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- **THIN FILMS DEPOSITION**
- **SURFACES AND THIN FILMS PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS**
- **COATINGS FOR ADVANCED APPLICATIONS**
- **NEW MATERIALS**
- **PLASMA-SURFACE INTERACTION AND PLASMA DIAGNOSTICS**
- **GREEN TECHNOLOGIES**
- **MODELING AND COMPUTER SIMULATION**

## **PLENARY AND POSTER SESSIONS:**

### **A: THIN-FILMS DEPOSITION**

**COATINGS FOR ADVANCED APPLICATIONS. NEW MATERIALS**

### **B: PLASMA-SURFACE INTERACTION AND PLASMA DIAGNOSTICS. GREEN TECHNOLOGIES. MODELING AND COMPUTER SIMULATION**

### **C: SURFACES AND THIN FILMS PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS**

### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

**TL – TOPIC LECTURE**

**PR – PROGRESS REPORT**

**OP – ORAL PRESENTATION**

**PA – POSTER SESSION A**

**PB – POSTER SESSION B**

**PC – POSTER SESSION C**

## PROGRAM

### MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

**9:50 OFFICIAL OPENING**

**10:00 – 11:15 PLENARY SESSION 1 TITLE OF THE LECTURE**  
*Chairman: R. van de Sanden*

**10:00 TL-1 T. Czerwiec Plasma surface engineering of metals to reach sustainable development goals**

**10:45 PR-1 K. Thorwarth Metallization of polymers using HiPIMS**

**11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 – 12:50 PLENARY SESSION 2 TITLE OF THE LECTURE**  
*Chairman: T. Trottenberg*

**11:30 PR-2 N. Nedyalkov Laser technologies for micro- and nano-structures fabrication**

**12:00 PR-3 G. van Rooij Electrification and circularity - a plasma chemistry perspective**

**12:30 OP-1 D. M. Aceti Optimization of titanium and titanium alloy surface properties by ultra-short laser pulse processing for improved antibacterial behavior**

**13:00 LUNCH**

**14:00 – 14:50 PLENARY SESSION 3 TITLE OF THE LECTURE**  
*Chairman: N. Nedyalkov*

**14:00 PR-4 T. Trottenberg Lab and in-flight diagnostics for electric spacecraft propulsion systems**

**14:30 OP-2 E. Filipov Characterization of laser-processed graphene/chitosan 2D biofilms as potential bactericidal surfaces**

**14:50 – 15:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:00 – 16:10 PLENARY SESSION 4 TITLE OF THE LECTURE**  
*Chairman: G. van Rooij*

**15:00 PR-5 F. Peeters Converting CO<sub>2</sub> using microwave plasma: improvements for application on an industrial scale**

**15:30 OP-3 L. Angelova Ultra-fast laser modification of poly-lactic acid (PLA) – towards enhanced biocompatibility**

**15:50 OP-4 K. Lovchinov Sensitivity study of quartz resonators with electrochemically-deposited ZrO<sub>2</sub> layers**

**TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**

<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 5</b> <i>Chairman: V. Guerra</i>	<b>TITLE OF THE LECTURE</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>TL-2 H. Kersten</b>	<b>History of gas-discharge physics</b>
<b>10:45</b>	<b>PR-6 I. Ganachev</b>	<b>Non-harmonic multi-species fluid modeling of high-frequency discharges for plasma processing</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>11:30 – 12:50</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 6</b> <i>Chairman: H. Kersten</i>	<b>TITLE OF THE LECTURE</b>
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<b>12:00</b>	<b>PR-8 N. Puac</b>	<b>Plasma treatment as a green technology for modification of plant tissue and synseeds</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>OP-5 N. Škoro</b>	<b>Regeneration of zeolite adsorbent by using non-equilibrium plasma</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:00 – 14:50</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 7</b> <i>Chairman: N. Puac</i>	<b>TITLE OF THE LECTURE</b>
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<b>14:30</b>	<b>OP-6 V. Ivanov</b>	<b>Magnetic-field stabilization of DC arc in cross gas flow</b>
<b>14:50 – 15:00</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
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**WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER**

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<b>10:45</b>	<b>PR-10 R. Yakimova</b>	<b>Challenges of nanostructure growth on dangling bond-free graphene surfaces on SiC</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>11:30 – 12:50</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 9</b> <i>Chairman: R. Yakimova</i>	<b>TITLE OF THE LECTURE</b>

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<b>11:30</b>	<b>PR-11 V. Guerra</b>	<b>Monte Carlo simulations of heavy-particle and electron kinetics</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>PR-12 Tsv. Babeva</b>	<b>Nanocomposites from fly ash zeolites: synthesis, characterization and optical sensing applications</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>OP-7 K. Esmerian</b>	<b>Studying the freezing modes of water droplets via soot-coated quartz-crystal microbalances</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:00 – 14:50</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 10</b> <i>Chairman: Z. Petrovic</i>	<b>TITLE OF THE LECTURE</b>
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<b>10:45</b>	<b>PR-14 R. van de Sanden</b>	<b>Plasma-activated electrocatalysis for nitrogen fixation</b>
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<b>14:30</b>	<b>OP-10 E. Blagoeva</b>	<b>Applying optimum settings of traffic lights in order to reduce harmful emissions</b>
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<b>10:45</b>	<b>PR-18 N. Tyutyundjiev</b>	<b>Atmospheric variations of solar UV irradiation – results of on-ground UV monitoring</b>
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**REGENERATION OF ZEOLITE ADSORBENT BY USING NON-EQUILIBRIUM  
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Nowadays, all categories of fresh water, surface water, groundwater and atmospheric water, are exposed to various types of pollution. The most troublesome polluting compounds classified as persistent pollutants cannot be completely removed by using conventional water processing methods [1]. Antibiotics fall into this pollutant category due to their very stable molecule structures and a long-life persistence in the environment [2]. One of the effective approaches for treatment of water polluted by antibiotics is adsorption. Zeolite-based adsorbents have recently proved to have excellent performance in antibiotics removal [3]; together with their advantage of having a relatively simple design and cost effectiveness, they appear to be exceptional adsorbents for this purpose. However, the cost of the treatment process, apart from the cost of the adsorbent material, also depends on its recyclability. In case of zeolites, the adsorption of antibiotics was found to be irreversible preventing the reuse of the spent adsorbent material.

In this study, the use of non-equilibrium plasma processing for regeneration of spent natural zeolite-clinoptilolite adsorbent was investigated in order to recover its adsorption properties. The antibiotic ciprofloxacin was used as a model persistent pollutant. Treatments of the spent clinoptilolite were performed in a surface dielectric barrier discharge operating in air. High-voltage sine signal was supplied to the square-shaped segmented upper electrode separated by 2 mm from the lower electrode, which served as a sample holder. The simple geometry of the plasma source design allowed scaling up the device in order to study the effect of the electrode surface in the zeolite treatment. Recovery of the adsorption potential of up to 70% was achieved after 20 minutes of treatment in the first regeneration cycle. High recovery rates were also obtained in subsequent cycles showing that non-equilibrium plasma is a prospective method for recycling used adsorbent material.

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