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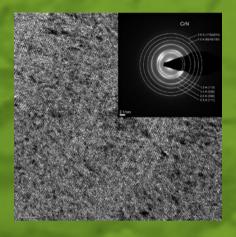
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Dear Readers,

We remind that on 2nd September 2013 the Authorities of the Association of Computational Materials Science and Surface Engineering decided that the cooperation with the Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice, Poland was over. The events of the consecutive weeks confirmed that it was the right decision. We are convinced that it opens the possibility of cooperation with many other scientific institutions in the world. It was decided that such a cooperation could be connected with one single volume or even issue in the future. Then the logo of the institution will be placed in an issue as a supporting subject of an issue. Of course it is possible that it will last longer. We expect offers of interested institutions. As usual we hand over a few next scientific papers and wish a nice reading.



The paper entitled "Structure and properties of CrN/DLC coating deposited by PVD ARC-cathodes and PACVD technology" by K. Lukaszkowicz, A. Paradecka and J. Wiśniewska on a page 40 presents the investigation of the microstructure and the mechanical properties of the CrN/DLC coating deposited by hybrid PVD/PACVD process onto the X40CrMoV5-1 hot work tool steel substrate. The microstructure of the investigated coating was observed on the scanning electron microscope and transmission electron microscope. Tests of the coatings' adhesion to the substrate material were made using the scratch test. A friction coefficient and the wear of coatings were determined in a test according to the ball-on-disk method. It was found out that the microstructure of the CrN layer consisted of fine crystallites, while their average size fitted about 10 nm. The low-friction DLC show an amorphous character. The coating demonstrated a satisfactory adhesion to the substrate. The values of the critical load L_{C1} and L_{C2} of investigation coating account for, respectively, 9 and 39 N. In sliding dry friction conditions, after the break-in time, the friction coefficient for the investigated elements is set in the range between 0.03-0.06. The investigated coatings reveal high wear resistance. Economically efficient process improvement, increased production efficiency and quality and products reliability through increased durability and unfailing operation time of tools for plastic formation of nonferrous metals and improved usable properties shall guarantee measurable economic effects to the manufacturers and users of the products. Moreover, it will enhance their competitiveness both on the domestic and overseas markets. The Authors' original approach was the development of a doublelayer coating within one process. Such a coating consists of the internal hard PVD layer providing appropriate hardness, strength, low thermal conductivity and restricting the impact of external factors on the wear process and the external low-friction layer providing good tribological properties.