Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Plasma electrolytic oxidation (PEO), also known as micro-arc oxidation (MAO), functionalizes surfaces, improving the mechanical, thermal, and corrosion performance of metallic substrates, along with other tailored properties. The aim of this Special Issue is to present the state-of-the-art of PEO for Al, Mg, Ti, Zr alloys and steels, through a combination of short communications, original research papers and review papers from leading research groups around the world.

In particular, the topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Fundamental understanding of PEO process: mechanistic study and modeling of coating growth;
- Properties and performance of PEO coatings: corrosion, mechanical, catalytic and/or electric evaluation;
- Hybrid PEO coatings;
- Functionalization of PEO coatings;
- Active protection based on PEO;
- Bio-applications of PEO coatings;
- Advanced PEO processes.

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