



## Life and Carbonate: Biotic and Abiotic Fingerprints in Past and Recent Carbonate Sediments

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Carbonate sediments yield important information for understanding the evolution of environments, climate, and life through geological times. Therefore, gaining a deeper understanding of carbonate deposits is essential for unravelling some of the most controversial issues in Earth's history, such as which biogeochemical processes characterized the earliest forms of life, what favored the proliferation of complex organisms, and how the biosphere and the geosphere have interacted through time. On the other hand, the identification of original biological and environmental fingerprints in carbonate sediments is complicated by post-depositional processes and the limited availability of modern analogs for some ancient geological periods. Important advances in the study of carbonate systems can come from the integration of different approaches and techniques of various disciplines, such as sedimentology, paleontology, geochemistry, and geobiology, among others. We invite the submission of contributions that address carbonate sediments and sedimentary processes from various perspectives in recent and past environments.





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