CEPLANT

International Summer School on Plasma-Surface Engineering.

PROGRAMME.

30 JUNE – 3 JULY 2026

Faculty of Science, Masaryk University

Brno, Czech Republic

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30 JUNE	**1 JULY**	**2 JULY**	**3 JULY**
Networking	*Fundamentals*	*Applications*	*Laboratories*

■ DAY 1 · 30 JUNE 2026 · TUESDAY

ARRIVAL DAY AND NETWORKING.

Registration · Welcome · Innovation Lab Briefing · Networking

13:00 – 16:00		**Registration**
16:00 – 16:45	OPENING SUMMER SCHOOL	**Official welcome** *CEPLANT overview · organisers*
16:45 – 17:15	INNOVATION LAB	**Briefing** *Challenges, format, schedule, mentors*
17:15 – 17:45	NETWORKING	**Icebreaker & team formation** *Challenge selection*
17:45 – 18:00		**Group photo**
18:00 – 20:00	NETWORKING	**Welcome reception** *Networking buffet*

DAY 2 · 1 JULY 2026 · WEDNESDAY

FUNDAMENTALS & SURFACE CHARACTERISATION.

+ Innovation Lab intensive co-work

BLOCK I — Fundamentals & Reactor Design

08:30 – 08:40	**Opening of the day**	
08:40 – 09:15	***01*** **Physics of Low-Temperature Plasmas: From Ionisation to Reactive Species** Speaker: ***Prof. Tomáš Hoder*** *CEPLANT*	
09:15 – 09:50	***02*** **Understanding Plasmas through Optical Diagnostics** Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Zdeněk Navrátil*** *CEPLANT*	
09:50 – 10:20	BREAK **Coffee Break I**	
10:20 – 10:55	***03*** **Plasma–Surface Interactions: Mechanisms and Surface Modification Processes** Speaker: ***Prof. Mirko Černák*** *CEPLANT*	
10:55 – 11:30	***04*** **Design and Scaling of Advanced Plasma Reactors for Materials Processing** Speaker: ***Dr. Richard Krumpolec*** *CEPLANT*	
11:30 – 12:05	***05*** **HV Power Supplies for DBDs: Resonant Transformers and Driving Electronics** Speaker: ***Dr. Michal Pazderka*** *CEPLANT*	
12:05 – 13:05	BREAK **Lunch**	

BLOCK II — Innovation Lab Intensive Work

13:05 – 15:05 — INNOVATION LAB
Intensive co-work session
Team work with mentors

15:05 – 15:35 — BREAK
Coffee Break II

BLOCK III — Surface Characterisation & Coatings

15:35 – 16:10 — *06* **Characterisation of Plasma-Treated Surfaces I: SEM / AFM**
Speaker: ***Dr. Zlata Kelar Tučeková*** *CEPLANT*

16:10 – 16:45 — *07* **Characterisation of Plasma-Treated Surfaces II: XRD**
Speaker: ***Dr. Mojmír Meduňa*** *Department of Condensed Matter Physics, MUNI*

16:45 – 17:05 — BREAK
Coffee Break III

17:05 – 17:40 — *08* **Characterisation of Plasma-Treated Surfaces III: XPS**
Speaker: ***Dr. Monika Stupavská*** *CEPLANT*

17:40 – 18:15 — *09* **Characterisation of Plasma-Treated Surfaces IV: Optical methods**
Speaker: ***Dr. Jiří Vohánka*** *CEPLANT*

18:15 – 18:50 — *10* **Plasma-Assisted Functional Coatings (PVD / CVD / ALD)**
Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Pavel Souček*** *CEPLANT*

18:50 → — **Free programme**

■ DAY 3 · 2 JULY 2026 · THURSDAY

APPLICATIONS.

+ Final presentations · BBQ

BLOCK I — Energy & Environmental (Morning)

08:30 – 08:40	**Opening of the day**
08:40 – 09:15	***11*** **Plasma in Environmental Applications I: CO_2 Conversion and Green Fuels** Speaker: ***Dr. Ondřej Jašek*** *CEPLANT* 
09:15 – 09:50	***12*** **Plasma Treatments in Energy Devices I: Solar Cells** Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Tomáš Homola*** *CEPLANT* 
09:50 – 10:20	BREAK **Coffee Break I**
10:20 – 10:55	***13*** **Plasma Treatments in Energy Devices II: Supercapacitors** Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Tomáš Homola*** *CEPLANT* 
10:55 – 11:30	***14*** **Plasma–Water Interactions and Reactive Species Chemistry** Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Mário Janda*** *Comenius University* 
11:30 – 12:30	BREAK **Lunch**

BLOCK II — Innovation Lab Preparation + Applications

12:30 – 13:30	INNOVATION LAB **Presentation preparation** *Teams finalise slides / solution*

13:30 – 14:05

15 **Plasma Technologies for Wastewater Treatment**

Speaker: ***Dr. Milan Šimek*** *IPP CAS Prague*

14:05 – 14:40

16 **Plasma Agriculture**

Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Veronika Papp Medvecká***
Comenius University

14:40 – 15:15

17 **Plasma in Environmental Applications II: Heterogeneous Catalysis**

Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Karol Hensel*** *Comenius University*

15:15 – 15:40

BREAK

Coffee Break II

15:40 – 16:15

18 **Plasma Biomedicine**

Speaker: ***Prof. Zdenko Machala*** *Comenius University*

16:15 – 16:50

19 **Bridging Science and Industry: Case Studies in Plasma Technology Transfer**

Speaker: ***Assoc. Prof. Dušan Kováčik*** *CEPLANT*

BLOCK III — Innovation Lab Finale & Closing

16:50 – 17:00

Break — team preparation for presentations

17:00 – 18:00

FINALE

Final presentations

6 teams × ~10 min including Q&A

18:00 – 18:30

CEREMONY

Innovation Lab evaluation, closing remarks, certificates

18:30 – 21:00

BBQ

Farewell dinner

■ DAY 4 · 3 JULY 2026 · FRIDAY

LABORATORY TOUR.

+ Departure

09:30 – 12:00	**TOUR** **CEPLANT laboratory tour** *Group rotation across the laboratories*
12:00 →	**Departure**

SEE APPENDIX

Laboratory Tour

Eight CEPLANT laboratories are open to participants during the tour. See the next page for the full overview.

APPENDIX

LABORATORY TOUR.

Participants rotate in smaller groups across the CEPLANT laboratories. The plasmachemical laboratory accommodates larger groups for an extended slot; other laboratories host shorter visits in parallel.

LABORATORIES

L1 Plasmachemical Laboratory
Multiple plasma sources and related experiments

L2 XPS Laboratory
X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy

L3 SEM Laboratory
Scanning electron microscopy

L4 PVD and HiPiMS Laboratory
Physical vapour deposition & High-Power Impulse Magnetron Sputtering

L5 ALD Laboratory
Atomic layer deposition of functional thin films

L6 Nanospider Laboratory
Industrial-scale electrospinning of nanofibres

L7 Laser Laboratory
Laser-plasma interactions

L8 Optical Diagnostics Laboratory
Optical diagnostics of plasma

■ APPENDIX

INNOVATION LAB TIMELINE.

The Innovation Lab runs throughout the entire Summer School in four phases. Teams form on the first evening and work asynchronously between formal sessions.

01 BRIEFING & TEAM FORMATION

When: ***Tuesday 30 June · 16:45 – 17:45*** · **Duration:** ***1h***

Challenge overview. Teams are formed. First brainstorm.

02 INTENSIVE CO-WORK SESSION

When: ***Wednesday 1 July · 13:05 – 15:05*** · **Duration:** ***2h***

Main working session. Teams develop their solution with mentors providing expert feedback on the spot.

03 PRESENTATION PREPARATION

When: ***Thursday 2 July · 12:30 – 13:30*** · **Duration:** ***1h***

Teams finalise their presentation slides and solution.

04 FINAL PRESENTATIONS

When: ***Thursday 2 July · 17:00 – 18:00*** · **Duration:** ***1h · 6 teams × 10 min***

Teams present their solutions in front of the jury and all participants. Evaluation and ceremonial handover of certificates follow.

■ ABOUT

THE ORGANISER.

CEPLANT.

R&D Centre for Plasma and Nanotechnology Surface Modifications

Department of Plasma Physics and Technology, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University · Brno, Czech Republic

Established in December 2010, CEPLANT is a Large Research Infrastructure operating within the Department of Plasma Physics and Technology at Masaryk University. It builds on more than 60 years of tradition in applied plasma physics research at the Faculty of Science.

CEPLANT conducts both fundamental and applied research in low-temperature plasma physics, electric discharges, and nanotechnology — covering the full value chain from basic research through applied research with industry to technology transfer of plasma technologies for specific industrial applications. The centre offers Czech and international researchers access to its experimental facilities and state-of-the-art laboratories in Open Access mode.

> ***Our research should not end in the lab — it should solve real problems and create real value.***
>
> — Assoc. Prof. Dušan Kováčik, Director

L E A D E R S H I P

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