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Dear colleagues and friends,

We have great pleasure to welcome you to the Advanced Ceramic and Application IX Conference organized by the Serbian Ceramic Society in cooperation with the Institute of Technical Sciences of SASA, Institute of Chemistry Technology and Metallurgy, Institute for Technology of Nuclear and Other Raw Mineral Materials and Institute for Testing of Materials.

It is nice to host you here in Belgrade in person. As you probably know, Serbia launched a vaccination campaign at the beginning of this year, so up to date more than 50 percent of the adult population has been vaccinated. Since there is no one statistic to compare the COVID19 outbreaks and fears for loved ones in different countries, we believe that we all suffer similarly during this pandemic. That is why we appreciate even more your positive attitude and readiness to travel in this uncertain time. We understand that some of you had to cancel your lectures in the last minute due to the travel limitation in your countries, but we hope that you will come next year. We deeply hope that the ACA IX Conference will be worth remembering, that you will respect all COVID-19 safety measures at SASA building, that you will have a nice time here and that ultimately you will return to your home safely. We are very proud that we succeeded in bringing the scientific community together again and fostering the networking and social interactions around an interesting program on emerging advanced ceramic topics. The chosen topics cover contributions from fundamental theoretical research in advanced ceramics, computer-aided design and modeling of new ceramics products, manufacturing of nanoceramic devices, developing of multifunctional ceramic processing routes, etc.

Traditionally, ACA Conferences gather leading researchers, engineers, specialists, professors and PhD students trying to emphasize the key achievements which will enable the widespread use of the advanced ceramics products in the High-Tech industry, renewable energy utilization, environmental efficiency, security, space technology, cultural heritage, etc.

Serbian Ceramic Society was initiated in 1995/1996 and fully registered in 1997 as Yugoslav Ceramic Society, being strongly supported by American Ceramic Society. Since 2009, it has continued as the Serbian Ceramic Society in accordance with Serbian law procedure. Serbian Ceramic Society is almost the only one Ceramic Society in South-East Europe, with members from more than 20 Institutes and Universities, active in 16 sessions. Part of our members are also members of the Serbian Chapter of ACerS since 2019. Their activities in the organization of this conference is highly recognized. To them and all of you thanks for being with us here at ACA IX.

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## Conference Topics

- Basic Ceramic Science & Sintering
- Nano-, Opto- & Bio-ceramics
- Modeling & Simulation
- Glass and Electro Ceramics
- Electrochemistry & Catalysis
- Refractory, Cements & Clays
- Renewable Energy & Composites
- Amorphous & Magnetic Ceramics
- Heritage, Art & Design

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**Sonochemical synthesis of optically active fluorides**

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Up-conversion is the optical property of materials which have ability to convert low energy photons (usually from infrared spectrum) into higher energy photons (from visible spectrum). Such compounds, usually lanthanide doped oxides or fluorides, have many applications in photoluminescence science and technology today. Currently, ( $\beta$ ) NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb,Er polymorph is considered to be the most efficient up-converting material. Its synthesis usually includes the usage of toxic solvents, long-term heating, high pressures, controlled gas atmosphere, etc. The aim of this work was to utilize rarely applied sonochemical synthesis for the stabilization of ( $\beta$ ) NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb,Er phase under mild and environmental friendly conditions. For this purpose, we performed ultrasonic treatment of common nitrate precursors and sodium fluoride for a different time. The obtained powders were analyzed in order to determine their phase composition and thermal stability, morphology, dopants distribution, particles surface purity and luminescent characteristics. Owing to this, the chemical and crystal phase transformations that occurred in specified periods of synthesis time are explained in detail. Moreover, it was shown that obtaining of uniformly doped ( $\beta$ ) NaYF<sub>4</sub>:Yb,Er monocrySTALLINE particles is possible after 2h of sonication.