

## Preface

Development of the material-technological base in the field of construction is progressing faster than in the previous periods. Based on the potential of new materials and technologies, it is possible to create advanced engineering building systems. Integration of advanced materials, technologies and construction systems creates a high-quality construction with optimum performance in the presence as well as in the future. Nevertheless, improper application of high quality materials in the wrong environment may cause a defect.

Research in the field of building materials, technologies and construction is currently primarily driven by energy efficiency, ecology and quality of the human environment. The importance of energy efficiency is affected secondarily by limited resources of fossil fuels. Another significant moment in this part is the price of energy and forecasts of its growth. Ecology of environment enters the problem through the external environment and ecology of artificially produced human environment. An important factor in terms of ecology is a comprehensive view of the construction work and its segments in the context of the production of pollution produced in the manufacture, transport, installation, exploitation and recycling or removal (rated as for example: primary energy of the material). Construction is currently focusing on higher energy standards using environmentally friendly materials and energy based on renewable resources. The quality of the internal environment has a direct impact on the users, on their health, abilities, well-being and safety.

Saving energy and increasing energy standard applied to buildings entails numerous problems related to energy and economic efficiency, thermal and technical features of building materials and construction, built-in moisture with operational moisture regime, indoor air quality connected with aerodynamic characteristics of the construction. By using a high-performance insulation, which is often flammable, fire safety problems may arise. By changing the scope and material-design solutions form different acoustic parameters of the works. Energy optimization of proportionality, transparent and non-transparent container structures housing brings light and technical problems.

For solutions to these issues is important choosing the right methodology solutions whether in the form of experimental verification, surveillance or computer modeling.

The aim of this journal is to inform the general public with the results derived from research and practices related to the above-mentioned issues.

Topics:

- Energy Saving and Ecological Buildings
- Thermal Performance of Building Materials and Constructions
- Aerodynamic Characteristics of Buildings and Construction
- Fire Safety Materials, Spaces and Construction
- Noise Protection and Daylight Conditions

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