

## EDITORIAL

This issue of *the Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society* contains selected papers from the *First International Conference on the Processing, Characterisation and Application of Nanostructured Materials and Nanotechnology (Nano-Belgrade 2012)*, held in Belgrade, Serbia, 26–28 September, 2012. The Conference was organized by the Nanotechnology and Functional Materials Centre, Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, University of Belgrade (NANOTECH FTM) within the FP7 project “Reinforcing of the Nanotechnology and Functional Materials Centre” (No. 245916).

The Conference was attended by approximately 100 participants representing authors from 10 countries, who presented 80 papers within four topics and three symposia (including a poster session) dedicated to identify current research directions as well as limitations in the areas of nanotechnology and nanomaterials, to present a broad scope of multidisciplinary approaches to the field, and to provide a stimulating environment for interactions among the participants with a special focus on the promotion of young scientists. We were fortunate at this meeting to have had excellent representation from renowned scientists from all over the world (a report on the Conference is available at: <http://nanobelgrade.tmf.bg.ac.rs>).

The selected papers for this special issue cover a variety of contemporary research topics. They were considered sufficiently illustrative to give a representative, albeit incomplete, record of the Conference.

The Guest Editors wish to thank heartily all the invited speakers, participants, NANOTECH FTM staff and members of the Scientific and Program Committees for their efforts that ensured the successful organisation of the conference and performed their duties as Session Chairpersons and reviewers. We also express our profound gratitude to the international and domestic reviewers whose expert comments aided the Editors in their selection of the original and contemporary papers. The Guest Editors wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to the Editor and Technical Editors of the *Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society* for their support in the process of compiling this special issue.

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