

## Special Issue

# Advances in IoT and Wireless Networks of UAVs: State of the Art, Achievements and Perspectives

### Message from the Guest Editors

The role of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in next-generation wireless networks and the Internet of Things (IoT) has recently gained significant attention. This Special Issue aims to share the progress and efforts being made by researchers in UAV networks. Special emphasis is given to soliciting novel concepts and transformative design ideas that are emerging in this area which lie at the crossroads of wireless networking, robotic navigation, and sensing. Authors are encouraged to submit original research papers and review articles on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: Cellular connected UAVs; Connectivity for UAV corridors in aerial mobility; UAV-enabled Open Radio Access Networks (O-RANs); Localization and sensing with UAVs; Prototypes, testbeds, and experimental results; 3D radio mapping with UAVs; UAV energy-efficient trajectory planning; Machine learning for UAV-aided wireless networking; Data harvesting with UAVs in IoT networks; UAV mesh networks. We look forward to receiving your original research articles and reviews.

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