

## Functional Thin Films for Bio-Implants Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Functional thin films have excellent performance in various applications, such as thermal insulation elements, optical devices, and mechanical instruments, especially bio-implants. They are believed to possess a wide prospect of applications for their chemical resistances, mechanical toughness, and biocompatibility. However, functional thin films are, in most cases, still dominated by work on the development of metal implants. This Special Issue aims to cover research of relevance to various functional thin films for bio-implants applications. Focus will be on novel processing techniques related to these topics. The scope of this Special Issue includes, without being limited to, the following theme: Processing methods and technologies, characterization of properties of functional thin films. Contributions that provide an overview of functional thin films are also welcome. It is our pleasure to kindly invite you to submit a manuscript(s) for this Special Issue. Full papers, communications, and reviews are all very welcome.



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