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Though it is rarely admitted, research is tough competition. This is well reflected by how diligently researchers collect and record their scientometric data, such as impact factors, citations and h-index. Everybody would like to be the first and the best, or at least among the first ones, when new concepts, directions emerge because such publications are always cited extremely high. This is the reason why expressions like ‘for the first time’, are sometimes flattened by ‘according to our best knowledge’. However, the time and conditions to elaborate a novel concept deeply are sometimes missing. eXPRESS Polymer Letters wishes to be of help in this respect and offers to be a forum for these concepts. One should have the time to outline a promising research idea in full detail, thereby emphasizing the aspects ‘why’, ‘what’ and ‘how’. If this is properly done and accompanied by suitable experimental proof, then the eXPRESS Polymer Letters can be the right forum to share the idea with the public. This is especially recommended in cases when you want to keep the proposed research open, i.e. without patenting. To handle confidentiality, we will personally review such submissions. If you are wondering for example why others haven’t thought about this or that obviously

‘hot’ idea though ‘it is in the air’, then you are possibly on the right track. Revolutionary concepts may be linked with emerging technologies, such as 3D printing (see the next paper: <https://doi.org/10.3144/expresspolymlett.2017.50>), which has been one of the most researched and application-oriented area in recent years. Further concepts can be in connection with feedstock change, chemical or physicochemical aspects, design, recycling, processing, testing, materials science-related knowledge and technology transfer – just to mention a few. The proposed topic should be truly ‘hot’, absolutely/relatively new and have obvious relevance (keywords, like nano, bio, smart etc. do not serve this purpose by themselves). The paper outlining the concept may even be of irregular structure. So, why not make the pioneering step? If the recommended topic was ‘right’, sooner or later you will no longer be able to compete and keep up with related development! At least, however,

you will have an author’s proof that you were the first proposing that idea. Interested? If yes, please submit your original idea accompanied with a feasibility check, and use ‘concept’ as the first keyword. We promise an extra eXPRESS reviewing process and ‘just in time’ publication.



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