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Papers will be published in:



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**August 25<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday)

17:00-19:00 *Registration*

20:00 *Get Together Party*

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** (Monday)

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

**09:10-09:30** **Opening Ceremony**

**09:30-11:00** **Chair: E. Iordanova**

09:30-10:15 S. REYNOLDS, “Carrier transport and electronic defects in gallium oxide studied by photoconductivity techniques”

*Georgi Nadjakov Memorial Lecture*

10:15-11:00 P. MONTGOMERY, “From Rolls Royce engines to butterfly wings, or using photonics for seeing the invisible in advanced materials”

*Milko Borisov Memorial Lecture*

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break / Collective photo*

**11:30-12:30** **Chair: A. Reznik**

11:30-12:10 Ph.VANDEBEMDEN, “Simultaneous partial discharge and current measurements in a needle-plane configuration at different pressures”

12:10-12:30 D. MUKHERJEE, “Finite element simulations for the optical sensing performance of gold gratings”

12:30-16:00 *Lunch break*

**16:00-17:30** **Chair: H. Chamati**

16:00-16:40 S. BARANOVSKII, “Fundamental spatial scales for charge transport and recombination in disordered semiconductors”

16:40-17:00 N. GEORGIEVA, “Characterization of unsaturated lipid bilayer properties under different conditions with a Slipids force field”

17:00-17:30 Five minutes’ presentations of posters

17:30-18:00 *Coffee break*

**August 27<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday)

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

**09:10-10:30** **Chair: Ph. Vanderbenden**

09:10-09:50 H. CHAMATI, “Novel insights into the physics of molecular magnets”

09:50-10:30 M. FABIAN, “Interactions within an advanced glass/copper/bentonite system under simulated geological disposal conditions”

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

**11:00-12:20** **Chair: T. Koutzarova**

11:00-11:40 P. PETRIK, “Recent progress in ellipsometry at solid-liquid interfaces”

11:40-12:20 A. DINESCU, “Wireless temperature and pressure sensors based on surface acoustic wave resonators – fabrication processes”

12:20-16:00 *Lunch break*

**16:20-17:00 Chair: Z. Danel**

16:20-16:40 G. IVANOV, “Langmuir and Langmuir-Blodgett Nanocomposite Films from Adsorbed Glucose Oxidase Enzymes”

16:40-17:00 K. ESMERYAN, “Effect of commercial cryoprotectants and hybrid “instant” freezing on the outcome of soot-assisted human sperm cryopreservation”

**17:00-18:30 First poster session / Coffee break**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday)

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

**09:10-10:30 Chair: A. Dinescu**

09:10-09:50 R. TODOROV, “Engineering of the interband transitions of silver- and gold-based alloys and post-transition metals for preparation of effective substrates for surface-enhanced spectroscopic techniques”

09:50-10:30 A. REZNIK, “Advances in Lead Oxide X-ray technology for application in direct conversion medical imaging detectors”

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

**11:00-12:20 Chair: S. Baranovskii**

11:00-11:40 E. ANGELOVA, “Spin-lattice interaction in magnetic materials”

11:40-12:20 T. KOUTZAROVA, “The hexaferrites – structure, magnetic properties, electromagnetic shielding”

12:20-16:00 *Lunch break*

**16:00-17:00 Chair: P. Petrik**

16:00-16:20 V. DONCHEV, “Investigation of GaSb micro-islands deposited on Si substrates”

16:20-16:40 K. KREZHOV, “Characterization of Ni- and Co-based bifunctional electrocatalysts for application in carbon-free air electrodes for rechargeable Zinc-air batteries”

16:40-17:00 L. MIHAYLOVA & A. TONCHEV, “ZEISS Innovative Research Solutions in Material Science” (Sponsor Presentation)

**17:00-18:30 Second poster session / Coffee break**

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday)

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

**09:10-10:30 Chair: M. Zamfirescu**

09:10-09:50 S. BANERJEE, “Modulating the Energy Positioning of Lone-Pair-Derived States for the Design of Photocatalytic Architectures”

09:50-10:30 V. GUERRA, “CO<sub>2</sub> plasmas for sustainable chemistry”

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

- 11:00-12:20**     **Chair: S. Banerjee**  
11:00-11:40     E. IORDANOVA, “New methods for acceleration of neutral atoms and nuclei of light elements”  
11:40-12:20     Ts. BABEVA, “Soft and hard templated Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> thin films and multilayered structures for sensing applications”  
  
*12:20-16:00*     *Lunch break*  
  
**16:00-17:20**     **Chair: A. Iglič**  
16:00-16:40     Z. DANEL, “The analytical investigation of star polymers and copolymers in confined geometries”  
16:40-17:20     S. KRALJ, “Topologically stable localized distortions in axial fields”  
  
*17:20-17:40*     *Coffee break*  
  
**17:40-18:20**     **Chair: M. Fabian**  
17:40-18:00     V. GEORGIEVA, “Engineering the mechanical and X-ray attenuation properties of gelatine composite hydrogels with a potential for tissue mimicking materials”  
18:00-18:20     S. BOYADJIEV, “ALD and sol-gel grown ZnO, Ni- and Li/Ni-doped ZnO thin films for gas sensors”  
  
**20:00**             ***Farewell Dinner***

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** (Friday)

- 09:10-10:30**     **Chair: S. Kralj**  
09:10-09:50     M. ZAMFIRESCU, “Optical microcavities and their applications as quantum sources”  
09:50-10:30     A. IGLIČ, “On the role of orientational and lateral distribution of membrane attached proteins and cytoskeleton forces in shape and migration of cells”  
  
*10:30-11:00*     *Coffee break*  
  
**11:00-12:00**     **Chair: H. Chamati**  
11:00-11:20     V. CHITANOV, “Ti/TiN/AlTiCrN hard coating investigated by Close Field Unbalanced Magnetron Sputtering”  
11:20-11:40     L. MAKEDONSKI, “Application of RBF ANN in NIR Spectroscopy for improving the efficiency in Citalopram production”  
  
**11:40**             **Closing Ceremony**

## 1. FIRST POSTER SESSION, August 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

- 1.1. S. BARANOVSKI, "Mechanism of photoinduced nucleation in supersaturated metallic vapors"
- 1.2. M. DANEV, "Dynamics of soliton excitations in inhomogeneous magnetic chains"
- 1.3. N. GEORGIEVA, "Adsorption of ammonia and hydrazine on a metal oxide layer"
- 1.4. N. ZAHARIEV, "Zener-Kondo interaction in layered perovskites and the emergence of zero sound"
- 1.5. V. STRIKOVA, "Nanomechanical properties of lymphocytes in chronic lymphocytic leukemia: assessment of response to Venetoclax and Obinutuzumab therapy. Case report"
- 1.6. A. VIRANEVA, "Physicochemical properties of sesame oil blending with sunflower oil"
- 1.7. M. LAZAROVA, "Concentration of red wine phenolic compounds applying nanofiltration with Alfa Laval NF99HF membrane"
- 1.8. E. KORUTCHEVA, "Relationship between routes and population within city structures"
- 1.9. M. DUDEK, "Investigation of the elastic properties of star polymers in semi-infinite space"
- 1.10. V. GEORGIEV, "Effects of Temporin A analogs on lipid membrane models"
- 1.11. V. GEORGIEVA, "Effect of different fillers on hydrogels for application as tissue-substitute materials in Computed tomography"
- 1.12. A. GRIGOROV, "Composite porous biopolymer multilayer films as potential controlled delivery systems for tolfenamic acid"
- 1.13. S. MILENKOVA, "Poly(Lactic Acid)-based active packages loaded with polyphenolic compounds"
- 1.14. S. MINKOVSKA, "Photoswitchable molecular systems based on spironaphthoxazines for detection of metal ions"
- 1.15. Y. MARINOV, "Combining gravimetric with electrical transduction methods for the detection of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by Langmuir-Blodgett films from metal-organic framework (MOF) MIL-101(Cr)"
- 1.16. Y. MARINOV, "Ion-conducting nematic nanocomposites from nematic liquid crystals and single-walled carbon nanotubes: enhancement by nanodoping"
- 1.17. Y. FEDCHENKO, "Studying the impact of physicochemical profile of metal-phenolic films on the sensitivity and selectivity of QCM-based alcohol sensors"
- 1.18. B. GEORGIEVA, "Petroleum vapors sensor with polyvinyl trimethylsilane sensitive coating"
- 1.19. B. GEORGIEVA, "Investigation of partial Al<sup>3+</sup> substitution on the properties of Y-type Ba<sub>0.5</sub>Sr<sub>1.5</sub>MgNiFe<sub>12-x</sub>Al<sub>x</sub>O<sub>22</sub> hexaferrites"
- 1.20. P. NEDYALKOVA, "Inertial sensor to determine the ballistic resistance state and traumatic effect of multilayer lightweight armor made of (UHMWPE), polyvinyl butyral and nanoparticles SiC"

## 2. SECOND POSTER SESSION, August 28<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

- 2.1. A. BENKOVSKI, "Titanium dioxide thin films prepared on different substrates by sol-gel process: optical and morphological properties"
- 2.2. E. ZLATAREVA, "Development and research of a graded AlTiN hard coating"
- 2.3. V. DULEV, "Chemical bath deposition of tin sulphide thin films"
- 2.4. G. YANKOV, "Study of the nonlinear optical properties of glasses doped with gold nanoparticles using the z-scan method"
- 2.5. Ch. GHELEV, "Low temperature investigation of nanosized BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> powders"
- 2.6. M. GORANOVA, "Optical materials for the electronic industry from fluorite"
- 2.7. M. GORANOVA, "Optical spectra in SWIR based on data from Icelandic spar measurements in Bulgaria"
- 2.8. A. PAL, "Spin-induced strongly correlated magnetodielectricity, magnetostriction effect and spin-phonon coupling in helical magnet Fe<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)O<sub>3</sub>"
- 2.9. H. SOLUNOV, "Metallic glass from the point of view of the molecular entropy theory"
- 2.10. I. AVRAMOVA, "Preparation and spectroscopic characterization of nano-sized glass-ceramics obtained from a sodium silicate glass with high Fe and Mn concentrations"
- 2.11. A. PASKALEVA, "XPS study of ALD HfO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> stacks on Si"
- 2.12. T. STANCHEV, "Evaluation of write/erase operations performance in HfO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> based flash memory stacks"
- 2.13. T. TENEV, "A study to determine the optical constants of PVD ZrO<sub>2</sub> layers"
- 2.14. E. STOYANOVA, "Ion irradiation assistance alters the microstructure and optical constants of vacuum deposited ZrO<sub>2</sub> thin layers"
- 2.15. P. KUTERBA, "Physical properties of fermions obeying exclusion and superexclusion principles"
- 2.16. T. HRISTOVA-VASILEVA, "Functionalization of metallic polycrystalline thin films with tryptophan for surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) applications"
- 2.17. Ch. ANGELOV, "On-ground observations of solar over-irradiance effects and their influence on low-voltage electric power grid"
- 2.18. T. ARSOV, "Comparative gamma background measurements, spectrum horizontal mapping and vertical profile in Sofia, Beli Iskar and at high mountain station BEO Moussala"
- 2.19. V. ATANASSOVA, "Femtosecond laser modification of optical thin films"
- 2.20. M. ZID, "Criticality controlling mechanisms in nematic liquid crystals"