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Surface Topography and Friction Studies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Surface topography is an important parameter in tribological research and more. The condition of the surface (e.g., roughness) depends on the technology of its execution and the operating conditions in which it works. In recent years, a number of technologies have been improved that allow the creation of coatings that increase resistance to abrasive and erosive wear. These can be CVD and PVD coatings, padding welds with microjet technology or laser surface modification technologies. During the sliding contact of surfaces, they wear and tear off particles. Therefore, an important aspect of friction testing is also the characterization of particles emitted into the atmosphere. It is an increasingly recognized aspect of tribological research that may affect the quality of our environment. This Special Issue focuses on the broadly understood aspects of surface topography in relation to (but not limited to) tribological and erosive research.

In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to

- Study of surface topography;
- Tribological coatings;
- Surface erosion;
- Analysis of airborne wear particles;
- Surfaces after welding processes.



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