

## Special Issue

# Research and Applications of $f$ -Element Complexes

### Message from the Guest Editors

$f$ -element compounds and studies of their fundamental properties have gained significant attention in the last 20 years because of their wide range of importance and applications. Actinides are the foundation of current nuclear fuel production processes with significant research efforts exploring 4f/5f covalency, redox chemistry, and immobilization. Even though they are chemically and physically similar, lanthanides host a number of other applications outside of the nuclear fuel cycle—including, but not limited to, magnetic materials, laser materials, phosphors, organic synthesis catalysis, and dyes. Crystallization of such compounds can offer. In this Special Issue, we invite contributions dedicated to studies of both lanthanide- and actinide-based complexes, targeted synthesis strategies, and/or rational design. We also welcome papers concerning  $f$ -metal minerals, natural and derived materials, and their potential applications in a wide variety of fields. Of interest are also contributions dedicated to the comparison of various properties of 4f and 5f-analogs, which may be relevant to the  $f$ -element community at large.

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