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The symposium offers an international platform for researchers from diverse disciplines, both from academia and industry, working in the field of transparent conductive materials from theory to applications. The combination of lectures and contributed papers combined with the new concept of focused tutorials provide the grounds for all participants, young researchers and graduate students in particular, to have a fruitful five-day interaction on the subject. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of *Thin Solid Films*.

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In the last few years there has been a renewed interest in nuclear energy because the generation of nuclear power does not generate greenhouse gases and this reduces the potential contribution to climate change. However, nuclear power produces nuclear waste that needs to be isolated from plants, animals, and humans for thousands of years. A broad range of scientific and engineering disciplines is necessary to provide safe and effective waste management solutions. Waste management includes reprocessing of commercial nuclear fuel, waste form design and development, transportation, storage and disposal packaging, repository site selection, and performance assessment.

The symposium session topics include (but are not limited to) nonproliferation of high-level radioactive waste; repository locations/design; radioactive waste pretreatment; high-level tankwaste retrieval/ closure; site decommissioning; long-term evolution of spent nuclear fuel; glass, ceramic, and glass-ceramic waste forms; containers and other engineered barriers; cement-based waste forms and barriers; engineered materials in extreme geologic environments; transuranic chemistry; radionuclide solubility, speciation, sorption, separation, and migration; microbial effects; performance assessment and repository studies; natural analogues; and transmutation.

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