

**YUCOMAT 2014 to be held in September 2014 in Montenegro**[www.mrs-serbia.org.rs](http://www.mrs-serbia.org.rs)

**Y**UCOMAT 2014 will be held September 1–5, 2014, in Herceg Novi, Montenegro. The 16th annual conference is organized by the Materials Research Society of Serbia (MRS-Serbia), endorsed by the Materials Research Society (MRS), and under the auspices of the Federation of European Materials Societies (FEMS).

The program features five symposia: Advanced Methods in Synthesis and Processing of Materials, Advanced Materials for High-Technology Applications, Nanostructured Materials,

Eco-Materials and Eco-Technologies, and Biomaterials, which comprise 25 invited plenary lectures by leaders in the field. In addition, the conference features oral and poster presentations, a tutorial, a synthesis and characterization equipment exhibition, a cocktail party, and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon excursions.

Awards will be given for the best oral and poster presentation (preferably members under 35 years of age) and for highly rated PhD theses defended since the last conference. Awarded researchers

are granted free registration at the next YUCOMAT conference.

**Poster abstracts will be accepted until August 25, 2014.**

More information can be accessed from the conference website [www.mrs-serbia.org.rs](http://www.mrs-serbia.org.rs) or by contacting Aleksandra Stojičić, Conference Secretary, Materials Research Society of Serbia, P.O. Box 433, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia; tel. +381 (11) 2185-437; 2636-994; or email [yucomat@mrs-serbia.org.rs](mailto:yucomat@mrs-serbia.org.rs).

**2nd International Conference on Bioinspired and Biobased Chemistry & Materials to be held in October 2014 in France** [www.nice2014-conference.com](http://www.nice2014-conference.com)

**T**he 2nd International Conference on Bioinspired and Biobased Chemistry & Materials will be held October 15–17, 2014, in Nice, France. This year's conference, chaired by **Frédéric Guittard** of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis (France), is endorsed by the Materials Research Society (MRS), the European Materials Research Society (E-MRS), and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC).

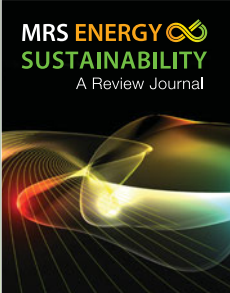
The program covers three topics—NanoTech, BioTech, and SmartTech—

and features over 70 presentations, a poster session, and a social event. Plenary lectures will be given by Nicholas Kotov (University of Michigan, USA) on “Self-organization of nanoparticles terminal and extended assemblies,” and Justin Gooding (University of New South Wales, Australia) on “Making silicon a responsive material for biosensing and biolabelling applications.”

The conference's aim is to create a cohesive community of scientists, engineers, and managers from different

backgrounds in order to promote new ideas and to share innovation and research in the emerging field of bioinspired and biobased chemistry and materials. Some papers will be selected and published in *Pure and Applied Chemistry*, IUPAC's monthly journal.

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