Message from the Guest Editors

As it is well known, a great percentage of the total amount of lubricants traded worldwide per year end up in the environment as a consequence of losses, volatility, spills, or accidents. In agreement with different public directives which promote both the replacement of non-renewable raw materials by renewable resources and the minimization of the environmental impact, the development of new and efficient environmentally friendly lubricants has emerged as a major issue in the last decades.

This Special Issue aims to collect and disseminate the latest developments and trends in the field of green lubricants, including new formulations, improved functional properties and tribological response of bio-based lubricants, achievements regarding minority natural components like additives and thickeners, new technical information on lubricated contacts (bearings, seals, etc.), and related modeling or new processing techniques and methodologies. Contributions from both academic and industrial research are welcome.

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- Tribology

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