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**Biography**

Prof. Dr. Sebastián Díaz de la Torre is currently acting as Director of CIITEC-IPN. He holds a bachelor degree on Chemical Engineering from the Autonomous University of Zacatecas, Mexico. Doctorate from Faculty of Engineering in Kyoto University, Japan in 1995. M.Sc. on Metallurgical Engineering from ESIQIE-IPN, Mexico. He has published more than 100 technical papers with nearly one thousand cites. Apart from the high performance cements research, his interest is on powder processing and sintering using the spark plasma sintering technique. Acting as supervisor and mentor, he has graduated more than 25 graduate students at IPN-Mexico. He has been Invited Professor by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization NEDO-Japan at the Fine Ceramics Group of the Technology Research Institute TRI-Osaka from 1995-2000 and the Chairman Organizer from 2000-2009 of the symposium called "Technological Innovation and its Influence on Materials Processing" of the International Materials Research Congress Cancun. Today he is on the organizing board of the OZ-Nanostructure Symposium.

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