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Hard-to-cut materials have excellent properties, such as a high hardness and abrasion resistance, high strength at room or elevated temperatures, increased thermal conductivity, as well as resistance to oxidation and corrosion. Nevertheless, the unique features of hard-to-cut materials significantly affect their machinability. The fundamental problems occurring during machining of hard-to-cut materials include the high values of cutting forces, high levels of vibrations in machining systems, the concentration of heat, the growth of cutting temperature, rapid tool wear and the risk of catastrophic tool failure, as well as frequent stability loss and a significant deterioration of surface finish. This Special Issue provides an excellent opportunity for researchers who are studying and working with hard-to-cut materials, such as hardened and stainless steels, titanium, cobalt and nickel alloys, composites, ceramics, hard clads fabricated by additive techniques, and others. It is our pleasure to invite you to submit original research papers, short communications or state-of-the-art reviews which are within the scope of this Special Issue.

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