

## Special Issue

# Advances in Copper, Copper Alloys and Their Processing

### Message from the Guest Editors

Copper, with its exceptional ability to conduct electricity, adaptability to different shapes, and facile recyclability, is a crucial metal employed across various industries. As such, refining the way we fabricate copper and its alloys, as well as delving deeper into the field to discover its applicative potential, is vital. An in-depth understanding of the relationships between the metal, its processing, the resulting microstructure, and its macroscopic properties is necessary in order to optimize its performance and ensure confidence in advanced applications. In this Special Issue, we aim to showcase the latest research and most exciting findings regarding copper. We invite scientists, educators, and industry workers to share their studies and findings. We will address a wide array of topics, from basic information about copper and its alloys, to different processing methods (like casting, shaping, heat treatments, 3D printing) and recycling. We will also explore how computer simulations can help to improve the material and its processing techniques.

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