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Workshop Participants
Design of Advanced Functional Materials
Kazan National Research Technoligcal University
Kazan, RUSSIA

Dear Workshop Participants,


I am delighted to join Dr. Ildar Sh. Abdulin, Vice-Rector for Research at Kazan National Research Technological University (KNRTU), and workshop co-chairman, in inviting and welcoming you to the workshop on the "Design of Advanced Functional Materials: Education, Research & Innovations in Engineering," that will be held in Kazan, Russia this October 7th through 11th, 2013.

This workshop grew from a relationship that began nearly three years ago between KNRTU and Arizona State University (ASU). More than 100 KNRTU faculty members, administrators and students visited ASU during this time to learn about ASU's broad range of instructional and research activities and how, as a university, it had redesigned itself to become one of the fastest growing research universities in the United States. We are pleased over the collaborations that have emerged from these interactions and are now visiting KNRTU to strengthen these connections and to learn about KNRTU, the region and Russian culture.

While the topic of this workshop is on functional materials, it is broadly focused on education, research and management of technical innovations. Lectures are presented by several professors, research scientists and technological developers from Arizona State University and by professors from other US, European and Russian universities. These include the University of Arizona, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Moscow State University. A listing of the presentations can be found at the link for the [workshop schedule](#).

The aim of the workshop is to trade information and to form connections between US, European and Russian researchers, and to search for new opportunities for collaboration. On behalf of all of my workshop colleagues, we greatly appreciate KNRTU and its administration for graciously underwriting and organizing this school. We enthusiastically look forward to a stimulating and productive participation.

Sincerely,



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