# **Special Issue**

# New Challenges in Tribology of Space Mechanisms

# Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to promote the current advances and future trends in the field of space tribology. Mechanisms are not limited to satellites or rovers. It covers launchers, landers, future moon and Mars base stations, etc. Papers dealing with the fundamental applications of lubricants to meet the challenge of lubricating space mechanisms are welcome. Lubricants that are of interest in this Special Issue include, but are not limited to, solids lubricants (bulk, coatings, composites), fluid lubricants, and greases. Theoretical and experimental studies are also of interest. Researchers working in space tribology and related fields are invited to submit their paper. Both academic and industrial contributions are welcome.

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