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All major users areas are covered such as energy and environment, electronics, optics and communications, aerospace and transport, construction, building, processing industry, mechanical and high temperature engineering, and the biomedical field.

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The design, realization and testing of prototype products and devices, pilot scale demonstrations, case studies and cost models perfectly fit the scopes of the journal as well as aspects of green manufacturing and of proper management of materials, energy and labour resources, including waste recycling and disposal.

The journal also encourages critical reviews on still developing fields of processing and application, analyses of the drivers for innovation and of barriers to commercialization coming from alternative materials technologies.

At the time when pressure on engineers is to up-to-date technologies with optimised use of new products, *CERAMICS IN MODERN TECHNOLOGIES* is not only of relevance to physics, chemists, materials scientists and to experts from the industry directly involved in R&D activities and in production, but may be of interest to all professionals working in the related application areas.

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Reference to a book:

[2] W. Strunk Jr., E.B. White, *The Elements of Style*, fourth ed., Longman, New York, 2000.

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[4] G.R. Mettam, L.B. Adams, How to prepare an electronic version of your article, in: B.S. Jones, R.Z. Smith (Eds.), *Introduction to the Electronic Age*, E-Publishing Inc., New York, 2009, pp. 281-284.

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Reference to a dataset:

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[7] G. Bradli, M. Dick (1978). Alternating current fed power supply, U.S. Patent 4084217, USA.

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