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## Editorial

## Preface - 13th International Conference on Plasma-Based Ion Implantation and Deposition



Selected papers presented at the 13th International Conference on Plasma Based Ion Implantation and Deposition (PBII&D 2015) are published in this special issue of Surface & Coatings Technology. PBII&D 2015 was held from October 5 to 9 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The PBII&D conference which began in the US in 1993 has been taking place every two years rotating among America, Asia, and Europe.

Specialists, scientists, and engineers involved in plasma surface processing attend this conference to present the latest scientific and technical developments as well as future trends concerning plasma-based and ion-assisted surface treatment and thin film deposition. As a result of the applicability and versatility of plasma-based processes to large and complex surfaces and affordable operation, these processes are widely applied to the improvement of a variety of materials such as metals, ceramics, semiconductors, and polymers in a wide range of applications including metallurgy, electronics, optics, photovoltaics, chemistry, biomedical engineering, and nanotechnology. PBII&D is multi- and inter-disciplinary forum involving researchers and engineers working in plasma physics, materials science, plasma instrumentation and diagnostics, as well as surface analysis.

PBII&D2015 was attended by 85 people from 16 countries worldwide. General and generous sponsorship was provided by the Plasma Physics Institute and Science Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires -Argentine National Research Council. Regarding the scientific program, the topics were mainly on plasma-based ion implantation and deposition including plasma surface processing methods, plasma diagnostics, modeling, and fundamental issues associated with

plasma processing, industrial applications, characterization of treated surfaces and coatings, as well as nanostructured and functional coatings. The plenary lecture was delivered by Prof. M. M. Bilek of The University of Sydney and the keynote lecture by Prof. Paul K. Chu of City University of Hong Kong. Eighty three papers were presented, including 8 invited talks, 21 contributed oral presentations, and 54 poster papers.

The papers published in this special issue were rigorously reviewed according to the high standard of the journal and represent the state-of-the-art of the fields. As guest editors, we would like to express gratitude to all the referees as well as Prof. Ivan Petrov for his support and guidance throughout the process. We also give our heartfelt thanks to all the attendees, especially members of the international committee, for their contribution to the continuous success of the conference.

The next PBII&D conference will be held in Shanghai, China in 2017.

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