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Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Participants,

It is with great pleasure that we present the Book of Abstracts for the 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Society Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia, which was originally scheduled for 2020 but, due to the global pandemic caused by Covid-19, has been rescheduled to this momentous occasion. As we gather here in the breathtaking backdrop of the historic city of Ohrid, Macedonia, we reflect not only on the innovative strides made in the field of chemistry and chemical engineering, but also on the unwavering spirit of resilience that has brought us together despite the challenges that have beset us. The world has experienced an unprecedented disruption, testing the limits of our adaptability and resolve. Yet, as chemists and chemical engineers, we have shown that the pursuit of knowledge and advancement knows no bounds. Our ability to transcend obstacles, adapt methodologies, and harness innovation in the face of adversity is a testament to the invincible human spirit.

Within the pages of this Book of Abstracts with 15 invited lecturers and almost 200 presentations from 174 authors and 570 coauthors from the region and much wider making it a really international meeting, you will find a diverse array of topics that reflect the vigor and dedication of the scientific community. From breakthroughs in green chemistry to pioneering developments in materials science, from the forefront of pharmaceutical research to cutting-edge advancements in nanotechnology, each abstract showcases the remarkable flexibility and ingenuity of our colleagues.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Prof. Jadranka Blaževska Gilev and Prof. Biljana Angjuševa, the organizers of this meeting who have dedicated all their efforts and time to make this meeting possible. Our gratitude goes to all members of the scientific and organizational committees who have been in the background making sure things flow seamlessly, especially to Assoc. Prof. Vojo Jovanov, Iva Dimitrievska and Marija Prosheva for managing the web page, Book of Abstracts etc. Also, our appreciation goes to the reviewers and all participants who have come together to give the substance to this Congress. Your commitment to the scientific endeavor underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in times of uncertainty. It is through the exchange of ideas, the sharing of knowledge, and the fostering of connections that we fortify ourselves and drive the progress of our disciplines. Furthermore, our deepest gratitude goes to the sponsors given at the end of the book and most of all to the Organization for the

Prohibition of Chemical Weapons who have always given their support to our meetings.

As we come together in Ohrid, we do so with renewed appreciation for the importance of shared experiences and face-to-face interactions. We eagerly anticipate the discussions, debates, and collaborations that will shape the future of our disciplines. Let us seize this opportunity to learn, inspire, and foster connections that will resonate long after the congress concludes.

We hope that this Book of Abstracts serves as a source of inspiration and a record of the remarkable work presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of SCTM. Let us seize this opportunity to celebrate not only our achievements, but also our resilience, determination, and enduring commitment to the pursuit of knowledge. Let us navigate the challenges together, and through our collective efforts, continue to inspire innovation that transforms the world in a positive way.

With warm regards,

Prof. Zoran Zdravkovski, president

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# Semiconducting Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanocatalyst Prepared by Eco-Friendly Thermal Decomposition

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The cobalt oxide (Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) is a very attractive material for optoelectronic applications due to the intense absorption of visible light and p-type semiconducting properties. On the other hand, conventional synthesis methods for its preparation could be either time- and energy-consuming or relying on toxic chemicals. To address this issue, spinel Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles were prepared by a simple, facile, and eco-friendly method of synthesis. Such method is based on the thermal decomposition of hexaaquacobalt(II) D-camphor-10-sulfonate at 900 °C. This synthesis route avoids the use of toxic organic solvents which overcomes the disadvantages of many combustion methods. In order to assess the potential use of synthesized powder, the characterization methods were performed in detail. The purity and semiconducting properties of the Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> were confirmed by UV/Vis spectroscopy which indicated the presence of two band gaps (2.10 eV and 1.22 eV). A noteworthy improvement in the electron transfer kinetics with the addition of the prepared sample to the carbon-paste electrode led to an enhanced electrocatalytic performance. Such remarkable functional properties are suitable for a wide range of technological applications, open the way for the implementation of this preparation procedure for the synthesis of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> on a larger industrial scale.<sup>1</sup>

**Keywords:** Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>; nanocatalyst; semiconducting properties; eco-friendly thermal decomposition

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