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### Aim of the Conference

Main aim of the conference is to enable young researchers (post-graduate, master or doctoral student, or a PhD holder younger than 35) working in the field of materials science and engineering, to meet their colleagues and exchange experiences about their research.

## Topics

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#### Kaolin modified with cationic surfactant as a potential adsorbent for ketoprofen

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The contamination of the natural aquatic environment by pharmaceuticals is a serious environmental problem due to their extensive use in human health and animal husbandry. One of the most efficient technique for removal of pharmaceuticals from water is their adsorption on activated carbons, clays and zeolites. In this study adsorption of ketoprofen (KETO), widely used non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, on modified kaolin was invesitgated. The natural kaolin (from Rgotina, Serbia) was modified with cationic surfactant hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide in amounts equivalent to 50% and 90% of kaolin cationic exchange capacity. FTIR and DTA/TGA were used for characterisation of materials. The obtained data showed that adsorption of KETO by modified kaolin increased with increasing the amount of surfactant, as well as with increasing the amount of solid phase in the suspension (0.5 - 5.0 mg/ml). According to obtained results modified kaolin may be used as adsobent for removal of KETO from contaminated water.