

Call for Abstracts

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## INTRODUCTION

Materials science and engineering incorporate acquiring of knowledge on synthesis and processing of materials, their composition and structure, properties and behaviour, functions and potentialities as well as application of that knowledge to various final products. Economic prosperity, life quality, and healthy environment are tightly connected with the improvements in the existing and the development of new materials and processing technologies. These improvements and development can contribute greatly to the national priorities: energy saving, environment and health protection, food, information and communication, infrastructure, transportation, etc.

The First Conference on materials science and engineering, including physics, physical chemistry, condensed matter chemistry, and technology in general, was held in September 1995, in Herceg Novi. An initiative to establish the Yugoslav Materials Research Society was born at the conference and, similar to other MR societies in the world, the programme was made and objectives determined. The Yugoslav Materials Research Society (Yu-MRS), a non-government and non-profit scientific association, was founded in 1997 to promote multidisciplinary goal-oriented research in materials science and engineering. The main task and objective of the Society is to encourage creativity in materials research and engineering to reach a harmonic coordination between achievements in this field in our country and analogous activities in the world with an aim to include our country into global international projects. Until 2003, Conferences were held every second year and then they grew into Annual Conferences traditionally held in Herceg Novi in September of every year. In 2007 Yu-MRS formed two new MRS: MRS-Serbia (official successor of Yu-MRS) and MRS-Montenegro (in founding). In 2008, MRS – Serbia became a member of FEMS (Federation of European Materials Societies).

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SYMPOSIUM A	Advanced Methods in Synthesis and Processing of Materials
SYMPOSIUM B	Advanced Materials for High-Technology Application
SYMPOSIUM C	Nanostructured Materials
SYMPOSIUM D	Eco-materials and Eco-technologies
SYMPOSIUM E	Biomaterials

The final programme will be time-tabled on the basis of submitted abstracts. The preliminary scientific programme will be available through the Internet:

<http://www.mrs-serbia.org.rs> on July 1, 2013

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## **SYMPOSIUM A ADVANCED METHODS IN SYNTHESIS AND PROCESSING OF MATERIALS**

Significant results have been achieved recently using different non-conventional methods for synthesis and processing of materials which provided designing, at a molecular level, of new or considerable improvement of the existing materials.

The aim of the symposium is to provide a state-of-the-art overview of the subject. Latest methods for preparation of powder and compact materials, thin films, and various complex structures will be discussed.

The symposium will focus on the following topics:

- Chemical methods in synthesis;
- Synthesis via reactions in solid, liquid and gaseous phase;
- Sol-gel method;
- Self-propagating high-temperature synthesis;
- Electrochemical processing;
- Plasma and laser processing and ion implantation;
- Mechanochemistry;
- Different processes for powder consolidation;
- Synthesis and processing of materials under extreme conditions;
- Different methods in synthesis of thin films;
- Radiation processing.

## **SYMPOSIUM B ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR HIGH-TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

The aim of the symposium is to discuss the key areas in materials science and engineering in general starting from physics, physical chemistry and condensed matter chemistry to the application of fundamental research from every aspect. The emphasis will be put on new materials, which are of crucial interest of modern sciences and technologies.

The symposium will focus on the following topics:

- High-purity materials;
- Diamond and related materials, fullerenes and novel forms of carbons;
- Superconductors;
- Electronic materials;
- Electrode materials, including superionic conductors;
- Catalysts;
- Intermetallics, superalloys, and special steels;
- Composites;
- Smart materials;
- New polymer materials;
- Applications of advanced materials in high technologies;
- Characterization of materials (analytical, microstructural, optical, spectroscopic, physicochemical, etc.).

## **SYMPOSIUM C NANOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS**

Nanostructured materials and development of nanotechnologies is now a major international research initiative. Advances in materials, used for various applications, will depend considerably on our ability to control the size, distribution and morphology of their constituents (particles and phases smaller than 100 nm). Their significant role in some applications has been recognized even today.

The principal aim of the symposium is to determine the key problems in science and technology of these materials and to promote their commercialization.

Particular emphasis, therefore, is placed on the following topics:

- Synthesis and processing of inorganic, organic and composite nanosized materials by physical, chemical and biological methods;
- Low-dimensional semiconductor structures;
- Modeling and simulation of synthetic, assembly and interaction processes;
- Surface and interface phenomena.
- Powders, coatings, and compact nanostructured materials;
- Characterization of nanostructured materials (mechanical, magnetic, chemical, catalytic, electrical, optical, tribological, etc.);
- Application of nanostructured materials;

## **SYMPOSIUM D ECO-MATERIALS AND ECO-TECHNOLOGIES**

Technological and economic progress of industrial era has been plundering our children's future heritage to pay for its environmentally unsustainable practices. One of the major aims of human society in the 21st century is introducing adequate technological performances into self-sustainable natural cycles, in a harmonious, non-degrading way. "Our goal must be to meet the economic needs of the present without compromising the ability of the planet to provide the needs of future generations", stands written in the United Nations millennium report.

The conference programme entitled as "Eco-materials and Eco-technologies" might be seen as the programme for assembling various scientific achievements either from the field of material processing and evaluation, or from the design of technological processes. Technologies that benefit the earth climate by reducing greenhouse emissions, and provide the use of renewable energy sources, such as photovoltaics, fuel cells, wind turbines or certain cogeneration technologies, might be seen as an example of the latter, as well as the technologies that focus on increasing productivity per unit of water or per any other unit of a precious natural resources. Materials produced with an aim of decreasing the amounts of its toxic elements, or using safer pathways of production, whereby keeping its performance on a satisfying level, together with materials and technologies that implement the use of local resources, might belong to the class of eco-materials.

Improved education on real understanding of the challenges human race face now in dealing with ecological design; move towards "green" accounting that will reflect true environmental costs within every material, technological, economic or political design; devising more environmentally-friendly incentives for markets to respond to; devising effective environmental policy by basing it on sound scientific information; and finally, promoting a new ethic of conservation and stewardship – have been pointed by the United Nations Council as the major priorities within the global promoting of eco-technological design. The conference programme, as outlined here, covers or encourages all of these issues, everyone of which is fundamental for making safe steps into a sustainable future.

## **SYMPOSIUM E BIOMATERIALS**

Biomaterials play a significant role in medicine as permanent artificial substitutes for affected or damaged organ or part of the body (endoprotheses) and for immobilization of injured parts. Depending on the functions performed in human organism, biomaterials must meet special requirements concerning biocompatibility, stability, resistance to corrosion, strength, and fatigue. Substitution of human tissue has been performed more or less successfully for some time. Emphasis of the symposium is placed on the main aspects of science, technology and application of advanced biomaterials.

The symposium will focus on the following topics:

- New methods for processing of advanced metal, ceramic, polymer and composite-based biomaterials;
- Molecular design biomaterials;
- Biomimetics;
- Correlation between synthetic parameters and structure and properties of biomaterials (powders, compacts, fibres, composites, coatings, cements, surface modifications, etc.);
- Characterization of biomaterials;
- Biological response to implants (experiments in vivo and in vitro);
- Clinical experiences in implantation of biomaterials.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DATE AND VENUE

The conference will be held on September 2–6, 2013, at the Hunguest Hotel Sun Resort Herceg Novi\*\*\*\* ([http://www.hunguesthotels.hu/en/hotel/herceg\\_novi/hunguest\\_hotel\\_sun\\_resort/](http://www.hunguesthotels.hu/en/hotel/herceg_novi/hunguest_hotel_sun_resort/)), Herceg Novi, Montenegro ([www.hercegnovi.com](http://www.hercegnovi.com)).

### PAPER PRESENTATION AND ABSTRACT PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION

The conference will feature 5 symposia, which will comprise invited plenary lectures (30 min) by the leaders in the field, oral (15 min) and poster presentations. Abstract in English, no longer than 10 lines, and the registration form, should be submitted by May 1, 2013. The recommended abstract format is given below.

The Scientific Committee will evaluate the submitted abstracts and, on the basis of their contents, assign the papers, taking into account author's wishes as much as possible, to the oral or poster presentation in the relevant symposium. Abstracts will be included in a book of abstracts and distributed to each participant at the conference registration.

The preliminary conference programme and further information about the conference will be sent to registered participants, who paid the registration fee, by July 1, 2013.

## CONFERENCE AWARDS

The Presidency of the MRS-Serbia, at the proposal of the Awards Committee, will award the authors (preferably young members under 35) of the best oral and poster presentation at the conference, and also the authors of highly rated PhD and MSc theses defended between two conferences. Awarded researchers are granted free registration at the next YUCOMAT Conference.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

A tutorial for young researchers and an exhibition of synthesis and characterization equipment will be held during the conference. Traditional cocktail party on Monday evening and excursions on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon will be organised again.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

YUCOMAT Conference information is available on its official Internet presentation: [www.mrs-serbia.org.rs](http://www.mrs-serbia.org.rs) or from: Aleksandra Stojičić, Conference Secretary, Materials Research Society of Serbia, P.O. Box 433, 11001, Belgrade Serbia, Phone: +381 (11) 2185-437; 2636-994, Fax: +381 (11) 2185-263, E-mail: [yucomat@mrs-serbia.org.rs](mailto:yucomat@mrs-serbia.org.rs).

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be prepared using the following instructions for preparing abstracts:

Abstract size: A4, top and bottom margins 6 cm, left and right 4 cm; Line spacing: Single; Font: Times New Roman (10 pts). Title of the paper: center, capitals, bold, 10 pts, (1 line spacing). Name(s) of Author(s): (underline the author who will present the paper); Institution or Company, City, Country, (1 line spacing). Text (no longer than 10 lines) should be printed single spaced in one paragraph, only plain text, no figures, no formulae, no references.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION: Abstracts should be sent as attached document by e-mail to: [yucomat@mrs-serbia.org.rs](mailto:yucomat@mrs-serbia.org.rs)

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Only e-mail submissions will be acknowledged.

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: MAY 1, 2013**

We accept abstract for last-minute posters until August 26, 2013

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