

## **Prof. Dr. Ferhat KARA**

After obtaining his PhD on processing of ceramics from Cambridge University, Prof. Kara has started to work in Anadolu University (now Eskisehir Technical University) in close cooperation with the industry. He was the founding director of Ceramic Research Centre, the first university-industry joint research centre of Turkey. He served as the director of this centre for 12 years until 2010, managing many projects for the member companies.

Main motivation of his research activities is to commercially exploit their results to add value to the society. All of his 5 registered patents have been used by national and international companies. He has been a consultant to one of the largest ceramic groups in Turkey. He is also an entrepreneur who has founded MDA Advanced Ceramics Company together with three other colleagues in 2003 and lately Decoppo Ceramic Technologies on its own. His recent research activities are concentrated on functional materials and surfaces, particularly for ceramic tiles.