

International Conference

2nd ANAIC International Conference: Materials Science and Environmental Chemistry of Main Group Elements

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The focus of this second Conference in the main group series is on materials science and environmental chemistry, two themes which have witnessed a tremendous upsurge of interest in both industry and academia. Materials—metals, semiconductors, alloys, ceramics, polymers and composites—form the cornerstone of the capacity of industry to provide modern, durable and efficient products. Today we are in an age of rapid advance in materials technology and this has enabled the birth of microelectronics, the petrochemical industry, aerospace, astronautics, and biosubstitution. The main group elements, and chemical compounds involving them, continue to play a central role in such developments. Concomitant with the increased availability of products with novel chemical and biological properties derived from the main group elements is their ever increasing application in industry, agriculture and medicine. This has generated much multidisciplinary interest in studies related to their positive and negative impacts on the environment.

The following areas will be covered by the conference: films and coatings; semiconductors; superconductors; ceramics; polymers; material characterization; catalysis; biological and environmental chemistry; new insights into chemical systems, structure and bonding.

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