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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.

Serbian Ceramic Society was initiated in 1995/1996 and fully registered in 1997 as Yugoslav Ceramic Society, being strongly supported by American Ceramic Society. Since 2009, it has continued as the Serbian Ceramic Society in accordance with Serbian law procedure. Serbian Ceramic Society is almost the only one Ceramic Society in South-East Europe, with members from more than 20 Institutes and Universities, active in 16 sessions. Part of our members are also members of the Serbian Chapter of ACerS since 2019. Their activities in the organization of this conference is highly recognized. To them and all of you thanks for being with us here at ACA IX.

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- Nano-, Opto- & Bio-ceramics
- Modeling & Simulation
- Glass and Electro Ceramics
- Electrochemistry & Catalysis
- Refractory, Cements & Clays
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Microstructural and optical properties of MgAl₂O₄ Spinel: Effect of Mechanical Activation, Yttrium and Graphene addition

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Magnesium aluminate and other alumina-based spinels attract attention due to their high hardness, high mechanical strength, and low dielectric constant. MgAl₂O₄ was produced by solid-state reaction between MgO and α -Al₂O₃ powders. Mechanical activation of 30 minutes in a planetary ball mill was used to increase the reactivity of powders. Yttrium oxide and graphene were added to prevent abnormal grain growth during sintering. Samples were sintered by hot-pressing under vacuum at 1450 °C. Phase composition and microstructure of sintered specimens were characterized by X-ray diffraction analysis and scanning electron microscopy. Rietveld analysis revealed 100 % pure spinel phase in all sintered specimens, and decrease in crystallite size with the addition of yttria or graphene. Density measurements indicated that the mechanically activated specimen reached 99.6 % relative density, while other specimens were above 96.5 % relative density. Furthermore, the highest solar absorbance and highest spectral selectivity as a function of temperature were detected for the mechanically activated specimen with graphene addition. Mechanical activation is an efficient method to improve the densification behaviour of MgAl₂O₄ produced from mixed oxide powders, while additives improve microstructure and optical properties.