# **Special Issue**

## Crystal Growth and Characterization in the Development of Thin Films

### Message from the Guest Editors

The aim of this Special Issue "Crystal Growth and Characterization in the Development of Thin Films" is to address current challenges in crystal growth for surface engineering and tribology applications. For this issue, we invite contributions from researchers working in areas of crystal growth and the development of novel thin films, epitaxy, interface and surface analysis, surface characterization, tribological characterization, the study of relevant properties (including morphology, physical, chemical, optical, self-healing, etc.), and growth materials (thin films and nanostructure). Research may also include process optimization of the parameters describing crystal structure and innovative application of crystal growth technology and thin films. Considering your outstanding contributions in this fascinating research field, I would like to cordially invite you to submit a paper to this Special Issue.

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