



Surface Topography Effects on Functional Properties of PVD Coatings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The topography of PVD coatings plays an important role in their use in tribology, optics, microelectronics, and protection against corrosion, oxidation, and erosion. It also affects the wettability of the coatings and their permeability for gases. The topography of biocompatible coating is also very important for integration of the coated implant into living tissue. We invite all researchers engaged in the research of surface topography effects on functional properties of PVD coatings to publish their most recent results in this Special Issue of *Coatings*.

The main topics of this Special Issue are:

- The influence of substrate pretreatment on coating topography;
- The influence of growth defects on the functional properties of optical coatings;
- The effect of surface topography of PVD hard coatings on their mechanical and tribological properties (wear, friction);
- The influence of growth defects on the corrosion and oxidation resistance of PVD coatings;
- The role of growth defects in semiconductor devices;
- The influence of surface topography on the integration of biocompatible coatings (e.g., on the artificial joints) into living tissues..





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