# **Special Issue**

# Potentially Toxic Elements in Water, Air, Soil, Stream Sediments, and Crops

### Message from the Guest Editors

Potentially toxic elements (PTE) are ubiquitous chemicals present in all environmental media for both natural and anthropogenic causes. Population growth, rapid urbanization, the excessive consumption of resources, the various productive activities, and the exponential increase in waste products have led in recent decades to PTE remobilization, introduction, dispersion, and accumulation in the environment. Therefore, PTE pollution is now widespread across the world and poses serious risks to human health. The main purpose of this Special Issue is to provide the international scientific community with detailed knowledge of the distribution of PTE in water, air, soil, river sediments, and crops at regional and global scale. This Special Issue does not aim to cover the entire spectrum of this wide scientific area but rather present some interesting examples of research on this subject that is currently being carried out in several countries around the world.

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