

## Special Issue

# Mechanical Characterization of Polymer Composites

### Message from the Guest Editor

The fifth edition of the Draf2024 conference, “Dynamic Response and Failure of Composite Materials”, will be held from 17 to 21 June 2024 ([www.drafconference.com](http://www.drafconference.com)). This is an international conference which sees the participation of Professors and Researchers from the most prestigious universities around the world and Research Centres, as well as companies. Many were also involved in the organization of sessions dedicated to or relating to the presentation of results of research projects. The symposium addresses current research topics related to composite materials and sandwich structures under loading conditions, their mechanical characterization, and manufacturing technologies. A strong emphasis is dedicated to aerospace, automotive, and naval applications. The SI concerns the most important current researchers studying the behaviours of polymer composite materials and related innovative fabrication technologies, which are crucial for the polymerization of the polymeric matrix.

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