

## NANOTECHNOLOGIES FOR INDUSTRY 4.0

Industry 4.0 is a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, since it is mainly based on highly automated smart factories as well as smart products and services. It is anticipated that this revolution will lead to both an economy and society transformation through internet of things, robotics, autonomous vehicles, 3D printing, materials science, energy storage, and nanotechnology. The latter has attracted over the last years enormous research interests in many fields ranging from electronics to automotive industry, chemical industry, energy, textiles, medicine, mechanics, and construction. Understanding and precisely controlling the properties of materials at the nanoscale could indeed lead to innovations that impact nearly every industry. Moreover, the possibility to grow nanomaterials through a low-cost technique such as self-assembly, poses a new paradigm for high-volume cost-effective manufacturing at the nanoscale. Finally, biotechnology, i.e. integration of nanotechnology with biology, has opened the avenues toward the realization of advanced diagnostic devices and drug delivery vehicles for medical applications.

The focus of the proposed session is on the broad areas of nanotechnology and includes, but it is not limited to, the following topics: nanomaterials, nanoelectronics devices, non volatile Random Access Memory (RAM), supercapacitors, MEMS/NEMS, nanomedicine, lab on chip devices, nano-enhanced textiles, metamaterials, micro and nano robotics, advanced materials for transportation, smart sensors and probes, directed or programmable self-assembly, colloidal crystals and clusters, self-assembled monolayers, drug delivery, biosensors.

Due to the multidisciplinary of issues proposed in this session, valuable contributions are awaited from all the scientific community dealing with the broad field of Nanotechnology.

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