



Advances in Photonics and Optics: Materials and Structures for Emerging Applications

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This Special Issue aims to bring together theoretical and experimental contributions to illustrate the latest advances in the fields of photonics and optics originating in the engineering of structures, materials or their synergistic combination, to outline research trends in addressing current and future challenges. For example, metamaterials, freeform optics, and transformation optics have highlighted the power of this intelligent synergy in controlling the local or orbital properties of light, enabling the enormous potential of optical and photonic devices to be unleashed in a boundless range of applications. In addition, two-dimensional materials, liquid crystals and phase-change materials can further enhance this paradigm by revealing new capabilities and functions even in traditional dielectric or plasmonic structures, such as cavities, couplers, optical interconnections and photonic crystals.

Possible areas in which the intelligent and combined exploitation of the properties of novel geometries, structures, and materials has brought breakthrough innovations include telecommunications, sensing, imaging, computing, energy, and biomedicine.





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