Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to introduce this new Special Issue of Coatings, “Advances in Coatings Characterization”. The evolution of coatings technology calls for new and efficient characterization techniques, capable of producing information with a nanoscale resolution. This Special Issue provides a privileged platform to publish original research articles that focus on the most recent findings in the field. Contributions on characterization at the nanoscale are particularly welcome. Prominent scholars are invited to contribute review articles that summarize the status of the topic, and provide a vision for the future. We are looking forward to receiving your contributions.

Prof. Dr. Massimo Innocenti
Guest Editor
Now more than ever, research is called for to produce technologies and improve knowledge to solve the major challenges faced by our society. The development of new materials and devices for (without the ambition to be exhaustive) energy, health and food technology, together with the need for establishing processes that reduce the impact on critical resources and the environment, is indeed at the center of most contemporary research. Surface science and engineering play a key role in this regard. Refining surfaces and their modifications provides new materials, architectures and processes with a huge potential to aid most societal challenges. *Coatings* is a well-established, peer-reviewed, online journal that focuses on the dissemination of publications in the field of surface science and engineering. *Coatings* publishes original research articles that report cutting-edge results and review papers on the hottest topics.