# **Special Issue**

# Advances in Autonomous Underwater Drones: 2nd Edition

### Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to announce this Special Issue of Drones on "Advances in Autonomous Underwater Drones: 2nd Edition". The demand for autonomous underwater drones is increasing in several diverse applications, such as (1) reef monitoring; (2) environmental monitoring and mapping; (3) offshore windfarm inspection; (4) object detection and tracking; (5) simultaneous localisation and mapping (SLAM); (6) bio-inspired design and collaboration; and 6) seabed pipeline inspection. The purpose of this Special Issue is to publish cutting-edge advances in technologies and applications related to work in the design of drones, driving mechanisms, control algorithms, and navigation algorithms, as well as energy, materials, and other fields, which are in line with the scope of journal submissions. This Special Issue has great appeal and can promote the development of underwater drone technology research.

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