080 status meeting** will take place on *February 17-18, 2020*, in Leipzig. Please save the date!
- ❑ More information on upcoming events, publications, open positions, etc. you can find on the **SPP2080 website** ([www.itcp.kit.edu/spp2080/](http://www.itcp.kit.edu/spp2080/)).
- ❑ Detailed information, like posters and slides, common data, pictures, upcoming event flyers, etc. will *only* be shared *via* the **SPP2080 Share Point**. If you haven't yet, please accept the invitation that was sent to you earlier via the BWSync&Share site, in order to access the SPP2080 Share Point. More than half of the participants and every consortium have now access to the SPP2080 Share Point and can take advantage of it.

Would you have any SPP2080-relevant news concerning new publications, upcoming workshops/conferences/events, open positions, etc. please send us an email to:

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