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Dear colleagues and friends,

We have great pleasure to welcome you to the Advanced Ceramic and Application IX Conference organized by the Serbian Ceramic Society in cooperation with the Institute of Technical Sciences of SASA, Institute of Chemistry Technology and Metallurgy, Institute for Technology of Nuclear and Other Raw Mineral Materials and Institute for Testing of Materials.

It is nice to host you here in Belgrade in person. As you probably know, Serbia launched a vaccination campaign at the beginning of this year, so up to date more than 50 percent of the adult population has been vaccinated. Since there is no one statistic to compare the COVID19 outbreaks and fears for loved ones in different countries, we believe that we all suffer similarly during this pandemic. That is why we appreciate even more your positive attitude and readiness to travel in this uncertain time. We understand that some of you had to cancel your lectures in the last minute due to the travel limitation in your countries, but we hope that you will come next year. We deeply hope that the ACA IX Conference will be worth remembering, that you will respect all COVID-19 safety measures at SASA building, that you will have a nice time here and that ultimately you will return to your home safely. We are very proud that we succeeded in bringing the scientific community together again and fostering the networking and social interactions around an interesting program on emerging advanced ceramic topics. The chosen topics cover contributions from fundamental theoretical research in advanced ceramics, computer-aided design and modeling of new ceramics products, manufacturing of nanoceramic devices, developing of multifunctional ceramic processing routes, etc.

Traditionally, ACA Conferences gather leading researchers, engineers, specialists, professors and PhD students trying to emphasize the key achievements which will enable the widespread use of the advanced ceramics products in the High-Tech industry, renewable energy utilization, environmental efficiency, security, space technology, cultural heritage, etc.

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- Modeling & Simulation
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- Refractory, Cements & Clays
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Synthesis and characterization of ZnO nano/micro crystals with enhanced sunlight-induced photo-catalytic activity

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It is known that the functional properties of zinc oxide (ZnO) materials depend on their physico-chemical properties, such as optical properties and specific surface area. They are defined with structural characteristics, for example: the particle size and morphology, phase composition, crystallite size, crystallinity degree, as well as the crystal structure ordering, i.e., the presence of structural defects. The primary purpose of this study was to synthesize ZnO powders with various physico-chemical properties by optimizing the reaction conditions in different processing methods. For example, reaction temperature or addition of various surfactants such as polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, or polyethylene oxide. In this study, to vary physico-chemical properties of ZnO particles, four different synthesis methods were employed: mechanochemical, hydrothermal, ultrasonic and microwave processing. Structural and morphological properties of prepared ZnO powders were characterized using a number of techniques such as: X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD), Raman and Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy, field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM), UV-Vis diffuse reflectance and photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopy. One of the functional properties of the synthesized ZnO powders that was particularly examined is photocatalytic activity. In order to examine ZnO as a photocatalyst, photodegradation of methylene blue (MB) dye was carried out under simulated and direct sunlight irradiation. The UV-Vis spectra showed that the modification of the particle size and morphology from nanospheres to micro-rods resulted in increased absorption, and a slight red-shift of the absorption edge. Besides, the band gap energy of the synthesized ZnO micro and nanocrystals showed the red shift compared to bulk ZnO. According to the results of a Raman spectroscopy, the enhanced visible light absorption of the ZnO micro and nanocrystals is related to two phenomena: the existence of lattice defects (oxygen vacancies and zinc interstitials), and the particle surface sensitization by different surfactants.