# **Special Issue**

# Application of Speleothems in Paleoclimate and Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction

### Message from the Guest Editor

Stalagmites are one of the most common types of speleothems, which are secondary carbonate deposits in limestone caves. Geochemical signals stored in stalagmites, such as stable oxygen and carbon isotopes, and major and trace elements, can be highly resolved, yielding high temporal scale resolution records to assess seasonal climate variations in the past with great detail. Physical aspects in stalagmites have additionally helped refine paleoclimate and paleoenvironment interpretation, making stalagmites one of the most robust geological archives in this discipline. This Special Issue invites contributions from a broad range of disciplines that use stalagmites to understand how climate has changed in the past. Such applications can be extended to understand landscape evolution and human adaptation to severe climate change. This Special Issue also welcomes new and novel methods that advance the speleothem sciences to understand the present and the past and the future climate. The applications range from understanding the local environment (using monitoring approach) to reconstructing regional climate, and may expand further to global implications.

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