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Message from the Guest Editors

The work environment in the factories of the future will imply new approaches to existing work systems. The introduction of new technologies on the shop floor and in management will result in new ways of managing production systems and human resources. The Industry 6.0 approach has refocused the human being at the centre of production systems, supported by intelligent systems. However, this approach brings new challenges, namely the management of very complex work environments with an ageing workforce that is not used to new technologies, nor comfortable with human–technology interaction. Allied to all these changes in the world of work, sustainability will also be a challenge for organizations, governments and stakeholders

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