

## Friction, Wear, Lubrication and Mechanics of Surfaces and Interfaces

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to submit your work to this Special Issue, “Friction, Wear, Lubrication and Mechanics of Surfaces and Interfaces”. From friction and wear to corrosion and fatigue to biofouling, most engineering problems stem from the surface. Surfaces and interfaces are integral parts of any product. Their malfunction might result in product failure, and in some cases, fatal outcomes. Bulk material properties are well-known and researched, yet their surface and interface properties differ and often have an undesired impact on the overall performance. Using advanced surface engineering, design, and controlled modification, it is possible to adjust specific properties (tribological, mechanical, chemical, and many others) to tailor material performance for targeted applications while leaving the bulk untouched. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Functional, adaptive, smart multilayered coatings and surfaces;
- Computer simulations, modelling, and design strategy;
- Structure, texture, mechanics, tribology of surfaces and interfaces;
- Surfaces for special applications: space, vacuum, biomedical, extreme temperatures, etc.



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