## **Tentative Outline**

## Special Thematic Issue for the journal Recent Innovations in Chemical Engineering

Phosphate Glass and Ceramics-unique Group of Materials with Great Potential for Engineering

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• Scope of the Thematic Issue: Developments of phosphate glasses for a variety of technological applications, from rare-earth ion hosts for solid state lasers, low temperature sealing glasses to bioactive glasses and glasses as slow fertilizer have led to renewed interest in understanding the structures and engineering of these unusual materials. The properties that make phosphate glasses candidates for so many different applications are related to their molecular-level structures.

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## Sub-topics:

The sub-topics to be covered within the issue should be provided:

- > Theory of glass, phenomenon of crystallization of glass forming melts
- > Synthesis and characterization of glass and ceramics
- > Bioactive glass and ceramics
- Glass as eco-friendly fertilizer

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