

Preface

The International Symposium on Nonequilibrium Processes, Plasma, Combustion, and Atmospheric Phenomena is a forum for international experts in such fundamental areas as physical and chemical kinetics, physics of low temperature and cluster plasmas, physics of shock and detonation waves, physics and chemistry of aerosols and nanoparticles, combustion and atmospheric chemistry, physics and chemistry of high-speed flows, plasma and laser chemistry, plasma-, laser- and combustion-assisted technologies. This Symposium has already become a notable biannual event attracting a growing attendance of the scientists all over the world. It covers the topics in kinetics of elementary processes, fundamentals of ignition and combustion, novel combustion concepts including plasma-assisted and laser-induced combustion, combustion-, plasma- and laser-generated aerosols and nanoparticles, fuel reforming, synthesis of nanomaterials, gaseous and particulate pollutant formation, pollution control and impact of pollutant emission on the atmospheric chemistry and climate. All topics are very relevant in today's field of research.

The First Symposium was organized in St. Petersburg, Russia, July 8–11, 2003, and was dedicated to the memory of N.N. Semenov, a founder of the chain-branching reaction theory and a Nobel prizewinner. The Second, Third and Fourth Symposia were held in Sochi, Russia, October 3–7, 2005, June 25–29, 2007, and October 5–9, 2009, respectively. The present Fifth Symposium is also organized in Sochi, Russia, October 1–6, 2012.

Sufficient care has been taken to logically select and distribute the papers for the various sessions and to maintain a flow of the subject dealt with. We are pleased with the response from the international scientific and technological community to the call for papers. There are 69 papers written by 232 scientists and engineers from 19 countries. We have carefully edited the submittals and properly distributed them. With this in mind, the content of the Book is divided into 5 parts:

Part 1: Kinetics and Elementary Processes

Part 2: Plasma and Plasma-Based Technologies

Part 3: Combustion

Part 4: Detonation, Explosion, and Atmosphere

Part 5: Nanoparticles and Synthesis

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