

## Heat and Surface Treatments of Metallic Materials and Their Welded Joints

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The properties of an element's surface strongly affect its behavior during cyclic loading and operating in an aggressive environment or highly abrasive conditions. In many cases, it is the quality of a surface that determines a failure, which can be avoided by its appropriate modification. The industry of the XXI century provides a large arsenal of surface treatments, including machining, chemical treatment, thermal spraying, peening, hardfacing, and many others. Additionally, considering the metallic materials, their welded joints are often the weakest point of construction, and the battle for their quality decides a load-carrier capability of an entire structure. The aim of this Special Issue is to publish original reviews and research articles from a wide range of research fields involving heat treatment, surface treatment, and post-processing of metallic materials and their welded joints.

It is our great honor to invite you to submit a manuscript for this Special Issue that provides an excellent opportunity for those who are working within these fields, paving the way for the further advancement of technical civilization.



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