

# Preface

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Selected papers cover a wide range of topics regarding solving actual challenges in theoretical and practical research in applied materials science in the context of synthesis, analysis of properties, the technology of materials processing, and their use. A number of effective processes have also been developed for the fabrication of carbonaceous materials.

The book will be interesting and useful for specialists and researchers from various branches of engineering and essential reading for those in the related areas and will inspire future studies and achievement.

A significant issue of this collection is the geography of presented works. The authors who had submitted the research papers for consideration were from China, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Russia, South Africa, and Ukraine. More than half of the presented research results obtained by authors in international cooperation and are successful.

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