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Advancement in Heat Treatment and Surface Modification for Metals

Message from the Guest Editors

Surface modification is necessary to meet the required specifications for the majority of metal components. Chemical heat treatment of metals is a kind of surface modification technology for modifying both the chemical composition and microstructure of the surface layer, and thus makes the properties of the surface layer different from those of the matrix to meet the different requirements in different zones of the metal components, such as wear, oxidation or corrosion resistance, toughness, etc. This Special Issue on "Advancement in Chemical Heat Treatment for Metals" in Coatings invites front-line researchers to submit original research and review articles on various aspects in the field of the novel chemical heat treatment of metals. The advancement of chemical heat treatment is to provide better combined properties or higher efficiency. It is our great honor to invite you to submit a manuscript for this Special Issue that provides an excellent opportunity for those who are working within these fields, paving the way for the further advancements in chemical heat treatment for metals.

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