



## Advances in Hydrometallurgy

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### Message from the Guest Editor

The development of new technologies and the increasing demand of mineral resources from emerging countries are responsible for significant tensions in the price of non-ferrous metals. Some metals have become strategic and critical because they are used in many technological applications and their availability remains limited. The secured supply of these metals is crucial to continue producing and exporting these technologies, and because specific properties of these metals make them essential and difficult to substitute for a given industrial application.

Hydrometallurgical processes have the advantages of being able to process low-grade ores, to allow better control of co-products and to have a lower environmental impact. The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight recent advances related to hydrometallurgy to face new challenges in metal production.





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