

Preface

This volume includes the 252 papers selected from the 6th International Conference on Physical and Numerical Simulations of Material Processing, held in Guilin, China on November 16-19, 2010.

Physical and numerical simulations make it possible for materials science to go from experience-based to science-based, and from qualitative to quantitative. Physical simulations, which effectively reveal the principles of materials' structure and properties evolutions, save the time and money significantly whereas numerical simulations enable the full description and design of various material processes which are impossible experimentally. Naturally, both simulations are gaining attention worldwide, and will be a prominent approach of materials research in the 21st century.

The International Conference on Physical and Numerical Simulations of Material Processing (ICPNS) is such a platform for timely exchange of the recent academic and experimental accomplishments in the field of physical and numerical simulations. The 6th Conference (ICPNS'2010) is organized by Chinese Mechanical Engineering Society, co-sponsored by 20 societies and universities around the world and hosted by Guilin University of Electronic Technology, Huaqiao University and Henan Polytechnic University. During the conference, more than 600 participants from 38 countries/regions submitted their 530 research papers. These contributed papers represent the frontier in the research field of physical and numerical simulations in materials processing.

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