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Message from the Guest Editor

The use of aerial drones, which are also known as flying robots, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or airships; unmanned marine vehicles is rapidly expanding to numerous applications, such as communication, environmental monitoring, rescue operations, policing, video surveillance, product deliveries and smart agriculture. For these applications, the conceptual design, modeling and control strategies of aerial and marine drones are critical issues. Advanced methods of modeling, navigation and control play an important role in achieving the reliable, robust, secure and cost-effective functioning drones. This Special Issue is focused on new developments in the field of modeling, navigation and control strategies for various applications. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

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- Advanced methods of UAV navigation and guidance;
- The navigation of autonomous underwater vehicles and unmanned surface vehicles;
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