



## Preface

## ISMAMANAM-2009 proceedings

On behalf of our co-organizers, the International Steering Committee, National Committee and Local Organizing Committee and our sponsor, National Natural Science Foundation of China, we are very pleased to present here the proceedings of the 16th International Symposium on Metastable, Amorphous and Nanostructured Materials (ISMAMANAM-2009) held in Beijing July 5–9, 2009 published with the Journal of Alloys and Compounds.

The pioneer ISMAMANAM was held in Grenoble in 1994, then followed by the annual conference in Quebec City, Canada 1995; Rome, Italy 1996; Barcelona (Sitges), Spain 1997; Sydney (Wollongong), Australia 1998; Dresden, Germany 1999; Oxford, UK 2000; Ann Arbor (Michigan), USA 2001; Seoul, Korea 2002; Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil 2003; Sendai, Japan 2004; Paris, France 2005; Warsaw, Poland 2006; Corfu, Greece 2007; Buenos Aires, Argentina 2008 and Beijing, China 2009. The next ISMAMANAM will be held in Zurich, Switzerland in July, 2010.

The ISMAMANAM meeting generally attracts 200–400 scientists from all over the world every year, and in the case of ISMAMANAM-2009, Beijing we had more than 300 participants from 27 countries with a wide geographical distribution. As an annual conference series with the large number of participants, ISMAMANAM provides an international forum for the senior and young scientists and the delegates from the industry to present and discuss recent progress in both fundamentals and applications of metallic glasses, nanomaterials and other metastable materials, and to initiate international collaborations in these research fields.

Following the tradition of the previous Proceedings, ISMAMANAM-2009 proceedings is organized in a thematic way. The volume starts with the studies on metallic glasses and related materi-

als, which constitute the largest section, followed by the reports dealing with nanomaterials, thin films and coatings and other low-dimensional materials. It then presents recent works on other metastable materials including rapidly solidified alloys. We believe that the ISMAMANAM-2009 proceedings constitutes a valuable collection of the latest experimental and theoretical achievements in the multi-disciplinary research fields of ISMAMANAM.

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