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Professor A. A. Chuiko<sup>†</sup>, NATO ARW co-director from which these proceedings are derived, died on the 16th of January, 2006. His outstanding contributions to the fields of physical chemistry, physics, chemistry and solid surface technologies will be a lasting legacy. Professor Chuiko obtained his Doctorate in Chemical Sciences in 1972. Since 1988 he was an academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Some activities and awards during his career include being an active member of the Academies of Technological Sciences of Ukraine and Russian Federation, an Honored Scientist and Technologist of Ukraine, a laureate of the State Prize of UkrSSR in Science and Engineering and the Pisarzhevsky Prize, and the President of the Ukrainian Chemical Society. Professor Chuiko in 1986 was a founder and permanent Director of the Institute of Surface Chemistry of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, a world renowned research organization in which he was a driving force.

A. A. Chuiko† expended considerable effort to the training of young scientists, having trained more than 100 Ph.D. and Doctors of Sciences students.

A. A. Chuiko† and his co-workers developed fundamentals of modern surface chemistry of ultra-dispersed solids, new types of functional nanomaterials, and founded a new direction in pharmacology based on nanomaterials. His compre-hensive creative activity was characterized by deep intuition and understanding of new and perspective directions in chemical science. Many of his projects led to industrial materials production.

Prof. Chuiko was a positive force in many people's lives. He is remembered as an outstanding and talented scientist, a man of deep erudition possessing a sharp and ever active mind. He was a man of inexhaustible energy, initiative, and wisdom. His sincere generosity will remain in the hearts of his colleagues.

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### **PREFACE**

This volume details work presented at the NATO Advanced Research Workshop entitled "Pure and Applied Surface Chemistry and Nanomaterials for Human Life and Environmental Protection" held in Kiev, Ukraine, September 14-17, 2005. A total of 39 selected works have been compiled detailing research in three categories all related to the surface chemistry of nanomaterials: fundamentals, biomedical applications for human life, and environmental protection.

There exists great hope throughout the scientific community for the application of nanotechnologies to solve myriad technological problems. Nanomaterials and nanoparticles exhibit unique properties which are now being explored for potential uses, as well as hazards. Given the scale of nanomaterials surface chemistry inevitably plays a huge role in their properties, since most of these materials are largely comprised of surface. The synthesis of nanomaterials ranging from core-shell particles, microencapsulation techniques, molecular layering of nanoparticles, mixed oxide nanoparticles, carbon nanoparticles, hybrid carbon/mineral nanoparticulate and functionalized materials, as well as artificial polymer biomaterials filled by modified nanoparticles, catalysts, etc. are all topics that are discussed.

A common theme throughout this volume involves the adsorption and interfacial, especially biointerfacial, behaviour of all of the above mentioned nanomaterials. For environmental and human protection, the adsorption of heavy metal ions, toxins, pollutants, drugs, chemical warfare agents, narcotics, etc. is often desirable. A healthy mix of experimental and theoretical approaches to address these problems is described in various contributions. In other cases the application of materials, particularly for biomedical applications, requires a surface rendered inactive to adsorption for long term biocompatibility. Adsorption, surface chemistry, and particle size also plays an important role in the toxicological behaviour of nanoparticles, a cause for concern in the application of nanomaterials. Each one of these issues is addressed in one or more contributions in this volume.

We believe this volume holds a special niche in describing the current state of the art in the fundamentals and applications of a variety of nanomaterials. We thank all of the authors for their fine contributions, which make us proud to be editors of this book. We also thank the NATO Security Through Science Program for making the workshop and this series volume possible, for which we are most grateful. We sincerely hope you will find this volume useful.

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