JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN CERAMIC SOCIETY

The *Journal of the European Ceramic Society* publishes the results of original research relating to the structure, properties and processing of ceramic materials. Papers of either an experimental or theoretical character will be welcomed on a fully international basis. Papers may cover any of the branches of ceramic science and technology and may relate to any of the so-called categories, structural, functional and traditional ceramics. The central objective will be to sustain a high standard of research quality by means of appropriate reviewing procedures.

Editorial Board

R. J. Brook

Editor
University of Oxford,
Department of Materials,
Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PH, UK

R. I. Todd

Associate Editor (Electronic Submissions) University of Oxford, Department of Materials, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PH, UK

N. Babini

CNR-IRTEC-Faenza, V. Granarolo, 64 Faenza, Italy

L. Berzina

Riga Technical University, Biomaterials R&D Laboratory, 14 Azenes St., Riga, LV-1048, Latvia

F. Cambier

CRIBC, 4 Avenue Gouverneur Cornez, B-7000 Mons, Belgium

G. Fantozzi

Group Français de la Ceramique, INSA, 7 Avenue Jean Capelle, Bat. Blaise Pascal, 69621 Villeurbanne Cedex. France

R. Freer

University of Manchester/UMIST, Materials Science Centre, Grosvenor Street, Manchester, M1 7HS, UK

J.G. Heinrich

Clausthal University of Technology Institute of Non-Metallic Materials Zehntnerstr. 2a 38678 Clausthal-Zellerfeld Germany

M. Lütfi Öveçoğlu

Department of Metallurgical Engineering, Faculty of Chemistry-Metallurgy, Istanbul Technical University, Maslak 80626, Istanbul, Turkey

R. Pampuch

Department of Advanced Ceramics, AGH, Cracow, al. Mickiewicza 30, Poland

R. Pompe

IVF, Ceramic Institute, Argongatan 30, SE-431 53 Mölndal, Sweden

M.A. Rodríguez Barbero

Instituto de Cerámica y Vidrio (ICV) Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) Kelsen 5 28049 Madrid Spain

D. Suvorov

Jožef Stefan Institute, Jamova 39, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

D. Thompson

School of Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials Merz Court University of Newcastle upon Tyne Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, UK

G. de With

University of Technology, Dept. of Solid State Chemistry and Materials Science, PO Box 513 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Publication information: *Journal of the European Ceramic Society* (ISSN 0955-2219). For 2008, volume 28 is scheduled for publication. Subscriptions prices are available upon request from the Publisher or from the Regional Sales Office nearest you or from this journal's website (http://www.elsevier.com/locate/jeurceramsoc). Further information is available on this journal and other Elsevier products through Elsevier's website: (http://www.elsevier.com). Subscriptions are accepted on a prepaid basis only and are entered on a calendar year basis. Issues are sent by standard mail (surface within Europe, air delivery outside Europe). Priority rates are available upon request. Claims for missing issues should be made within six months of the date of dispatch.

Author enquiries: For enquiries relating to the submission of articles (including electronic submission where available) please visit this journal's homepage at http://www.elsevier.com/locate/jeurceramsoc. You can track accepted articles at http://www.elsevier.com/trackarticle and set up e-mail alerts to inform you of when an article's status has changed. Also accessible from here is information on copyright, frequently asked questions and more

Contact details for questions arising after acceptance of an article, especially those relating to proofs, will be provided by the publisher.

Orders, claims, and journal enquiries: please contact the Regional Sales Office nearest you:

Orlando: Elsevier, Customer Service Department, 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32887-4800, USA; phone: (877) 8397126 [toll free within the USA]; (+1) (407) 5636022 [outside the USA]; fax: (+1) (407) 3631354; e-mail: JournalCustomerService-usa@elsevier.com.

Amsterdam: Elsevier, Customer Service Department, PO Box 211, 1000 AE Amsterdam, The Netherlands; phone: (+31) (20) 4853757; fax: (+31) (20) 4853432; e-mail: JournalsCustomerServiceEMEA@elsevier.com

Tokyo: Elsevier, Customer Service Department, 4F Higashi-Azabu, 1-Chome Bldg, 1-9-15 Higashi-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0044, Japan; phone: (+81) (3) 5561 5037; fax: (+81) (3) 5561 5047; e-mail: JournalsCustomerServiceJapan@elsevier.com

Singapore: Elsevier, Customer Service Department, 3 Killiney Road, #08-01 Winsland House I, Singapore 239519; phone: (+65) 63490222; fax: (+65) 67331510; e-mail: JournalsCustomerServiceAPAC@elsevier.com

USA mailing notice: *Journal of the European Ceramic Society* (ISSN 0955-2219) is published 16 times a year January to December by Elsevier Ltd. (The Boulevard, Langford Lane, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1GB, UK). Periodical postage paid at Rahway, NJ and additional mailing offices. **USA POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to *Journal of the European Ceramic Society*, Elsevier, 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32887-4800, USA.

AIRFREIGHT AND MAILING in the USA by Mercury International Limited, 365, Blair Road, Avenel, NJ 07001.

Funding body agreements and policies. Elsevier has established agreements and developed policies to allow authors whose articles appear in journals published by Elsevier, to comply with potential manuscript archiving requirements as specified as conditions of their grant awards. To learn more about existing agreements and policies please visit http://www.elsevier.com/fundingbodies