

## Special Issue

# Metal Additive Manufacturing – State of the Art 2020

### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues, Additive manufacturing (AM), more popularly known as 3D printing, comprises a group of technologies used to produce objects through the addition (rather than removal) of material. AM is used in many industries— aerospace and defense, automotive, consumer products, industrial products, medical devices, and architecture. AM is transforming the industry, and this industrial transformation is expected to become more comprehensive and reach a higher pace during the coming years. Additive manufacturing of metal components with virtually no geometric limitations has enabled new product design options and opportunities, increased product performance, shorter cycle time in part production, total cost reduction, shortened lead time, improved material efficiency, more sustainable products and processes, full circularity in the economy, and new revenue streams. The papers presented in this Special Issue give an account of the 2020 scientific, technological, and industrial state of the art for metal additive manufacturing from different perspectives (visit [www.mdpi.com/si/29428](http://www.mdpi.com/si/29428)). Your contribution to this 2020 account is highly valuable and appreciated.

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