Special Issue

Nanostructured Materials Deposition Techniques and Characterization

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is focused on contributions related to the most current results obtained from nanocomposite coatings development, processing-structure-propertyperformance relationships and specific applications. Thin film nanocomposites technology represents a field with a wide range of applications such as protective coatings in mechanical, optical, biomedical, thermal and electronics. With nanocomposites thin films, the results should showcase leading cutting-edge data about the growth mechanism that should be described considering the conditions for the formation of thin films. The characterization techniques used for the characterization of chemical composition, morphology, stress, and electrical conductivity should be described along with their principle. The topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Plasma films deposition, technology and applications;
- Preparation by vacuum deposition techniques;
- Thin films synthesis;
- Surfaces and interfaces characterization;
- Nanostructured thin films.

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