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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.

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# Effect of different cobalt loadings on the electrochemical performance of aluminum pillared clay-supported cobalt towards glucose oxidation

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This work is focused on our further efforts to improve the electrochemical performance of cobalt oxide supported on aluminum pillared clay (CoAP) towards glucose oxidation. To this end, the effect of different cobalt loadings onto the electrochemical performance of CoAP was investigated. Four CoAP samples, with theoretical cobalt loadings corresponding to 1, 3, 5, 10 wt% introduced to the pillared clay (x%CoAP), were prepared using the incipient wetness impregnation method. Furthermore, electrodes based on the obtained materials were prepared in the form of carbon paste electrode (CP-x%CoAP) with the same x%CoAP to carbon black (CB) mass ratio. The electrochemical performance of each of CP-x%CoAP was investigated using the cyclic voltammetry in alkaline solution with different glucose concentrations. The electrochemical measurements were carried out in a three-electrode system with an Ag/AgCl and platinum rod as the reference and counter electrodes, respectively. Preliminary results revealed that cobalt content in the pillared clay (AP) significantly affected both the intensity of the current peak of glucose oxidation and sensitivity. It should be emphasized that it was previously shown that CB and AP are not electroactive toward glucose oxidation. The electrode with the lowest cobalt content exhibited the highest current response and the highest sensitivity in the concentration range up to 5 mM. These results indicate that the variation of cobalt content could be used for finetuning of the electrocatalytic performance of CP-CoAP. The characterization of the synthesized materials required for establishing the correlation between the physical-chemical properties and the corresponding electrochemical performance of CP-CoAP is ongoing.