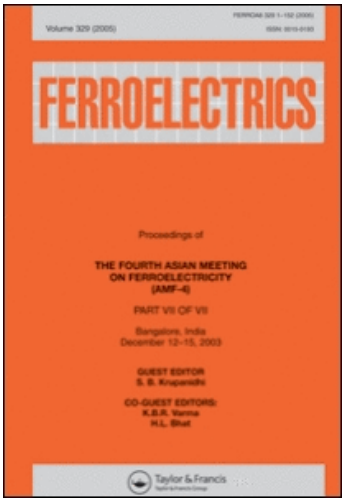

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The present special issue of Ferroelectrics is the outcome of the International Meeting on Materials for Electronic Applications — IMMEA 2007 that was held in Marrakech (Morocco) in May 2007.

IMMEA 2007 is the regular event in the series of conferences organized by research network "Mediterranean Electronic Materials" — MEM (www.reseau-mem.org) that has an objective to assure the collaboration between European and Maghreb countries in area of High-Technology materials. The first international meeting of MEM was held in the young Moroccan university in Errachidia in 2005, the next one will be organized in 2009 in Sfax (Tunisia).

Following these objectives we gathered the internationally leading scientists mostly from Mediterranean countries working in:

- Dielectric and magnetic materials
- Semiconductor, sensors
- Thin films and nano-materials
- Materials for telecommunications
- Materials for energy storage and environmental protection
- Ceramics, glasses, polymers and natural materials

Selecting the publications for this issue we tried to reflect the state-of-art in collaboration between countries of Mediterranean Dialogue in material science and keep the delicate balance between different research areas. Therefore this volume can be considered as the review of such collaboration links rather then conventional conference proceedings. Other contributions to IMMEA–2007 are published in "Moroccan Journal of Condensed Matter."

We are grateful to 170 researchers from 18 countries that took part in work of the congress and especially to numerous young participants. We believe that our meeting will guide them through the complicate roads of the recent materials research achievements.

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We hope that this volume, beyond its scientific content, will contribute to integration of the MEM network into international research structures.

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